

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) IN THEIR EARLY YEARS

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REASON FOR ITEM

To enable the Committee to consider both the draft final report and the recommendations produced as a result of the review entitled 'Supporting Children with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) In Their Early Years.'

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

1. To consider the draft final report and ensure that it is reflective of the evidence gathered during the review.
2. To comment on the report and recommendations and make any suggestions for revision.

INFORMATION

1. The report has been drafted based upon the information provided at two formal witness sessions held at meetings of the Committee and the parent witness session that was held outside of Committee.
2. It should be noted that the final report is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet in February 2018. Given the short timescales, it is suggested that the Committee grants officers the authority, in conjunction with the Chairman, to make appropriate revisions to the report prior to submission to Cabinet.
3. Given this quick turnaround, the Chairman of the Committee and officers would be grateful for Members' comments and observations on the recommendations and the draft report. Comments can either be provided at the meeting itself or in writing.