

**CABINET**  
**8 FEBRUARY 2018****SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEED AND/OR A DISABILITY  
(SEND) STRATEGY**

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**Relevant Cabinet Member**  
Mr M J Hart

**Relevant Officer**  
Director of Children, Families and Communities

**Recommendation**

- 1. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education and Skills recommends that Cabinet approves the Special Educational Need and/or a Disability (SEND) Strategy and supports the vision and priorities under the corporate vision of improving outcomes for all children and young people by helping them to achieve their full potential in education.**

**Background**

2. Improving outcomes for vulnerable children and young people, which includes those with a special educational need and/or a disability (SEND), is a key priority within the Children and Young People's Plan and is dependent on, and expected of, effective partnership collaboration between strategic health bodies and the Council.
3. Children and young people with SEND deserve to be supported and encouraged to reach their full potential including, where possible, living independent lives. They also deserve to receive help and support from good quality services.
4. We know that there is a need to strengthen, develop and deliver services to meet the needs of children, young people with SEND and their parents and carers.
5. The purpose of the SEND Strategy is to set out the case for change and how we plan to respond through five key priorities.

**Privacy and Public Health Impact Assessments**

6. The SEND Strategy was agreed by the Health and Well-Being Board as part of the formal governance arrangements in December 2017.

**Equality and Diversity Implications**

7. Equality Impact Analysis has been carried out in respect of the SEND strategy. This identified potential positive impact in the lives of children and young people who have a disability. No potential adverse impact was identified.

## **Supporting Information**

- SEND Strategy

## **Contact Points**

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## **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Director of Children, Families and Communities) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda papers of the meeting of the Health and Well-Being Board held on 5 December 2017