

# Children and Education Select Committee

**DATE: 6 September 2017**

## **SEND Development Plan (2017 Refresh)**



**Purpose of report:** Scrutiny of Services and Budgets and Policy Development and Review

### **Introduction:**

1. Following the outcome of the Joint Local Area Inspection of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) services in Surrey in October 2016, it was agreed that the existing SEND 2020 Development Plan required a 'refresh' to ensure it continues to reflect the current context in which the services are operating, the challenges being faced and the areas where improvement is needed.
2. The plan sets out the programme of improvement work that will be undertaken by the local area to continue to improve the service offered to children and young people and their families.
3. The draft plan is attached as an annex to this report.

### **The Refreshed Plan**

4. The strategy and objectives of the programme remain the same as the SEND 2020 programme. The key changes as a result of this refresh are:
  - a) Longer term actions from the Written Statement of Action and wider SEND Local Area Inspection letter have been incorporated, so that the plan provides a vehicle for their delivery with pace and scale.
  - b) The '2020' has been lost from the title in order to reflect the need for greater pace of improvement.
  - c) There is strengthened governance and accountability, and increased focus on performance monitoring, to ensure improvement is delivered.
  - d) The plan reflects the increasing need for SEND services in Surrey whilst resources are remaining static. Projects have therefore been re-prioritised to ensure that we are making efficient use of resources.
5. Delivery of the plan is monitored monthly by the SEND Programme Board, and bi-monthly by the SEND Partnership Board. When published, the SEND Development Plan will be accompanied by an appendix setting out the implementation plan. This will include, timescales and performance measures for each of the projects.
6. The draft plan was considered by the SEND Partnership Board in July 2017 and amendments have been made following their comments. Comments from the Select Committee will be taken into account when finalising the plan. Families will have the

opportunity to input as part of a webinar on 20 September. The refreshed plan will then be published in October 2017.

**Conclusions:**

7. Through working with partners, the SEND 2020 Development Plan has been refreshed to reflect the pace and scale of improvement required and the current context in which SEND services are being delivered.
8. The new plan retains the previous strategy and objectives, and has strengthened governance, increased prioritisation of projects and places increased importance on using feedback from families.

**Recommendations:**

9. For the Select Committee to endorse the draft SEND Development Plan for publication.

**Next steps:**

Following consideration by the Select Committee, the draft SEND Development Plan will be presented to families through a webinar on 20 September. Any final comments will then be incorporated before the SEND Development Plan, and accompanying Implementation Plan, are published in October 2017.

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**Sources/background papers:**

Annex A: Draft SEND Development Plan