

**Children and Education Select Committee**  
**6 September 2017**  
**Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**  
**(SEND) Improvement Task and Finish Group**



**Purpose of report:** To propose a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Task and Finish Group to the committee based on the terms of reference outlined and ask for Members to consider their interest in joining the group.

**Introduction:**

1. Members of the Children and Education Select Committee identified that, following an area inspection of SEND services in Surrey by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the performance of the Children, Schools and Families Directorate should be an area of focus for the Committee.
2. The Children and Education Select Committee has proposed that a SEND Improvement Task and Finish Group should be established to follow and monitor the required improvements for Surrey's SEND Services consisting of Members of the Children and Education Select Committee and drawing on witnesses from the Children, Schools and Families Directorate.

**Terms of Reference**

3. The Task and Finish Group's aims, objectives and expected outcomes are outlined in the draft Terms of Reference attached to the report as **Annex 1**.
4. The Task and Finish Group is expected to provide regular reports on work completed to the Children and Education Select Committee, with the aim of informing the Children, Schools and Families Directorate of its recommendations.

**Recommendations:**

5. That the Committee approves the draft Terms of Reference of the Task and Finish Group.
6. That the Committee consider the Membership of the Task and Finish Group.
7. That the Committee submits the terms of reference to the Overview and Budget Scrutiny Select Committee for approval.

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**Sources/background papers:**

Annex 1 - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Task and Finish Group