

Derby City Local Area SEND Strategy

Purpose

- 1.1 This strategy supports the cultural intent and anticipated outcomes of Part 3 of The Children and Families Act 2014
- 1.2 At the Local Area SEND inspection in June 2019 one of the key areas of weakness identified was a lack of an overarching co-produced strategy for improving provision for and outcomes of children and young people with SEND.
- 1.3 The strategy sets out a shared vision for SEND to support a coordinated approach to delivering SEND services and provision for children and young people aged 0-25 across the Local Area.

Recommendation

- 2.1 To consider approving the strategy for implementation across the Local Area.

Reason

- 3.1 This strategy has been produced to ensure that as a Local Area we are meeting the outcomes of Part 3 of the Children's and Families Act 2014 and delivering a key commitment made in the Derby City Local Area SEND Written Statement of Action 2019 (WSoA); produced to address the areas of weakness identified at inspection.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The Derby City Local Area SEND Strategy outlines our key priorities for Local Area SEND, our commitment to delivering improvements in these key areas and how we will hold ourselves to account against these commitments.
- 4.2 Our vision for Local Area SEND is "Living my best life" as this is what we want for all children and young people living in Derby City.

4.3 Our key priorities for Local Area SEND are:

- How we work together as a Local Area.
- Inclusive schools and settings
- Wider support for families
- Personalised pathways for a good life
- Successful lives – preparing for adulthood

Please see Appendix A – Derby City Local Area SEND Strategy.

4.4 This strategy is a requirement of the 2014 SEND Reforms for the Local Area and as part of the Derby City Local Area SEND Written Statement of Action.

4.5 If this strategy is not in place this would be a significant failing on the part of the Local Area, including risk of further intervention from the Department for Education (DfE), Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

4.6 This strategy will be underpinned by a dedicated Local Area SEND Strategy Joint Action Plan, robust Local Area SEND governance, commitment to co-production, effective communication and engagement and data monitoring and quality assurance.

Public/stakeholder engagement

5.1 The priorities and vision have been developed with all partners through a series of workshops, meetings and discussions.

5.2 This is in line with our Co-production Charter developed with all stakeholders through a dedicated workshop, please see Appendix – B.

Other options

6.1 N/A

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 The coordinated approach advocated in the strategy supports more effective partnership working and as a result more efficient use of finite resources.

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Climate Implications

9.1 N/A

Other significant implications

- 10.1 Lack of a Local Area SEND strategy could result in unfocused and uncoordinated delivery of SEND services within the Local Area leading to significant reputational damage for the Local Authority.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers:	
List of appendices:	Appendix A – Derby City Local Area SEND Strategy Appendix B – Co-production Charter