

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Six Monthly Adoption Report
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	20 November 2014
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2900

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.

Other options considered: N/A

Key background documentation: N/A

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Implications

Policy:	The report is in line with the Council's policies regarding Looked After Children
Financial:	None arising from the report
Personnel:	N/A
Legal/Procurement:	The report complies with the legal requirements of the Care Standards Act
Property:	N/A
Risk Management:	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"/>
Outcome (Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality)			
Relevant to equality - Complete an EIA available at www.westberks.gov.uk/eia			<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

1. Background

- 1.1 This report has been produced in line with the Adoption Services Regulations 2011.
- 1.2 This is circulated on a six monthly 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

Appendix A – West Berkshire Adoption Service Half Yearly Report April to September 2014