

**NOTICE OF MOTION****CONSERVATIVE, LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE AND GREEN GROUPS  
POST ADOPTION SUPPORT AND INTERAGENCY ADOPTION FEES**

This council resolves that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Education, requesting that the government:

- Recognises the value of the Adoption Support Fund, and confirms the long-term future and arrangements for this vital post-adoption support for children and their adoptive families, so that effective planning can take place and maximum benefit can be achieved;
- Intervenes with the Consortium of Voluntary Adoption Agencies to prevent the implementation of the recent 15% increase in inter-agency fees, or offsets the impact of this increase on local authority budgets.

Proposed by: Cllr Wealls

Seconded by: Cllr Chapman  
Cllr Knight

Supporting information*Adoption Support Fund*

Coordinated and high quality post-adoption support makes a significant difference to families and the long-term success of adoptions. The Adoption Support Fund (ASF) has been helpful in addressing this need, which this has now raised expectations among adoptive families for high quality post-adoption support.

However, in a period of change for adoption services, and with the introduction of the Fair Access Limit to the ASF, it would be beneficial to know the future of the ASF is secure, so that maximum impact can be achieved for adoptive families – see evaluation report p.11

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/634685/The\\_Evaluation\\_of\\_the\\_Adoption\\_Support\\_Fund.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/634685/The_Evaluation_of_the_Adoption_Support_Fund.pdf)

See information about the Adoption Support Fund, including the Fair Access Limit, here <http://www.adoption-support-fund.co.uk/FAQs>

*Inter Agency Adoption Fees*

Interagency placements are an important option for local authorities in securing timely adoptive placements for some children. The CVAA has recently proposed a significant increase to the inter agency adoption fee, from £27,000 to £31,000 for placement of one child, from £43,000 to £50,000 for sibling group of two. This will have a very significant impact on local authority resources.

<http://www.cvaa.org.uk/the-voluntary-adoption-sector/inter-agency-fees/>

