

FOLLOW-UP: MATTERS FOR CLARIFICATION FROM THE LAST MEETING

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REASON FOR REPORT

To follow-up any clarifications and information requests agreed by the Committee undertaking their role scrutinising the decisions and reports from the last Cabinet meeting. These matters are for noting only and not for call-in. If a particular Member wishes for further clarification on the information provided below, this will be for the Committee to determine.

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

That the Committee note the information provided.

CABINET – 22 OCTOBER 2020

The Committee gave consideration to the reports and the decisions made by Cabinet at this meeting and sought further information or clarifications in the reports as set out below.

ITEM 6 - HILLINGDON SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

Committee Clarification	Officer response
Q1 – Q1 - The Policy Overview Committee comments regarding the Serious Case Review of child X by Jane Wonnacott published in December 2019 notes 16 recommendations. The question the Committee asked is have all of these been addressed?	Response to be circulated prior to the meeting.
Q2 - The bottom of page 24 of the Annual Report itself relates to Looked After Children and indicates that the main issues on which they require independent support concern education, employment, training and complaints. The first three of these should be the responsibility of the schools attended by the LAC. It suggests that the school career advisers need extra training in dealing	Response to be circulated prior to the meeting.

<p>with the particular circumstances of LAC.</p> <p>The question asked is, does the Council provide any training of this nature and if not will it consider doing so?</p>	
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ITEM 12 - MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Committee Clarification	Officer response
<p>Q1 - The Committee considered para.38 of the report which stated:</p> <p><i>"At Month 5 the Dedicated Schools Grant position is reporting an in-year overspend of £9,126k. This is a £25k adverse movement from Month 4 due to continuing pressures in the cost of High Needs. There is a current backlog of cases however EHCPs growth in published SEN2 data (17.5% vs 8.7% nationally) indicates this will add further pressure to the budget. When the £15,002k deficit brought forward from 2019/20 is taken into account, the deficit to carry forward to 2021/22 is forecast at £24,128k. This pressure will ultimately be funded from future grant awards and will therefore not impact upon the Council's own resources."</i></p> <p>The question asked is, how much of the 17.5% has been contributed by the backlog and how many cases are still outstanding?</p>	<p>Response to be circulated prior to the meeting.</p>