



Corporate Parenting Board

21 January 2015

Report title	Adoption agency interim report
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Wards affected	All
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Report to be/has been considered by	List any meetings at which the report has been or will be considered.

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to:

1. Receive, observe and provide feedback on relation to the Adoption Team annual report.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This purpose of this report is to update Wolverhampton Corporate Parenting Board with regards to the work of Wolverhampton City Council Adoption Service from April 2014 to January 2015.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Please see the attached report.

3.0 Progress, options, discussion, etc.

- 3.1 Please see the attached report

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 The approved budget for 2014/15 for the Adoption Service is £2.7 million. ,
- 4.2 The Council has also been awarded an Adoption Reform grant allocation of £249,000 for 2014/15.
- 4.3 The Adoption Reform grant has enabled the Council to increase its staffing resources, marketing budget and capacity for inter-agency placements. Should the allocation not be awarded for 2015/16 this would pose a threat to the Adoption Service and its ability to continue to improve performance.

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5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 The adoption service will update policies and procedures in line with new legislation and regulations. The local authority will be required to contribute to the adoption support fund.
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6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 Wolverhampton seeks to recruit and purchase adopters who are able to meet the needs of a diverse range of children. This includes children of different black and minority ethnic groups, both young and older children, male and female children. This is reflected within the recruitment strategy and all new policies have been subject to an equalities analysis.

7.0 Environmental implications

- 7.1 There are not any environmental implications

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 At the end of March 2015 the service will lose 2.5 posts funded by the Adoption Reform Grant. These extra posts have enabled the service to deliver the targets set for the year.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 There are no background papers attached.