

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Annual Report and Statement of Purpose of the West Berkshire Adoption Service</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Individual Executive Member Decision
<b>Date on which Decision is to be taken:</b>	4 September 2014
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID2878 and ID2879

**Purpose of Report:** To report on the work of the adoption team and to enable Members to scrutinise the operation of the Adoption Service

**Recommended Action:** To agree report

**Reason for decision to be taken:** To comply with the Care Standards Act 2000 and the National Minimum Standards for Local Authority Adoption Services 2003  
The department has a statutory responsibility to report on the work of the adoption service to Elected Members on a six monthly basis and also to agree the Statement of Purpose for this service

**Other options considered:** N/A

**Key background documentation:** N/A

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## Implications

<b>Policy:</b>	The report is in line with the Council's policies regarding Looked After Children
<b>Financial:</b>	None arising from the report
<b>Personnel:</b>	N/A
<b>Legal/Procurement:</b>	The report complies with the legal requirements of the Care Standards Act
<b>Property:</b>	N/A
<b>Risk Management:</b>	N/A

Is this item relevant to equality?	Please tick relevant boxes	Yes	No
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:			
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outcome</b> (Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality)			
Relevant to equality - Complete an EIA available at <a href="http://www.westberks.gov.uk/eia">www.westberks.gov.uk/eia</a>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Not relevant to equality			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Consultation Responses

### Members:

**Leader of Council:** Councillor Gordon Lundie

**Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:** Councillor Brian Bedwell

**Ward Members:** All Members

**Opposition Spokesperson:** Councillor David Allen

**Local Stakeholders:**

**Officers Consulted:**

**Trade Union:**

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
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## **Supporting Information**

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### **1. Background**

- 1.1 This report has been produced in line with the Adoption Services Regulations 2011.
- 1.2 This is circulated on an annual basis to inform the Council of the team's activities regarding the recruitment, assessment and approval of adopters. It also covers post adoption support services.

### **2. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes**

- 2.1 There is no decision to be made therefore an Equality Impact Assessment has not been undertaken.

### **3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 As this report meets the exception criteria set out in the Individual Decision making protocol this decision can be made by the Portfolio Holder under delegated authority.

## **Appendices**

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Appendix A – West Berkshire Adoption Service Annual Report 2013-14

Appendix B – Adoption Statement of Purpose 2014-15