



Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Title: **Adoption Service Statement of Purpose**

Wards Affected: **All Wards in Torbay**

To: **The Mayor**

On: **13 July 2011**

Key Decision: **No**

Change to Budget: **No**

Change to Policy Framework: **No**

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1. What we are trying to achieve and the impact on our customers

1.1 Information for people living in Torbay about the aims and objectives of Torbay Council in relation to the adoption service, the staffing, structure and services provided.

2. Recommendation(s) for decision

2.1 **That the Mayor be recommended to agree that the Statement of Purpose set out in Appendix 1 to this Report covers the required information and accurately reflects the services provided.**

3. Key points and reasons for recommendations

3.1 Schedule 1 of the Local Authority Adoption Service (England) Regulations lists information to be included in the Statement of Purpose. The statement of Purpose needs to be agreed and reviewed annually.

For more detailed information on this proposal please refer to the supporting information attached.

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Supporting information

A1. Introduction and history

A1.1 There is a requirement under the Local Authority Adoption Service (England) Regulations to provide a Statement of Purpose which is reviewed annually.

A2. Risk assessment of preferred option

A2.1 Outline of significant key risks

A2.1.1 If Torbay Council does not meet the requirement to produce and review a Statement of Purpose under the regulations, it does not meet one of the Standards under which the Adoption Agency is inspected.

A2.2 Remaining Risks

A2.2.1 None

A3. Other Options

A3.1 There are no alternative options.

A4. Summary of resource implications

A4.1 None

A5. What impact will there be on equalities, environmental sustainability and crime and disorder?

A5.1 None

A6. Consultation and Customer Focus

A6.1 None

A7. Are there any implications for other Business Units?

A7.1 No

Appendices

Appendix 1 Statement of Purpose for the Adoption Service (Information to be included in the report as per regulations).

Documents available in members' rooms

None

Background Papers:

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

None