

 Brent	<p style="text-align: center;">Cabinet 22 May 2017</p> <p>Report from Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards affected: ALL</p>	
<p>Recommendations from Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</p>	

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report refers recommendations to Cabinet which were agreed by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee after members' discussion of a report about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to note the recommendation as set out in Appendix A.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 On 29 March 2017 the committee discussed a report from the Director of Children and Young People updating members on specialist provision and the implementation of reforms to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). Scrutiny members had identified this item as part of their work programme for 2016-17.
- 3.2 Attending the committee meeting was the Strategic Director of Children and Young People, Operational Director Integration and Improved Service, Head of Inclusion Service, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People as well as a number of head teachers.
- 3.3 Members had a wide-ranging discussion about a report outlining the progress made in delivering reforms to services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). These reforms were required following the introduction of the Children and Families Act 2014 and a new SEND Code of Practice in 2015.

- 3.4 Among the issues discussed included progress to the deadline for conversion to the new Education, Health and Care Plans, engagement with the borough's parents, strategic commissioning with health partners and identifying children with SEND and in providing effective support to improve outcomes and life chances.
- 3.5 After discussing the work around the reforms and on the basis of the discussion, members of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee made three recommendations for Cabinet, which is set out in Appendix A.

Background Papers

'Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND): Update on Specialist Provision and the Implementation of the SEND Reforms', report to Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, 29 March 2017

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