

Record of Decision

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy 2016-20

Decision Taker

Elected Mayor on 04 February 2019

Decision

That the progress made on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy be noted and the revised action plan set out at Appendix 3 to the submitted report be approved.

Reason for the Decision

Through the process of self-evaluation, the local area has identified key strategic priorities. There is much to do and the planned actions have been selected to reflect the ambition of the area and to ensure there is aspiration in what can be achieved.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 19 March 2019 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The submitted report set out a mid-term review of Torbay's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy 2016-20 which sets out the Local Authority (LA) strategy for improving outcomes and life chances for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) across the local area. The Local Authority has led the strategy and recognises that its success lies in the effectiveness of the partnership between all stakeholders. The strategy sets out what the local area will aim to achieve through partnership arrangements between the LA, educational settings, parents/carers, children and young people, other agencies and services in health and social care, including adult services and the voluntary sector.

The SEND strategy is a key element in delivering aspects of the Torbay Children and Young People's plan for 2014-2019 and Torbay's Strategy for Achieving Educational Excellence Everywhere for 2016 to 2020. These plans aim to give all children and young people the best start in life so they are safe, happy and healthy to reach their full potential.

The report highlighted that significant progress has been made across the key priority areas, however key priority actions still need to be delivered to drive forward practice across the local area. The initial action plan of the strategy has been reviewed and the report contains an updated action that represents the next phase of delivery. This action plan has been created across Education, Health and Social Care and represents the agreed priorities for delivery. The progress towards these actions are subject to regular review by the SEND operational group.

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made on 4 March 2019 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

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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11 March 2019

Signed: _____
The Elected Mayor of Torbay

Date: _____