

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 17

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Report on 'Support and Aspiration: A new approach to special educational needs and disability – A Consultation by the Department for Education (Green Paper) Briefing on the South East 7- application to be a Pathfinder for the Green Paper proposals		
Date of Meeting:	14 th September 2011		
Report of:	Jo Lyons, Lead Commissioner, Schools, Skills and Learning		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of the main proposals outlined by the government in the Special Educational Needs Green Paper 'Support and Aspiration: A new approach to special educational needs and disability – A Consultation.
- 1.2 The report also gives details of the City Council's participation in a multi-authority application as part of the South East 7 to be a Pathfinder and test the proposals in the Green Paper prior to legislation being enacted to replace the way children and young people with special educational needs and disability are assessed and have their needs met under the current processes and procedures in the Education Act 1996.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the committee notes and approves the report.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The report is based on the Special Educational Needs Green Paper consultation, March 2011 and the Department for Education's call for expressions of interest to become a Pathfinder to test the proposals before the formulation of new legislation.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The report has been formulated in consultation with Children Services staff with responsibility for Special Educational Needs and Disability Services.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

Finance Officer Consulted:

Date:

Legal Implications:

5.2 There are no legal implications

Lawyer Consulted:

Date:

Equalities Implications:

5.3 .

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 .

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 .

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Briefing Paper on 'Support and Aspiration: A new approach to special needs and disability – A consultation (Department of Education – March 2011)
2. Briefing paper on ' The South East 7 Authorities Pathfinder Application'

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

1. Support and Aspiration: A new approach to special educational needs and disability – Department of Education March 2011
2. Support and Aspiration: A new approach to special educational needs and disability – Department of Education March 2011-Executive Summary

