

People Scrutiny Commission

26 September 2022



Report of: Head of Legal Services

Title: Fact-finding report – Use of social media by council staff in respect of the Bristol Parent Carer Forum

Recommendation

That People Scrutiny considers and notes the report prepared by officers.

Summary

Following concerns raised about the viewing and sharing of social media posts of Bristol Parent Carers Forum members, the Chief Executive asked Legal Services to establish the facts in relation to the concerns and whether any unlawful activity had taken place. Legal Services reviewed internal and external correspondence and sought input from a range of council staff in the preparation of the report.

The significant issues in the report are:

No evidence of unlawful activity was found, but the report recommends that the council's social media protocol be reviewed and updated to provide clear guidelines to staff on the viewing and sharing of social media.

