

Individual Decision

Title of Report:	Representation on Outside Bodies		
Report to be considered by:	Cllr Mollie Lock	on:	11 November 2004
Forward Plan Ref:	ID0888		

Purpose of Report: To consider nominations to the Berkshire Adoption Advisory Service.

Recommended Action: To agree that Cllr Sandra Harding remain the Council's representative on the Berkshire Adoption Advisory Service until May 2007.

Reason for decision to be taken:

- Berkshire Adoption Advisory Service requires the Council to appoint one representative to serve on the panel.

List of other options considered:

- None

Key background documentation:

- None

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Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 In May 2004 Cllr Sandra Harding was appointed to be the Council's representative on the Berkshire Adoption Advisory Service. It was thought at the time that personal commitments would prevent Cllr Harding from continuing beyond the end of August 2004, and therefore Cllr Geoff Findlay was appointed to take over from her at the beginning of September 2004.
- 1.2 Cllr Harding now feels that she is able to continue in this role, and Cllr Findlay has agreed that she should do so.
- 1.3 Cllr Findlay will continue to undergo the training required to sit on the Berkshire Adoption Advisory Service Panel.
- 1.4 The Berkshire Adoption Advisory Service is a statutory body and West Berkshire Council is obliged to appoint a representative to serve on the Panel. It is a statutory requirement that a Member from the Council's Children and Young People Select Committee sits on the panel.
- 1.5 The appointed representative will be required to attend one afternoon meeting per month which will involve approximately four hour's reading of paperwork prior to the meeting. The appointed representative will also be required to attend one training day per year.
- 1.6 The appointment is made for three years; a minimum commitment of 12 months is expected.

Appendices

None

Implications

Policy:	The proposal outlined in this report is not in contradiction to any of the Council's existing policies, including those outlined in the Corporate Plan.
Financial:	The payment of travelling and subsistence claims.
Personnel:	None
Legal:	None
Environmental:	None
Equalities:	The Berkshire Adoption Advisory Service promotes Social Inclusion in line with the Council's Equalities Strategy.
Partnering:	None
Property:	None
Risk Management:	None
Community Safety:	None

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Cllr Royce Longton

Select Committee Chairmen: Cllr Graham Pask
P&L Committee Chairman: N/a
Ward Members: N/a
Opposition Spokesperson: Cllr Graham Pask
Advisory Members: N/a
Local Stakeholders: N/a
Officers Consulted: Andy Couldrick (Head of Children's Services)
Trade Union: N/a