

### Scrutiny review –Adoption

- 1 What is the review?

Adoption

- 2 What outcomes could realistically be achieved? Which agency does the review seek to influence?

Positively impact on the adoption process

- 3 When should the review be carried out/completed? I.e. does the review need to take place before/after a certain time?

By January 2015

- 4 What format would suit this review? (e.g. full investigation, q&a with executive member/partners, public meeting, one-off session)

One off session.

- 5 What are some of the key issues that you would like the review to look at?

The adoption processes.

Prospective adopters and the support they are given

- 6 Who would you like to receive evidence and advice from during the review?

Southwark Council's Social Care departments.

Prospective and current adopters

Speaker-box ( children in care/ care leavers)

- 7 Any suggestions for background information? Are you aware of any best practice on this topic?

To be completed

- 8 What approaches could be useful for gathering evidence? What can be done outside committee meetings?  
e.g. verbal or written submissions, site visits, mystery-shopping, service observation, meeting with stakeholders, survey, consultation event

Officer report on the adoption process

Invite Speaker-box to give evidence

Ask Social Care to contact perspective and current adopters and conduct a focus group / interviews.

- 9 Outcome  
A short report making recommendations to cabinet.