



## WEST YORKSHIRE ADOPTION JOINT COMMITTEE

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**Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds on  
Thursday, 23rd September, 2021 at 3.00 pm**

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

Sue Duffy - City of Bradford MDC

Adam Wilkinson -Calderdale MBC

Viv Kendrick - Kirklees MBC

Fiona Venner (Chair) - Leeds City Council

Margaret Isherwood - City of Wakefield MDC

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# A G E N D A

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1			<p><b>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</b></p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2 of the Access to Information Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded)</p> <p>(In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Head of Governance Services at least 24 hours before the meeting)</p>	
2			<p><b>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-</p>	

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### **LATE ITEMS**

To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration

(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)

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### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

To disclose or draw attention to any interests in accordance with Leeds City Council's 'Councillor Code of Conduct'.

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### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence (If any)

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### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

(Copy attached)

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### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

To consider any matters arising from the minutes.

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF ONE ADOPTION WEST YORKSHIRE & STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

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To consider a report by the Director of Children’s Services which presents the Annual Report of the One Adoption West Yorkshire (OAWY) and provides an overview of adoption service activity from April 2020 to March 2021. (Appendix A refers)

The report provides an updated statement of purpose for One Adoption West Yorkshire (Appendix B refers). The Statement of Purpose is required as part of the national minimum standards to provide those services.

(Report attached)

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**HEAD OF SERVICE REPORT**

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To consider a report by the Director of Children’s Services which provides a summary of the developments of the service since the Annual Report was completed in May 2021.

(Report attached)

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**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting will take place in January 2022, exact date and time to be confirmed at a later date.

**Third Party Recording**

Recording of this meeting is allowed to enable those not present to see or hear the proceedings either as they take place (or later) and to enable the reporting of those proceedings. A copy of the recording protocol is available from the contacts named on the front of this agenda.

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