

## **7 KINSHIP CARE, CUSTODY AND ADOPTION AGE ALLOWANCES 2012/2013 (AN127-2012)**

The Social Work Department is currently in consultation with foster carers regarding the level of allowances payable. A report reflecting the outcome of this process will be presented to committee at a later date.

There are however a number of allowances which are unaffected by this process and it is recommended that the undernoted rates for 2012/13 are paid, and are backdated to take effect from 9th April 2012.

### **1 Kinship and Residence Allowances**

The amount paid is the equivalent of income support rates. It is recommended that these allowances are increased in line with relevant income support rates.

### **2 Custody Allowances**

It is recommended that Custody Allowances are unchanged in 2012/13, in line with staff pay scales.

### **3 Adoption Age Allowances**

It is recommended that Adoption Age Allowances are increased by 1.25% in line with budgeted provision. (Adoption Age Allowances are stated, and paid, net of child benefit).

Summary of recommended rates and allowances Note

		2011/12 Weekly Rate £	2012/13 Weekly Rate £
1	Kinship Carer Allowance	62.33	64.99
1	Residence Allowance	62.33	64.99
1	Kinship and Residence Family Premium	17.40	17.40
2	Custody Allowance	96.75	96.75
3	Adoption Age Allowance 00-04	69.44	71.31
3	Adoption Age Allowance 05-10	81.03	82.04
3	Adoption Age Allowance 11-15	104.12	105.42
3	Adoption Age Allowance 16-18	136.53	138.24