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AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

16 NOVEMBER 2017

REPORT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE

CABINET DECISION

Lead Cabinet Member – Children and Young People – Councillor Ann McCoy

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES – PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD

1. Summary

The attached report 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 are now subject to a joint Ofsted/Care Quality Commission inspection process that will consider the quality of the planning and provision of health, care and education services.

2. Recommendations

The Committee recommends 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 Committee requests an update following the initial roll out;
3. Case studies should 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 should 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 are 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 Committee within six months;
8. The Council should 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 Recommendation(s)/Decision(s)

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

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or
- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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DETAIL

1. The attached report outlines the findings of the review of SEND – Preparation for Adulthood. The review was undertaken by Children and Young People Select Committee.
2. Following consideration by Cabinet, an action plan will be submitted to the Select Committee setting out how approved recommendations will be implemented detailing officers responsible for action and timescales.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

3. The review does not propose any significant changes to policies or service delivery. The review has considered improvements to education and health services to improve outcomes specifically for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.
4. The four broad areas of need that make up SEND are as follows:
 - 1 Communication and interaction;
 - 2 Cognition and learning;
 - 3 Social, emotional and mental health
 - 4 Sensory and/or physical needs

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no significant financial implications.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no significant legal implications.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. This scrutiny review of SEND – Preparation for Adulthood is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

8. The Council Plan 2017-20 includes the key objective to: Improve education and learning outcomes for all children and young people. This includes implementing new approaches to the delivery of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), with a focus on hubs, and a renewed focus on SEND support in schools and joint commissioning
9. Improving SEND delivery is also a key part of the Children's Services Strategy for Change and Improvement 2016-18.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

10. The review and recommendations apply to the cohort of children and young people with SEND as a whole, including Looked After Children. The review also refers to a range of improvements to services that will particularly benefit more vulnerable children (for example, the Transition Guarantee) including Looked After Children.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

11. During the review the Committee has considered information from Children's Services, local schools and colleges, and the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group. The review has been supported throughout by officers from the Schools and SEN Service.
12. Members have undertaken a number of visits to local provision including: Abbey Hill Sixth Form, Egglecliffe Secondary School, Stockton Riverside College, and the Daisy Chain autism support charity. Members also attended a discussion group hosted by the Stockton Parent Carer Forum.
13. Members were also able to attend a range of officer-led multi-agency meetings, including the SEN Development Group's development day.
14. The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People was consulted on the findings and recommendations of the Select Committee.

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Background Papers None

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: N/a

Property

N/a