

1 September 2020		ITEM: 7
Corporate Parenting Committee		
Adoption Statement of Purpose		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non - Key	
Report of: Dan Jones, Service Manager, Children Looked After		
Accountable Assistant Director: Joe Tynan, Interim Assistant Director of Children's Services		
Accountable Director: Sheila Murphy, Corporate Director of Children's Services		
This report is Public		

Executive Summary

This report is to updates members of the Committee on Thurrock's Adoption Statement of Purpose.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That the Members of the Committee are informed about Thurrock Council's Adoption Statement of Purpose.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 This Statement of Purpose fulfils the requirement of Standard 17 and 18 of the Adoption Minimum Standards (made under Section 49 of the Care Standards Act 2000) and Regulation 2 of the Local Authority Adoption Service (England) Regulations 2003 as amended.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 Members of the Committee are aware of how the Thurrock Council are meetings its statutory duties in relation to Adoption.

4 Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

4.1 None

5. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

5.1 None

6. Implications

6.1 Financial

Implications Verified by: **Michelle Hall**
Management Accountant

There are no financial implications within the report.

6.2 Legal

Implications Verified by: **Judith Knight**
Interim Deputy Head of Legal Social Care and Education

The Council is required to have an Adoption Statement of Purpose which complies with the Local Authority Adoption Service (England) Regulations 2003 as amended.

6.3 Diversity and Equality

The Adoption Service is committed to practice which promotes inclusion and diversity, and will carry out its duties in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and related Codes of Practice and Anti-discriminatory policy. Staff members are from diverse backgrounds and heritage and are able to promote equality and diversity.

Implications Verified by: **Rebecca Lee**
Team Manager - Community Development and Equalities, Adults, Housing and Health Directorate

6.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

- None

7. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- [Adoption National Minimum Standards](#)

8. Appendices to the report

- Appendix 1 - Adoption Statement of Purpose 2020/2021

Report Author:

Dan Jones, Service Manager, Children Looked After