

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 14th APRIL 2016

Mid & West Wales Adoption Service

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the Committee considers and comments on the Mid & West Wales Adoption Service (MWAS) update.

Reasons:

- To provide the Committee with an update on the Service since it was established in April 2014.
- In order for members of the Committee to exercise their scrutiny role.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: **NO**

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Gareth Jones (Education & Children)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion and Powys came together to form Mid and West Wales Adoption Service (MWAS) in April 2014. Carmarthenshire is the lead authority.

It is part of the National Adoption Service (NAS), which is made up of a small central team and the 5 regional collaboratives, namely:

- MWAS
- South East Wales Adoption Service (SEWAS)
- North Wales
- Western Bay (Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea)
- Vale, Valleys & Cardiff (VVC)

The National Adoption Service was launched formally in November 2014.

This update includes the Service's progress to date and priorities for 2016.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Stefan Smith Head of Children’s Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Stefan Smith Head of Children’s Services

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection