

CABINET – 21 JANUARY 2020

LOCAL AREA SEND RE-VISIT REPORT – INSPECTION DATE 15 – 17 OCTOBER 2019.

Report by Head of SEND

RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the outcome of the SEND Local Area Re-Visit report, published on the 23 December 2019.

Executive Summary

1. The Local Area SEND revisit was undertaken on the 15 – 17 October 2019, with the final report published on the 23 December 2019. The report details the outcome of the report which highlighted that three out of five areas of significant weakness highlighted in the Local Area SEND Inspection in September 2017 had been deemed to have made sufficient progress.
2. The following areas were highlighted as having made sufficient progress:
 - The lack of clearly understood and effective lines of accountability for the implementation of the reforms;
 - The timeliness of the completion of EHC plans;
 - The high level of fixed-term exclusion of pupils in mainstream secondary schools who have special educational needs and social emotional and mental health needs in particular.
3. The two areas deemed not to have made significant progress are:
 - The quality of EHC plans.
 - The quality and rigour of self-evaluation and monitoring and the limited effect it has had on driving and securing improvement.
4. The Local Area will be required to provide an updated Action Plan to the Department for Education (DfE) but will not be subject to a further Ofsted/CQC inspection in this inspection window.
5. This action plan will be monitored each month by the SEND Performance Board.
6. The Department for Education will provide monitoring visits, however the frequency of these are yet to be decided, however it is likely that it will be one further visit in 2020.

Financial and Staff Implications

7. There are no Financial or Staff implications in this report

Equalities Implications

8. There are no Equalities Implications in this report

Sustainability Implications (Environmental Impacts – Reducing our Climate Impact)

9. There are no direct sustainability implications in the policy, or the operation/administration of the policy.

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Background papers: Local Area SEND RE-Visit report

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