

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board

DATE: 17th January 2024

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director, Education, Inclusion and Provision

PORTFOLIO: Children & Young People

SUBJECT: Inspection of SEND Local Area Partnership

WARD(S) Boroughwide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To update the health and wellbeing Board on the SEND Local Area Partnership Board inspection process and recent SEND inspection learning. The outcomes and report are embargoed until publication of the report, therefore the presentation will outline learning as a partnership from the process. The report will share the responsibilities of the Local Area Partnership and help to inform Health and Wellbeing Board of priorities which the board will use to inform strategic planning and support the partnership on delivering the right support at the right time in the right way for our children and young people with SEND.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** That the health wellbeing board use the learning gained to inform priorities and ensure stakeholders are all supported and held to account to deliver on our collective ambition, influencing stakeholders as appropriate and feeding into our Joint Strategic Needs Analysis.

2.1 **RECOMMENDED: That the report be noted.**

2.2 1. The board understands who the SEND Local area partnership are and what are the key priorities of the partnership

2.3 2. Ensure senior management representation across the place within Halton and affirm the corporate commitment to develop stronger partnership working to ensure the needs of children and young people with SEND are met, with an inclusive, ambitious community for our children and young people with SEND

2.4 3. The Board understand the inspection process, cycle and are aware of the publishing of an imminent inspection report and keep abreast of any communications regarding findings and priorities.

2.5 4. The Board of cross-party members, senior managers, and key

stakeholders, to meet bi-monthly, receiving plans, strategy and reports, including performance reports; undertaking strategic and thematic enquiry into specific elements of the SEND strategy and partnership planning, and seeking ways of resolving barriers to support the success of our children and young people with SEND

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The report is supported by a presentation outlining the SEND Local Area Partnership inspection process and next steps.

3.2 <https://www.gov.uk/.../area-send-inspections-framework-and-handbook>

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There may need to be updates to local policy and procedure once the inspection report is published.

4.2 Sharing of the inspection report and findings once published will need to feed into future policy, planning and procedures across the system.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Findings of the inspection report may lead to impact financially on service delivery and provision where we are failing to address need in this cohort of CYP with SEND.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Children and Young People in Halton need to receive the right support at the right time, in the right way. Once the inspection findings are published plans will be reviewed in line with priorities identified.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

Children and Young People with SEND need support in order to develop independence, prepare for adulthood and become contributing citizens of the future therefore working to improve better outcomes.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Ensuring CYP with SEND receive support at the right time, in the right way is crucial to improving health and well being of these young people. Early identification, early support and access to services as appropriate to need will be a priority for all.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

The presentation works to supporting the wider agenda of a safer

and sustainable community.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

The supporting of place and the need for a greener and healthier environment for children and families to grow up in supports the emotional health and well being of all.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 If found to be failing to meet need as a system for CYP with SEND, we are at risk of not being compliant with regulatory and statutory duties. If not meeting needs early, this can impact on longer term outcomes and health of our young people with SEND.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 Halton has a duty to deliver, to promote equality, diversity and a commitment to ensuring Halton is an inclusive and accessible community for all.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no implications on climate change on this proposal.

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None under the meaning of the Act.