

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

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## **REASON FOR ITEM**

At the last meeting, Members were provided with additional information which included data, details about identification methods and intervention methods, and the Hillingdon Community Services Performance Report for September 2017. Members will have an opportunity to review the additional information provided and ask officers any questions.

Further to a Member request, supplementary information has also been provided on the effectiveness of particular interventions.

It is proposed that Members will discuss its findings and make recommendations on the major review topic. A draft report will be prepared for Members for the meeting on 16 January 2018.

## **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee is asked to consider the evidence given by witnesses, together with the background information provided in the appendices.

## **INFORMATION**

1. Following discussion at the June 2017 meeting of the Committee, it was agreed that officers would produce a scoping report for consideration at the July 2017 meeting.
2. At the July 2017 meeting, Members were provided with the first draft scoping report for the review and were provided with details on the background to the reasons for the review. Following the feedback received at the last meeting, the scoping report was updated.
3. At the September 2017 meeting, Members heard evidence from the following witnesses:
  - Zoe Sargent (Head of Children's Services, Central and North West London) (health - CCG)
  - Tirzah Bagnulo, Inclusion Team Manager, Disabilities Service
4. At the October 2017 meeting, Members heard evidence from the following witnesses:

- Councillor Simmonds - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services
- Dr Ahmed - Member of staff from the child development centre
- Elaine Caffery - Nursery Manager who also sits on the schools forum
- Jo Moody - Advanced Practitioner (provides training and support to other nurseries) / early years practitioner - South Ruislip Early Years Centre
- Janna Murphy - Specialist Resource Provision/Assistant Head Hayes Park School

5. A parent witness session was arranged for 9 November 2017 in which two Members attended. Members met with parents who offered their perspective on the topic. The Chairman will provide Members with a summary of the meeting.

### **PAPERS WITH THE REPORT**

Documents relevant to the review have been consolidated and attached as the following appendices:

Appendix 1 - Scoping report 'Supporting children with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in their early years'

Appendix 2 - Minutes from witness session one

Appendix 3 - Data to inform the POC review 2017/18

Further information as requested by POC review 2017/18

Appendix 4 - Hillingdon Community Services 0-19 Performance Report Sept 17