

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CABINET MEMBER

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR ADOPTION 2021/22

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet Member approval of the revised Statement of Purpose for Adoption 2021/22 and the Young Persons Statement of Purpose for Adoption 2021/22.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Adoption Service is required by The Children Act 1989 Guidance; Adoption Regulations and the National Minimum Standards (Adoption) 2014, to have in place a Statement of Purpose that is reviewed on a regular basis and updated as appropriate.
- 2.2 The Statement of Purpose for Adoption 2020/21 was approved in October 2020. The key revisions to the 2021/22 versions are summarised as follows:

Statement of Purpose for Adoption 2021/22:

- Section 4 Focus on Outcomes, p.13 has been updated to reflect the most recently published Adoption Scorecard. The reflects that as a service we are performing well
- Section 8 Recruitment Strategy, p.26 an update has been provided with regards to adopter recruitment and the national, regional and local position that drives recruitment activity
- Section 12 Adoption Support General, p.37 has been updated with regards to adoption allowances and reflects the recommended adoption allowance rates 2021/22
- Appendix 1 has been updated to reflect the current Staffing Structure of the Adoption Team

There have been no other major revisions made to this document.

Young Person's Statement of Purpose for Adoption 2021/22:

- This was updated in to ensure it reflects information about the regional adoption agency

There have been no other major revisions made to this document.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 To approve the changes made to the Statement of Purpose for Adoption 2021/22 and the Young Persons Statement of Purpose for Adoption 2021/22.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Adoption Services regulations require that the Statement of Purpose is reviewed annually and updated to reflect any changes in staffing, practice or procedures.
- 4.2 An updated and approved Statement of Purpose is a requirement for the service to continue to meet its regulatory requirements. It may be accepted without changes, or amendments as deemed appropriate by the Cabinet Member will be included in the Statement of Purpose.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

- 5.1 The Statement of Purpose includes the recommended base rate for means tested adoption allowances. These are now in line with the Level 1 rate for foster carers in North Lincolnshire.
- 5.2 There will be a financial cost that we have to apply and therefore will have to be accounted for.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

- 6.1 None

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

- 7.1 Not applicable

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

- 8.1 Consultation has taken place with relevant stakeholders as appropriate. There are no conflicts of interest.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 That Cabinet Member approves the changes to the Statement of Purpose for Adoption 2021/22 and the Young People's Statement of Purpose for Adoption 2021/22.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: Statement of Purpose for Adoption 2021/22 and Young Person's Statement of Purpose for Adoption 2021/22