

# **Record of Decision**

## **Accessibility Strategy 2017-2021**

### **Decision Taker**

Mayor on 28 June 2017

### **Decision**

- (i) that the Accessibility Strategy 2017-2021 be approved and included in the pack given to parents when they make first contact to request an Education and Health Care Plan; and
- (ii) that the Head of Education, Learning and Skills be authorised to develop an action plan in consultation with schools, key partners and stakeholders.

### **Reason for the Decision**

Local authorities and schools are required to make reasonable adjustments to ensure that disabled pupils are not of a substantial disadvantage. The Accessibility Strategy sets out how the local authority, including schools and partners will:

- Increase provision and access to the curriculum;
- Improve the physical environment of schools;
- Improve the delivery and accessibility of information; and
- Monitor, review and evaluate impact.

### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 11 July 2017 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

### **Information**

In order for disabled pupils to realise their full potential as learners, it is essential that they are able to access the curriculum, the physical learning environment and information and guidance about educational opportunities in their locality.

The Accessibility Strategy has been developed by the Head of Education, Learning and Skills in consultation with key partners and stakeholders. It is supplemented by model documents to enable schools to develop site specific accessibility plans, while the Strategy itself will be supported by a detailed action plan to ensure it meets the needs of disabled pupils and helps to raise their attainment.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group made on 28 June 2017 and his decision is set out above.

### **Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

No other options were considered.

**Is this a Key Decision?**

No

**Does the call-in procedure apply?**

Yes

**Declarations of interest** (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor of Torbay

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