

Regional Adoption Agency Annual Report 2021/22

To: Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee

Meeting Date: 16 November 2022

From: Joanne Banks, Head of the Regional Adoption Agency

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Outcome: To provide evidence of the performance of the Regional Adoption Agency.

Recommendation: The Sub-Committee is recommended to:

- a) note the content of the report.
- b) raise any queries with the lead officers.

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1. Background

1.1 The Regional Adoption Agency was launched in December 2020 and provides the adoption services for Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Councils.

1.2 This is the first Annual Report for the Regional Adoption Agency.

2. Main Issues

2.1 Please see the Annual Report for the Regional Adoption Agency that highlights the activity of the adoption practice for Cambridgeshire County Council.

3. Alignment with corporate priorities

3.1 Environment and Sustainability

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 Health and Care

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.3 Places and Communities

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.4 Children and Young People

Please see the Annual Report for the Regional Adoption Agency for full details. It outlines the activity that is within the Regional Adoption Agency, the financial overview and the service plans going forward. The report highlights the details of the number of children that have been placed for adoption, the number of children adopted and the performance of the service. It also includes information about the recruitment of adopters including the Marketing Strategy and outlining the plans to increase the number of adopters and those open to more complex children.

3.5 Transport

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. Source documents guidance

4.1 None.

5. Accessibility

- 5.1 An accessible version of the information contained in the Regional Adoption Agency's annual report 2021/22 can be obtained on request from Joanne.Banks@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.