

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 16 July 2013

Decision No: (CAB 13/14 10793)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SUBJECT:	SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS STRATEGY
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THE DECISION

To adopt the new SEN Strategy for 2013-2016 attached at Appendix 1.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. From September 2014 there will be new statutory requirements on local authorities around services and support for children and young people with Special educational Needs. The SEN Strategy will support the local authority to plan for meeting all of the requirements.
2. Local needs assessments and service reviews have identified a number of areas for service improvement, many of which overlap with the Government's SEN reforms. The strategy will bring together recommendations from these reviews and provide one single action plan to address them.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

It is essential that Local Authorities have an SEN Strategy in place and that services plan for how they will implement the changes outlined in the Children and Families Bill 2013. Alternative options have therefore been considered and rejected as not having an SEN Strategy will make it more difficult to coordinate actions from such a wide range of staff and organisations. Alternative strategic objectives were considered during the consultation period and have been included in the final strategy.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 16 July 2013

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*