

6 September 2022		ITEM: 6
Corporate Parenting Committee		
Adoption Statement of Purpose		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-Key	
Report of: Sally Medbury – Team Manager Adoption Service Dan Jones, Strategic Lead CLA		
Accountable Assistant Director: Janet Simon – Interim Assistant Director Children’s Services		
Accountable Director: Sheila Murphy – Corporate Director of Children’s Services		
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Executive Summary

This report is to update members of the Committee on Thurrock Council’s Adoption Statement of Purpose which is reviewed annually. Members are advised that the Adoption statement of purpose now reflects the Adopt East Regional Adoption Alliance and is in common with regional partners.

1. Recommendation(s)

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

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 The Adoption Statement of Purpose fulfils the requirement of Standard 17 and 18 of the Adoption Minimum Standards (Care Standards Act 2000) and Regulation 2 of the Local Authority Adoption Services (England) Regulations 2005.

2.2 Members are advised that the Adoption Statement of Purpose should be reviewed annually, and the current statement is attached.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

3.1 Thurrock’s Adoption statement of purpose 2022-2023 is attached.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

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

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 None

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

- 6.1 None

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **David May**
Strategic Lead Finance

There are no financial implications.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Judith Knight**
Interim Deputy Head of Legal (Social Care and Education)

National Minimum Standards (NMS) for Adoption are issued under this Act – together with the adoption regulations, they provide the framework for the conduct of adoption agencies and adoption support agencies.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Rebecca Lee**
Team Manager - Community Development and Equalities

The Adoption Service is committed to practice which promotes **equality, diversity and inclusion**, 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. Marketing and recruitment materials are designed to ensure adopters irrespective of **characteristics including** age, sex, gender, ethnicity, culture, religion, sexual orientation and disability are welcomed.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e., Staff, Health Inequalities, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder, or Impact on Looked After Children

None

8. **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):

- None

9. **Appendices to the report**

- Appendix 1 - Thurrock Adoption Statement of Purpose

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