

**Decision Maker:** PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CARE SERVICES

**Date:** For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Care Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 28 June 2016

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

**Title:** ADOPTION ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

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**Chief Officer:** Director: Children's Services (ECHS)

**Ward:** All Wards

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 To provide Members of the Care Services Policy, Development and Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the work of the Adoption service in compliance with legislation.
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2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Care Services Policy, Development and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- i) Consider and comment upon the annual report of the Adoption Agency;
- ii) Recommend that the annual report be endorsed by the Portfolio Holder for Care Services

2.2 The Portfolio Holder for Care Services is asked to endorse the annual report

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
  2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People:
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
  3. Budget head/performance centre: 833110
  4. Total current budget for this head: £1,251,680
  5. Source of funding: Revenue Support Grant
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 13
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
  2. Call-in: Applicable
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

### 3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 Bromley is a registered Adoption Agency. Adoption agencies are subject to the Adoption Agencies Regulations (AAR) 2005 (updated 2011) and the Adoption Agencies (Panel and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2012; Adoption Agencies (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 and are subject to the National Minimum Standards (2014) which accompany the Regulations. Standard 25.6 of the National Minimum Standards requires the Adoption Agency to produce a report to be received by the agency Executive.
- 3.2 The activities of the adoption service reflect the ongoing agenda of Central Government which is to ensure that children looked after achieve permanence in a timely manner and that adoptive families receive the support they need.
- 3.3 The annual report is attached as Appendix 1.

### 4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Please see paragraph 3.1

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Policy implications Financial implications Personnel implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	