

## Variation Agreement relating to Adoption West

### Schedule 1 – Variations - Financial Mechanism

1. The variation amends the Commissioning Agreement, Schedule 6 - Financial Mechanism, 1.1 'Charges'.
2. The original commissioning agreement set the following proportional contributions from each of the LA partners:

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| Bath & North East Somerset     | 7.63%  |
| The City Council of Bristol    | 20.21% |
| Gloucestershire County Council | 27.06% |
| North Somerset Council         | 12.42% |
| South Gloucestershire Council  | 8.46%  |
| Wiltshire Council              | 24.22% |

3. These proportions are replaced by a revised financial mechanism based on a combination of the following metrics:

- 3.1. Number of Looked After Children under 5 years old
- 3.2. Number of Adoptions (previous 3 years)
- 3.3. Adoption Support resource calculation comprising:
  - 3.3.1. Adoption support fund application volumes
  - 3.3.2. Contact arrangement volumes
  - 3.3.3. Birth Family support case volumes
  - 3.3.4. Adopter support mailing list numbers

4. The significance attributed to each of the three metrics are as follows:

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|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| 4.1. Looked After Children under 5 years old | 15% |
| 4.2. Number of Adoptions                     | 50% |
| 4.3. Adoption Support                        | 35% |

5. The introduction of the revised financial mechanism away from the original contract proportions will be phased in 20% increments over 5 years, beginning 2021/22, to alleviate the immediate impact of any change to an individual local authority contribution.