



Derby City Council

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY BOARD**
26 August 2014

Report of the Strategic Director of Children and
Young People

ITEM 8

Update on Special Educational Needs (SEN) reforms

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report enables the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Board to receive a presentation to update members on the SEN reforms from the Head of Inclusion and Intervention and the Additional Educational Needs Consultant.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To receive the presentation.
- 2.2 To note the progress made on reforms to deliver services to and support children with special educational needs and disabilities.
- 2.3 To discuss any issues arising from the presentation on the SEN reforms and make any appropriate comments or recommendations with regards to future reform plans.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure the Board is kept updated regarding progress made on the SEN reforms.
- 3.2 To enable the Board to comment on the plans for future reform plans.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Children and Families Bill received Royal Assent and therefore became law on 13 March 2014. Part 3 of the Bill reforms legislation on children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities.
- 4.2 The new system brings in the biggest reform of the legal system for SEN for 30 years. It introduces integrated education, health and care plans for children and young people with the most complex special educational needs, extends rights and protections to 16 to 25-year-olds in further education and training, and introduces a new local offer to ensure that parents, children, young people and those who work with them can see the support that should be available to them.

- 4.3 Derby City is undertaking a range of reforms to respond to these changes. It has received a one-off grant to recognise the programmes of change underway in the city.
- 4.4 The presentation is provided at the request of the Children and Young People's Board to update members on the SEN reforms.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None directly arising from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 None arising from this report. The Council's current legal position relating to the content of this report is outlined in paragraph 4.1.

Personnel

- 3.1 HR co-ordinates a number of work experience opportunities, through the various appropriate sections of the Council, to enable all young people to benefit from access to experience within the Council.

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- 4.1 None arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people and the very nature of the Board looks in depth at equality in all its investigations.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report.

Risk Management

- 9.1 None arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 The work of this board contributes to the Council's ambitions to give people in Derby an inspiring start in life, particularly by improving educational attainment. The work of the board also contributes to the ambition of improving inner city areas and the city's vision for people in the city to enjoy good health and wellbeing, achieve their

learning potential and to be and feel safe.