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Report of Director of Children's Services

Report to West Yorkshire Adoption Joint Committee

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Subject: Performance Report

Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report sets out the Quarter 3 performance report of the regional agency.

Recommendations

2. The Joint Committee is requested to:
 - a) note the proposed performance information; and
 - b) support the development of this work.

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 This report sets out the Quarter 3 performance report of the regional agency (**Appendix 1**).

2. Background information

2.1 The partnership agreement with the 5 local authorities is clear that One Adoption West Yorkshire (OAWY) will comply with the key performance indicators set and report upon performance in relation to these to the Management Board of the Regional Adoption Agency (RAA), the Adoption Leadership board and any other statutory body as required.

2.2 This is the format of the quarterly report and this is the Quarter 3 performance information.

3. Main issues

3.1 This performance report provides the basis for performance across the region with an aim to improve practice improvement internally and across the partnership.

3.2 The approval of adoptive parents has increased over the last two quarters which is encouraging. However, this is not as high as it needs to be in order to meet the needs of children waiting. Attracting a wider range of people to consider adoption is a key priority, with additional marketing and more targeted advertising underway this month with LGBT Adoption & Fostering awareness week this month.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 There has been some national ongoing consultation and engagement with other local authorities and with adoptive parents about the practice improvement framework and performance measures. There is a national performance group looking at a dashboard for regional adoption agencies and OAWY are leading on this work with the Department of Education.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 There are no implications for this report.

4.3 Resources and value for money

4.3.1 There are no implications for this report.

4.4 Legal implications and access to information

4.4.1 There are no implications for this report.

4.5 Risk management

4.5.1 There are no implications for this report.

5. Recommendations

5.1 The Joint Committee is requested to:

- a) note the proposed performance report format and information; and
- b) support the development of this work.

6. Background documents¹

6.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.