

REPORT TO CABINET

17 SEPTEMBER 2026

**REPORT OF THE CHILDREN
AND YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT
COMMITTEE**

CABINET DECISION

**Cabinet Member for Children and Young People - Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor
Clare Besford**

Scrutiny Review of Additionally Resourced SEND Provision

Summary

The attached report presents the findings of the Children and Young People Select Committee's review of Additionally Resourced SEND Provision.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)/Decision(s)

The topic was included on the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2025-2026.

Recommendations

Cabinet are asked to note the report.

Detail

1. The purpose of the scrutiny was to receive an update on the implementation of the transfer from September 2025 and engage with the secondary schools to encourage additional applications from the secondary sector. The Select Committee wanted to fully understand the barriers to schools becoming ARPs and identify ways that that these could be overcome to secure the provision required for children and young people in the Borough.
2. Early in the scrutiny review, the Government announced that it would be publishing a White Paper outlining the intended approach to SEND reform. The announcement came amid increasing calls for action regarding the rising number of registered SEND pupils and the associated challenges faced by councils. Following the announcement, the Select Committee decided to pause the review to await the detail of the White Paper.
3. In May 2026 the Select Committee received a presentation on the White Paper and considered the implications for their work. The Select Committee agreed to summarise the evidence collected and key findings and advise Cabinet that they would be

concluding their work given that the Government was now making plans to direct all schools to have Inclusion Hubs.

Community Impact and Equality and Poverty Impact Assessment

4. Not applicable.

Corporate Parenting Implications

5. None arising from this report.

Financial Implications

6. None arising from this report.

Legal Implications

7. None arising from this report.

Risk Assessment

8. Not applicable.

Wards Affected and Consultation with Ward/ Councillors (refer to Concordat for Communication and Consultation with Members)

9. This review is relevant to all wards across the Borough.

Background Papers

10. None

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