

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	ADOPTION REPORT, ADOPTION SERVICE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND CHILDREN'S GUIDE TO ADOPTION
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, J Lester, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), GJ Powell, PD Price, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	21 January 2016
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To review the effectiveness of the adoption service. To approve the adoption service statement of purpose and children's guide to adoption.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) the performance of the adoption service as outlined at appendices a and b to this report be reviewed, any risks to achievement of objectives noted and relevant mitigating actions approved ;</p> <p>(b) the statement of purpose attached at appendix c to this report be approved; and</p> <p>(c) the children's guide to adoption attached at appendix d to this report be approved.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The NMS are issued by the Secretary of State under sections 23 and 49 of the Care Standards Act 2000 and are issued for use by Ofsted who take them into account in their inspections.
Options Considered:	Under the National Minimum Standards for Adoption 2014 (NMS), cabinet should receive updates on the management, outcomes and financial state of the adoption service; it is open to cabinet to identify additional or alternative actions to improve performance but in doing so regard must be had to the resource implications of additional actions.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	27 January 2016

COUNCILLOR P MORGAN : Date: 21 January 2016
DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.