

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2018****Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND SOCIAL  
WORK****ADOPTION SERVICE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Committee approval of the Adoption Service Statement of Purpose 2018-19, attached as **Appendix 1**.

**Information**

2. It is a statutory requirement that all adoption providers have an up to date Statement of Purpose in compliance with the Adoption and Children's Act 2002, Adoption Agency Regulations (2003, 2011), Adoption Support Regulations 2005, and National Minimum Adoption Standards. Adoption regulations require adoption agencies to provide a clear statement of the aims and objectives of our Adoption Agency and the strategy for meeting those aims and objectives on an annual basis.
3. The Statement provides details of:
  - The quality standards and principles which underpin the service
  - An overview of services provided by the Agency, including support services
  - Activity
  - Management structure, numbers, qualifications and experience of the staff
  - Quality assurance and external monitoring mechanisms
  - Complaints
  - Quality Assurance.

**Other Options Considered**

4. No other options have been considered.

**Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

5. The report seeks approval of 2018-19 Statement of Purpose for the Adoption Service.

**Statutory and Policy Implications**

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **Financial Implications**

7. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the Committee approves the Adoption Service Statement of Purpose 2018-19, attached as **Appendix 1**.

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### **Constitutional Comments (LM 29/08/18)**

8. The Children and Young People's Committee is the appropriate body to consider the contents of the report.

### **Financial Comments (SAS 29/08/18)**

9. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None.

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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