

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting16th November 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities -
Preparation for Adulthood

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presents the outcomes of the Children and Young People Select Committee's Review of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) – Preparation for Adulthood.

The aim of the review was to consider the wider context for SEND within Stockton Borough, with a particular focus on preparing for adulthood as this was identified as an area for further development. SEND services were subject to a joint Ofsted / Care Quality Commission inspection process that would consider the quality of the planning and provision of health, care and education services.

RESOLVED that:

1. Activity to prepare children and young people with SEND for adulthood should be formalised at Year 9, and at an earlier age wherever possible.
2. The production of the guidance for young people, parent / carers, and professionals be endorsed, and the Children and Young People Select Committee receive an update following the initial roll out.
3. Case studies be used as part of wider improvements to the information provided to young people and their parents / carers, in relation to their future options.
4. The Council explore options to work with colleges to facilitate earlier entry into the further education sector / environment for some of those students who may stay in the school environment until the age of 19 in order to increase their independence.
5. The Council continues to work with post-16 providers and employers to develop meaningful employability and employment

opportunities, and as part of this work, further develops its own role as an employer.

6. Improvements to data collection be made in relation to the destinations and outcomes for young people with SEND.

7. A further update on progress within the CCG / local NHS on their improvement plans and preparation for inspection, be provided to the Children and Young People Select Committee within six months.

8. The Council ensure effective arrangements are in place to capture the voice of children and young people with SEND, particularly in relation to views on transition into adulthood.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2017-18.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Jim Beall declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 7 - Children and Young People Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of SEND - Preparing for Adulthood as he was a member of the governing body at Rosebrook School.

Councillor Bob Cook declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 7 - Children and Young People Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of SEND - Preparing for Adulthood as he was a member of the governing body at Billingham South School.

Councillor Norma Wilburn declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 7 - Children and Young People Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of SEND - Preparing for Adulthood as her grandson had special education needs.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 24 November 2017

Proper Officer
20 November 2017