

Record of Decisions

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

Decision Taker

The Mayor at the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) held on 21 February 2017

Decision

That the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy 2016-20 set out in the submitted report be approved and that the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead for Adults and Children's Services and key stakeholders, be authorised to make any final changes to the Strategy and provide regular updates on progress.

Reason for the Decision

To ensure the requirements of The Children and Families Act 2014 are being met.

Implementation

The decision will come into force and may be implemented on 10 March 2017 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Children and Families Act 2014 introduced the most significant changes in policy for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) for over 3 years and aimed to provide simpler, improved and more consistent help for children, young people and families. The new system extends the rights and protections to children and young people by introducing streamlined, integrated education, health and care plans, extending provision from birth to 25 years of age and strengthening co-production principles.

The revised Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Strategy 2016 – 2020 sets out a vision for how local services will develop, within a significantly changed operating landscape, in order to improve outcomes for some of our most vulnerable young people. A copy of the strategy and associated action plan is attached at Appendix 1 to the submitted report. The action plan will be populated in partnership with local area stakeholders in order to ensure a consistent and shared approach towards delivery and service improvement.

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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Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

Date: _____