



Meeting of the City Council

20 September 2017

Report title	Executive Business	
Referring body	Cabinet, 19 July 2017	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE, Adults Councillor Val Gibson, Children and Young People	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE, Adults Councillor Val Gibson, Children and Young People	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Cabinet	19 July 2017

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Receive the summary of executive business and for Cabinet Members to answer any questions thereon.

**Executive business including
Policy development/operational issues**

Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE, Adults

- **City of Wolverhampton Ethical Homecare Charter**
 - Cabinet approved the adoption of the City of Wolverhampton Ethical Homecare Charter including the Wolverhampton Wage for Homecare and agreed that the Council should continue to work with care providers to implement a Charter to reflect the local market.
 - The objective of the Charter was to establish a baseline for the 'safety, quality and dignity of care'/ The Charter would achieve this by recommending employment conditions that would facilitate a high-quality service to clients and ensure the recruitment and retention of a more stable workforce.
 - The Council was extremely vigilant in ensuring that carer's recruitment, pay rates, quality of services and transparency of outcomes were evident in all homecare services.

Councillor Val Gibson, Children and Young People

- **Creation of a Regional Adoption Agency – Adoption@Heart**
 - Cabinet approved proposals for the establishment of the Adoption@Heart Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) and agreed that the RAA be established as a Local Authority Trading Company, an organisation wholly owned by participating Local Authorities, and that it be constituted as a Community Interest Company and a Company Limited by Shares.
 - The proposals would create the RAA by combining the adoption services for the local authority areas of Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council and City of Wolverhampton Council.
 - Establishing a single agency would allow the four authorities to achieve a more efficient and effective use of resources and would improve outcomes for children, adopters and others gaining from adoption services.