

<b>Item No.</b> 9.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 5 November 2018	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Corporate Parenting Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Adoption Service Annual Report 2017-18	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Director, Children & Families	

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the corporate parenting committee accepts the Annual Report of Southwark Adoption Service 2017-18.

## **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 2017 to 31 March 2018.
5. The Adoption Service Annual Report 2017-18 in Appendix 1 sets out all the key areas for consideration.

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

6. Southwark Children's Services were inspected in March 2017 and rated good overall with an outstanding sub-judgement for adoption performance.

## **Community impact statement**

7. 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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<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
Director of Law and Democracy	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	No	No
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