

**REPORT FOR: CORPORATE PARENTING  
PANEL**

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**Date of Meeting:** 15 June 2016

**Subject:** Celebration Event for 10<sup>th</sup> Year of  
Harrow/Coram Adoption Partnership

**Key Decision:** No

**Responsible Officer:** Chris Spencer,  
Corporate Director People Services

**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Christine Robson,  
Portfolio Holder for Children and Families

**Exempt:** No

**Decision subject to  
Call-in:** No

**Wards affected:** All wards

**Enclosures:** NONE

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

This report sets out the plans to hold a celebration event for the Harrow/Coram Adoption partnership on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

The Corporate Parenting Panel are asked for their advice and support regarding these plans.

## **Section 2 – Report**

The Harrow/Coram Adoption partnership started in September 2006. It was the first partnership between a local authority and a voluntary adoption agency and has been seen as a model of good practice.

It has facilitated the adoption of 78 children including 14 sibling groups.

The Corporate Parenting Panel is very familiar with the work of the partnership and has monitored and reviewed its progress over the past 10 years. We want the Panel to be aware of this event at an early stage so it can advise on the planning

The government is promoting the regionalisation of adoption through greater partnership work between local authorities and voluntary Agencies.

We want to use our 10 year anniversary to promote the positive outcomes we have achieved and also highlight the learning.

Harrow and Coram are planning to hold a joint event at Harrow Civic Centre. The Members lounge has been booked on 20<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm to 5pm.

The planning is at early stages and will involve managers, staff and the communication teams from Harrow Council and Coram.

The plan is to invite Councillors, Senior Officers and staff members who have worked with the partnership including colleagues in health and education and the Adoption and Fostering Panel.

We are also inviting adopters, foster carers and some young people.

We are hoping to make a short film which reflects and promotes the different aspects of the partnership.

We will also have short speeches from councillors, social workers, adopters and young people

There will also be an information strand and display boards.

There will be local and national publicity.

We are also liaising with the Department for Education who have a keen interest in the Adoption regionalisation agenda

### **Risk Management Implications**

No risks identified

### **Legal Implications**

None identified

### **Financial Implications**

The event will have a minimum cost. The film will be the main cost funded by both agencies. This will likely cost no more than £5k which will be a shared cost between Harrow and Coram.

### **Equalities implications**

The Adoption service has met the needs of a range of young people. The partnership has ensured Harrow children have a wider range of resources and expertise in Adoption.

### **Council Priorities**

The adoption partnership supports the Councils priorities of protecting the vulnerable. This event will also promote Harrow through the positive local and national publicity.

### Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Jo Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 1st June 2016.		
Name: Helen Ottino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2016.		

<b>Ward Councillors notified:</b>	<b>NO, as it impacts on all Wards</b>
<b>EqIA carried out:</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>EqIA cleared by:</b>	.

### Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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#### Background Papers

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