

## **CABINET**

**14 JANUARY 2020**

### **KENT, BEXLEY AND MEDWAY REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY (RAA) – ADDENDUM REPORT**

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| Portfolio Holder | Councillor Mrs Josie Iles, Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services (Lead Member) |
| Report from:     | Ian Sutherland, Director of People - Children and Adults Services                 |
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#### **Summary**

This report was considered by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2020. This addendum report sets out the draft comments of this Committee.

#### **1. Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 January 2020 Draft Minute**

- 1.1 The Interim Assistant Director Children’s Social Care, introduced the report which set out the summary of the business case for the reorganisation of adoption services across Kent, Bexley and Medway. She explained how the arrangements would benefit Medway children, in terms of improving timescales of placement and improving the access to adopters, particularly as Medway had fewer adopters, unlike the other two local authorities.
- 1.2 In response to questions about the structure of the RAA model, the Interim Assistant Director explained that there were various models being adopted across the country but in this case the preference across all three local authorities had been to retain staff, which had been based on the outcome of staff consultation, therefore the partnership model had been progressed.
- 1.3 In response to a question about accountability, officers confirmed that the statutory responsibility remained with the Director of Children’s Services of each local authority and reporting through Overview and Scrutiny and Cabinet would continue to all three local authorities.
- 1.4 The Committee noted the report and forwarded its comments to the Cabinet.

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