

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD – NOVEMBER 2017

Title of paper:	Statement of Purpose: Fostering and Adoption	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Planning and Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy, Sustainability and Customer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jobs, Growth and Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adults, Health and Community Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Leisure and Culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>Adoption 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. (Adoption Minimum Standards 18).</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. The Adoption Agency is required to formally approve the Statement of Purpose and review them at least annually.</p>		
<p>Fostering It is a statutory requirement that this Fostering Agency has a Statement of Purpose. (Fostering Minimum Standards 16).</p> <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.</p>		

Recommendation(s):	
1	To note the contents of the Statements of Purpose for (1) Adoption (2) Fostering.

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.
- 1.2 The Statements of Purpose should be reviewed annually and the contents noted by the elected members.
- 1.3 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 None.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4 FINANCE COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 None.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 None.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

- 6.1 None.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An EIA is not needed as the report does not contain proposals or financial decisions.

8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

- 8.1 Appendix 1: Adoption Statement of Purpose
- 8.2 Appendix 2: Fostering Statement of Purpose

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 Adoption Minimum Standards

9.2 Fostering Minimum Standards