

## 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:

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:

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.