

Record of Decisions

Private Fostering and Adoption Overview Report

Decision Taker

The Mayor at the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) held on 21 February 2017

Decision

- (i) That a Councillor be appointed to sit on the Adoption Panel;
- (ii) that the report be noted; and
- (iii) that the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) receive updates on private fostering and adoption activity.

Reason for the Decision

To update members on two areas of social care activity – private fostering and adoption.

Implementation

The decision will come into force and may be implemented on 10 March 2017 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The submitted report updated members on two areas of social care activity – private fostering and adoption. The Director of Children's Services explained circumstances where private fostering takes place within Torbay and that work to improve the Council's monitoring and oversight arrangements for private fostering would continue as part of the improvement work now underway to address the outcome of the Ofsted inspection.

The Director then went on to outline the annual report for adoption activity from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. At the meeting it was noted that there wasn't any Councillor representation on the Adoption Panel.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

Date: _____