



# EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education
<b>LEAD OFFICERS:</b>	Acting Director Children's Services and Education
<b>DATE:</b>	03 March 2023

**PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:** Departments

**WARD/S AFFECTED:** (All Wards);

**SUBJECT:** Elective Home Education Policy

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The EHE Policy aims to clarify for schools, parents, carers, guardians and related agencies, the policy and procedures to be observed when a parent elects to home educate their child who is of compulsory school age. The policy sets out parents' rights to educate their children at home, together with the legal duties and responsibilities of parents, schools and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. It also sets out the arrangements Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council will make in order to carry out its legal duties.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

Agrees the EHE Policy as set out at Appendix 1.

## 3. BACKGROUND

The LA has been reviewing existing Policies and Procedures in place in relation to school attendance and as part of this has reviewed the EHE Policy.

## 4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

There are no specific risks associated with the Policy. The LA is expected to have an EHE Policy in place and this revised Policy will fulfil this requirement.

## 5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no Policy implications arising from this report

## 6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this Policy

## 7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This policy will assist the council in fulfilling its duties towards children in our borough who are educated in ways other than by full-time attendance at school. The Department for Education's guidance on EHE strongly recommends that all local authorities have a written policy statement on elective home education which is clear, transparent and easily accessible. This EHE Policy confirms the legal position on EHE and sets out Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council's approach to EHE for parents, pupils and schools. Publication on the council's website will make it easily accessible to all parties.

## 8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no resource implications arising from the new Policy

## 9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1  Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

## 10. CONSULTATIONS

## 11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

## 12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

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<b>BACKGROUND PAPER:</b>	EHE Policy
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