

Item No. 8.	Classification: Open	Date: 2 November 2015	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Adoption Service Annual Report 2014-15	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Director, Children's Social Care	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the corporate parenting committee accepts the annual report of Southwark Adoption Service 2014/15.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The purpose of the annual report document is to report on the activity of the adoption service fulfilling obligations in the Adoption National Minimum Standards (2011) and Adoption Service Statutory Guidance (2011) to report to the executive side of the local authority.
3. The report covers: performance and developments in Southwark's delivery of adoption services; how the council is compliant with key national minimum standards; and the service offered to those seeking to adopt and those affected by adoption through the provision of adoption support. It will also identify any significant trends within adoption and how Southwark can continue to meet the changing demands within the Adoption Service.
4. The report details the work of Southwark Council Adoption Service from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Adoption performance continues to improve in Southwark on almost all measures including most impressively a 95% increase in the number of children adopted in the last 2 years.
6. We still need to do some things quicker, particularly matching children with adopters.
7. There have been significant developments within the national landscape of adoption and the council's adoption service has responded well to this.

Community impact statement

8. Southwark is committed to ensuring children with an adoption plan, from all parts of the community, are enabled to live with families able to meet most of their needs as soon as possible.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Annual Report – Southwark Adoption Service

AUDIT TRAIL

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Director of Law and Democracy	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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