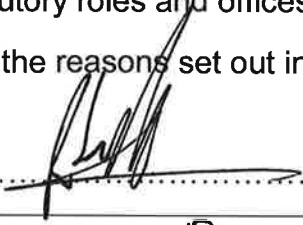


**Delegated Decision Making by Lead Cabinet Member**

**Decision to be taken by County Councillor Richard Boyles,  
Cabinet Member for Children & Young People**

**Approval for Gloucestershire County Council to participate in  
Adoption West: Regional Adoption Agency**

Earliest decision date	18 February 2019
Conflict of interest declared by any councillor or consultee and any Audit and Governance Committee dispensation	None
Summary of any representations received before decision taken and how they have been taken onto account	None
	<p>In coming to this decision I have given due and full regard to the requirements of the public sector equality duty contained in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ("the Act") by reference to the law itself and also the relevant Due Regard Statement, which was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Act.</p> <p>Having fully considered all available information, I have decided to reject the alternative options and take the recommended decision to delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, to:</p> <p>(i) take all necessary steps and execute all necessary documentation (including, without limitation, an Inter Authority Agreement between the above-mentioned participating councils) to implement the Cabinet Decision dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 as varied by this Decision Report for the purpose of establishing and launching a public sector owned and controlled Regional Adoption Agency known as "Adoption West";</p> <p>(ii) award a public procurement law compliant contract to Adoption West for the provision of an integrated adoption service. The proposed contract shall continue for an initial period of 3 years and include an option to extend such period by 5 further years. The council's continued participation in Adoption West shall run concurrently with the term of such contract; and</p> <p>(iii) appoint appropriate council officers to a range of statutory roles and offices in Adoption West.</p> <p>For the reasons set out in the report.</p>
Signature of County Councillor	 .....
Date of decision	18 - 2 - 19