

<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>21 MARCH 2017</b>
<b>ADOPTION IN NOTTINGHAM</b>
<b>REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGY AND RESOURCES</b>

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider and review the Adoption process at Nottingham City Council.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 To explore the information presented to the Committee and identify any potential areas for further scrutiny for inclusion in the work programme.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 There are over 6,000 children across the UK needing adoption every year. Nottingham City Council establish placements for a range of children, aged from birth up to 9 years, including both male and female children and sibling groups of 2, 3 and 4. A number of these children have experienced physical and emotional abuse and sometimes suffered traumatic experiences and severe neglect.
- 3.2 The government has introduced a new programme to reduce delay in the adoption process. The process is in two stages and can take as little as six months from the initial enquiry to being approved.
- 3.3 The Committee is asked to consider the process for adoption in Nottingham.

**4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 None.

**5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

- 5.1 None.

**6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

- 6.1 None.

**7 Wards affected**

7.1 All

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