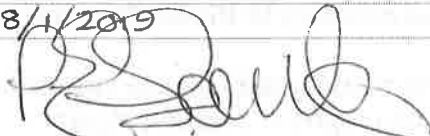


## Decision Record – Expansion of Adoption Central England (ACE)

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Cllr Izzi Secombe Leader
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before: 18 January 2019)	18/1/2019 

### Decision Taken

That the Leader of the Council delegates authority for the Strategic Director of People to agree on behalf of Warwickshire County Council to extend the ACE partnership arrangement between Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Coventry City Council, Warwickshire County Council and Worcestershire County Council to include Herefordshire Council on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Joint Managing Director (Resources).

### Reasons for Decisions

In order to expand the ACE the approval of the Leader of the Council is required.

### Background Information

This decision gives approval for Adoption Central England (ACE), the regional adoption agency for Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Coventry City Council, Warwickshire County Council and Worcestershire County Council to be extended to include Herefordshire Council. Warwickshire County Council will continue to host the regional adoption agency as a local authority shared service.

ACE delivers adoption agency functions of the five local authorities including the recruitment, assessment, training and approval of prospective adopters, the identification of prospective adopters for children who are in need of a new adoptive family, adoption support to adoptive families and some Special Guardianship support services and services to adult adopted people.

### Financial Implications

N/A

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<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Councillor Izzi Secombe

## Checklist

<b>Urgent matter?</b>	No
<b>Confidential or Exempt?</b> (State the category of exempt information)	No
<b>Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?</b>	No

**List of Reports considered** - please include link to report

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4251/Committee/473/Default.aspx>

**List of Background Papers** - please include a contact for access to background papers

None

**Members and officers consulted or informed** – please include any comments

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