

North Somerset Council

Report to the Children & Young People Policy & Scrutiny Panel

Date of Meeting: October 19th 2023

Subject of Report: SEND Self Evaluation

Town or Parish:

Officer/Member Presenting: Pip Hesketh

Key Decision: NO

Reason:

This report updates members of the Scrutiny Panel on the North Somerset Local Area on progress on SEND via the Self Evaluation which we complete as part of the Ofsted/CQC Inspection Framework.

Recommendations

The report is for information only and for Panel members to note.

1. Summary of Report

The most recent SEND Self Evaluation is attached to this report. It represents the combined input from across the wide and diverse SEND system and communities through workshops and focused meetings.

The Self Evaluation faithfully follows the structure set out within the Inspection Framework under 12 key areas of evaluation. Five of the areas focus on the leadership of the system and four areas are new areas of focus within this inspection framework, including the visibility of children and young people with SEND within their local communities and the extent to which children, young people and their families have a say in the decisions that are made for them.

In each of areas of the Self Evaluation, we have followed the same format and evaluated the extent to which we know about and can evidence our impact and our plans and priorities for the year ahead.

It is important to note that the Local Area for SEND includes all statutory agencies (health, children's social care and education) as well as schools, settings, voluntary and community partners and parents and carers organisations.

2. Policy

Local Area SEND Strategy

3. Details

Please see Self Evaluation attached.

4. Consultation

No formal consultation is required but the production of the SEF has been a highly consultative process over several months and represents the contributions of a large number of organisations.

5. Financial Implications

None

Costs

None

Funding

None

6. Legal Powers and Implications

N/A

7. Climate Change and Environmental Implications

N/A

8. Risk Management

North Somerset has recently had it's SEND Improvement Notice under the previous Inspection Framework lifted. The recovery of our position has been a very positive boost to the Local Authorities reputation. All Authorities will be inspected under the new Framework and this re-introduces the reputational risk to North Somerset.

9. Equality Implications

No

10. Corporate Implications

None

11. Options Considered

N/A

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Appendices:

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Background Papers:

SEND Self Evaluation