

**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD - 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	Statement of Purpose: Fostering Service and Adoption Agency	
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<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	
<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		<input type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down		<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		<input type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities		<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
<p><b>Adoption</b> It is a statutory requirement that the Adoption Agency has an Adoption Statement of Purpose that is clear about the aims and objectives of the Adoption Agency and what services and facilities it provides. (See standard 18 of the ‘Adoption: National Minimum Standards, 2014’).</p> <p>The aims and objectives of the Statement of Purpose should be outcome focussed and clearly show how the service will meet outcomes for children.</p> <p>The Adoption Agency is required to formally approve the Statement of Purpose and review them at least annually.</p>		
<p><b>Fostering</b> It is a statutory requirement that this Fostering Agency has a Statement of Purpose. (See standard 16 of the ‘Fostering Service: National Minimum Standards, 2011’).</p>		

The aims and objectives of the Statement of Purpose are child focused and show how the service will meet outcomes for children.

The Agencies policies, procedures and any written guidance to staff and volunteers need to accurately reflect the Statement of Purpose.

**Recommendation(s):**

**1** It is recommended that members of the Corporate Parenting Board note the contents of the Statements of Purpose for the Local Authority's Adoption Agency.

**2** It is recommended that members of the Corporate Parenting Board note the contents of the Statements of Purpose for the Local Authority's Fostering Service.

**1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 It is a statutory requirement that this department in its capacity as both Adoption and Fostering Agencies have Statements of Purpose for both Adoption and Fostering (see appendix one and two, respectively for draft Statements of Purpose).

1.2 The Statements of Purpose should be available to and understood by staff, volunteers, children, birth parents and guardians.

**2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

2.1 The Statements of Purpose should be reviewed annually and the contents noted by the elected members. It is for the latter that both Statements of Purposes have been submitted to the Corporate Parenting Board.

**3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 None

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)**

4.1 None

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)**

5.1 None

**6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

6.1 None

**7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

7.1 Appendix 1 Adoption Statement of Purpose

7.2 Appendix 2 Fostering Statement of Purpose

**8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

8.1 Adoption: National Minimum Standards (2014)  
([http://www.minimumstandards.org/adoption\\_nms.pdf](http://www.minimumstandards.org/adoption_nms.pdf))

8.2 Fostering Services: National Minimum Standards (2011)  
(<http://www.minimumstandards.org/national%20minimum%20standards%20-%20fostering.pdf>)