

# 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 April 2021

### Item 5 – Review by the Social Care, Housing & Public Health Policy Overview Committee into ‘making the Council more autism friendly’

<b>Committee question</b>	<b>Officer response</b>
Clarification on whether autistic people were involved in the review.	<p>A broad range of relevant witnesses were considered from the outset by Members and put forward by officers. The initial scoping report did include plans to meet with autistic people in an appropriate informal setting outside official committee meetings.</p> <p>This was prior to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Committee's witness and evidence gathering sessions were put on hold for several months and also adjusted in light of social distancing requirements and difficulties holding face-to-face meetings.</p> <p>Overall, the review had a wide range of witness evidence and testimony with expertise received relevant to support the recommendations put forward to Cabinet.</p>
Having an easy read version of review reports from committees	Officers are happy to look at the feasibility of producing a second 'easy read' document, within resources. It should be noted though that a summary of the review is provided in the accompanying Cabinet report, the Chairman's foreword in the main

	report and the Annual Report to Council each year. One suggestion is to better summarise all committee reviews on the Council's website.
How the Council plans to work with autistic people on the actions arising from the review	The relevant Committee will undertake periodic reviews of how its recommendations are being implemented and at these occasions will be in a position to ask officers, wherever possible, to engage with autistic people in their application going forward.
Clarification on whether school governors receive or would be given autism awareness training	Response awaited.

### **Item 7 – Council Monthly Budget Monitoring Report**

<b>Committee question</b>	<b>Officer response</b>
Regarding the new fee charges for parking at Ruislip Lido how many Hillingdon vs non-Hillingdon residents currently park there.	Whilst this may vary over time, as an example, activity between 1 January and 14 May 2021 shows that 19.2% of parking was by residents with a Hillingdon First Card, the remainder were either non-residents or residents not using a Hillingdon First card.
Whether these measures would help reduce congestion & in particular encourage Hillingdon residents, and encourage people to take alternative forms of transport and help reduce air pollution	Officers advise that one of the main reasons for the change in charges is to discourage visitors coming by car as the Lido is well served by public transport. The Council publicises that parking is limited in the area.
It was noted that there was further adverse movement in the High Needs Block and the committee asked whether there was a plan to manage the growth in services to help avoid a continued rise in the deficit.	<p>The Council is required to submit a DSG Deficit Recovery Plan to the DfE/ESFA so they can confirm a plan is in place.</p> <p>This includes planned actions in the following areas in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEND Places - Use of SEND Capital Grant funding to create in-borough specialist places to meet current and future demands</li> <li>• SEND Pathway - It is anticipated that pressures on the cost of High Needs placements can be managed through the SEND pathway model. This is based on the assumption that new children in the system, will go through the pathway of the pre-statutory SEND pathway via the SEND Advisory Service, through the</li> </ul>

	Extra Support Funding mechanism at a lower average per pupil cost (c.£6k).
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