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**To:** Corporate Parenting Panel – 23 September 2016

**Subject:** **KENT ADOPTION SERVICE - ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016**

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Electoral Division:** All

**Summary:** This annual report attached as Appendix 1 sets out a detailed analysis of the performance of Kent's Adoption Service in relation to the children's adoption journeys between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016. The report also provides a summary of performance in relation to the adopters' journey. It includes performance information between April and June 2016, in order to provide an up-to-date report on performance during the first quarter of the 2016/17.

**Recommendations:** Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel are asked to **CONSIDER** the information contained within the report and **COMMENT** on the Adoption Service Performance for 2015/2016 and also **COMMENT** on the plans in place to deliver an 'Outstanding' service during 2016/17.

## 1. Context

- 1.1 The annual report for 2014/15 demonstrated an improvement, in the performance in relation to both 'the Child's Journey' and 'the Adopters' Journey' during that year. The current report demonstrates continued improvements in performance during the last financial year despite a fall in the number of Adoption Orders granted.
- 1.2 There are exciting plans for further improvements set out in the Business Plan for 2016/2017, which includes the continuing contract with Coram, and the possibility of a Kent County Council, London Borough of Bexley and Medway Council Regional Adoption Agency.

## 2. Recommendations

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### **3. Background Documents**

None

### **4. Contact Details**

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