

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Children & Families Advisory Panel
Date:	4 October 2011
Title:	Hampshire Adoption Service Annual Report (1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011)
Reference:	3315
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1. Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to present Hampshire Adoption Service's end of year report for 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011.

2. Contextual information

2.1 The report seeks to adhere to National Minimum Standard 22.3 (updated since April 2011 to 25.6) for adoption services, which requires that the executive side of the local authority:

- Receive written reports on the management, outcomes of the services of the financial state of the agency every 6 months;
- Monitor the management and outcomes of the services in order to satisfy themselves that the service is effective and is achieving good outcomes for children and service users;
- Satisfy themselves that the agency is complying with the conditions of its registration.

3. Performance

3.1. The executive of the council need to:

- Satisfy themselves that the adoption agency is effective and achieves good outcomes for children;

- Ofsted's inspection of Hampshire County Council's adoption services in 2009 concluded that the service was good.

Please see Appendix 1 for detailed report.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. It is recommended that the Children and Families Advisory Panel approves the Hampshire Adoption Service Annual Report (1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011).

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u> Statement of Purpose of the Hampshire Adoption Service	<u>Reference</u> 2747	<u>Date</u> 06.06.2011
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u> The Adoption and Children Act The Adoption Agency Regulations Adoption National Minimum Standards Children Act		<u>Date</u> 2002 2005 2011 2004

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. A race and equality assessment has been considered in the development of this report and no adverse impact has been identified.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. A crime and disorder assessment has been considered in the development of this report and no adverse impact has been identified.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

No impact identified

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Not applicable