

## **Record of Decisions**

### **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Area Strategy**

#### **Decision Taker**

Cabinet on 13 June 2023.

#### **Decision**

That the Torbay Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Area Strategy be approved.

#### **Reason for the Decision**

The provision of services to support children and young people with SEND was a statutory duty for the local area (local authorities and ICB). Provision of such services is a cornerstone of enabling the local community to thrive, and to supporting children and young people in having high aspirations. For children looked after with SEND, such services play an integral role in the Council delivering its duties as corporate parent.

As a Local Area we needed to ensure that our SEND Strategy was fit for purpose and would enable us to work together as a whole Local Area to ensure Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs could thrive.

#### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 26 June 2023 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### **Information**

Following the SEND inspection of the Local Area in November 2021, the inspection report issued in January 2022, requested that the Local Area develop a written statement of action showing how they intended to address the significant weaknesses outlined in the report. The Written Statement of Action, approved in May 2022, defined eight areas of improvement. A SEND Strategy for the whole Local Area was one of these eight areas.

The Local Area SEND Strategy was a collaborative piece of work which provided a direction of travel for SEND across the Local Area. It was a departure from the usual creation of strategies, having been completely coproduced with our children, young people and families.

At the meeting Councillor Bye proposed and Councillor Tyerman seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

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

No alternative 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)

Councillor Tyerman declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is a Governor at Spires College.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet