

ROCHDALE ADOPTION AGENCY DECISION MAKER – ADOPTION

AGENCY DECISION

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| Name(s) of Child(ren): | | | |
| Social Worker(s): | | | |
| Decision date: | | | |

| DOCUMENTS RECEIVED | (TICK BOX) | COMMENTS |
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| Record of the Gateway/Care Planning Meeting (Including minuted decision) | | |
| Child Permanency Report | | |
| Child's Assessment of needs | | |
| Social Work Assessment of parents | | |
| Independent Experts reports on the parents (psychiatric/psychological) | | |
| Medical reports on the child | | |
| Psychological reports on the child | | |
| Viability Assessments of Friends and Family members, Connected persons assessments, Friends and Family Assessments | | |
| Foster Carer's report | | |
| Adoption Support plan | | |
| Legal Opinion | | |
| IRO approval | | |
| Any previous panel / ADM minutes | | |
| AP1 A letter – addressed to Birth Parents | | |
| AP1 B letter – addressed to child's Guardian | | |
| Counselling letter – addressed to Birth Parents | | |

| DISCUSSIONS WITH | ISSUE | ADVICE |
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| AGENCY ADVISOR | | |
| MEDICAL ADVISOR | | |
| LEGAL ADVISOR | | |

| Welfare Checklist S1 Children and Adoption Act 2002 | Considered – COMMENTS |
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| <p>(a) the child’s ascertainable wishes and feelings regarding the decision (considered in the light of the child’s age and understanding).</p> <p>(b) the child’s particular needs.</p> <p>(c) the likely effect on the child (throughout his life) of having ceased to be a member of the original family and become an adopted person.</p> <p>(d) the child’s age, sex, background and any of the child’s characteristics which the Court or Local Authority consider relevant.</p> <p>(e) any harm (within the meaning of the Children Act 1989 s31) which the child has suffered or is at risk of suffering.</p> <p>(f) the relationship which the child has with relatives and with any other person in relation to whom the Court or Local Authority considers the relationship to be relevant, including:</p> <p>(i) the likelihood of any such relationship continuing and the value to the child of its doing so.</p> <p>(ii) the ability and willingness of any of the child’s relatives or of any such person to provide the child with a secure environment in which the child can develop, and otherwise to meet the child’s needs.</p> | |

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| <p>(iii) the wishes and feelings of any of the child's relatives or of any such person regarding the child.</p> <p>(g) the Court or adoption Local Authority must consider the whole range of powers under the Children Act and under this Act and the Court must not make any order unless it considers that it will be better for the child than not doing so.</p> | |
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| Key arguments identified (see legal Advice) |
| Reasons |

Dated: -----

Signed: -----

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