

Report for: Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee – January 2025

Item number: To be added by the Committee Section

Title: Adopt London North (ALN) annual report 2023-24

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 This report covers the operations of the regional Adopt London North (ALN) from April 2023 to March 2024.

1.2 The report provides a summary of the work over the last year, examples of changes and improvements ALN are making and an insight into the challenges resulting from the current level of demand.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The report is for information.

3. Reasons for decision

N/A

4. Background information

4.1 Supporting legislation was passed in 2016 in the Education & Adoption Act, requiring local authorities to create Regional Adoption Agencies (RAA) by 2020. The DfE has continued to drive forward the regionalisation programme since. Nationally the first RAA’s launched in 2017 and London RAAs launched in 2019, around the middle of the change programme.

4.2 ALN formed in October 2019 and is a partnership between 6 London boroughs: Camden, Enfield, Islington, Barnet, Haringey and Hackney.

5. Contribution to strategic outcomes

N/A

6. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Adopt London North annual report 2023-24

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A