

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 16

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Parents' views on the future of Special Educational Needs (SEN) in Brighton & Hove

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE/ EXEMPTIONS

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Parent Carers' Council (PaCC) is a city-wide group supported by Amaze, for all parent carers who are responsible for children and young people with special needs including ongoing health conditions, physical disabilities and learning disabilities. More information on the PaCC is available on their website at http://www.amazebrighton.org.uk/parent_carers_council
- 1.2 Appended to this report is a paper from PaCC on Special Education Needs (SEN). CYPOSC agreed to debate this report with a view to understanding the experiences, views and concerns of partners and as a way of beginning a debate on the issues within the report.
- 1.3 Members will note that agenda item 17 also addresses SEN and will want to consider the issues raised in this report alongside that item.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Members debate and comment upon the issues raised in the report and consider what, if any, further action to take.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 In 2010 members of the PaCC identified education as the main area of concern to parents. The Appendix to this report highlights good practice within schools for children with SEN. The report also outlines

recommendations made by parents. CYPOSC have previously heard reports from the PaCC.

3.2 In receiving the report from PaCC CYPOSC Members have an opportunity to explore:

- the issues raised in the report;
- how the information has been used to date;
- what action if any has resulted from the report;
- what priorities the PaCC would like to see taken forward;
- opportunities going forward.

3.3 Members are invited to also consider whether they wish to take forward the issues raised.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 The consultation undertaken by the PaCC is outlined within appendix 1.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Legal Implications:

5.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Equalities Implications:

5.3 Equality is a theme within the attached report and central to many of the issues raised.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 There are no sustainable implications arising directly from this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 There are none.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 There are none.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 There are none.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Parents' views on the future of SEN in Brighton & Hove.