

AGENDA ITEM

**CORPORATE
PARENTINGBOARD**

9 AUGUST 2019

**REPORT OF ADOPTION
TEES VALLEY**

ADOPTION TEES VALLEY UPDATE

SUMMARY

This report presents the second Bi – Annual report of the work of Adoption Tees Valley, which covers the period 1 October 2018 – 31 March 2019 and includes key performance information from the prior period of 1 May 2018 – 30 September 2018, for first operational year reporting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board considers the report.

DETAIL

1. Adoption Tees Valley is the new Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) operating as the Local Council adoption service for the 5 Local Authorities of Darlington; Hartlepool; Middlesbrough; Redcar and Cleveland; Stockton.
2. The RAA has been in operation since the 1 May 2018 and Valley has been the first RAA to set up in the North East region, and has embraced the change required to stimulate new ways of working, while maintaining and building on successful practice of the 5 Local Authority adoption services operating previously. There has been a lot of hard work, commitment to talk and explore change, and resilience through the change process within the adoption team.
3. As the service enters its second year of operation, a lot of the process of embedding change has taken place, and review/evaluation is directing the service plan for the year ahead.

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