

## REPORT TO SEND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SEND Strategy 2021-24</b>
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>

### 1. Summary of progress and actions since last period

The SEND Summit took place on 22 April 2021. 46 members attended including 5 members of SSIF. The purpose of the SEND Summit was to;

**Assess:**

Whether the priorities and actions from the last SEND Strategy 2016-19 had been achieved; the areas for improvement from the last inspection, including current progress on the Written Statement of Action had been completed and we were able to evidence impact. The final section of the Self-Evaluation (SEF) was being finalised to reflect feedback from the Summit when the SEND revisit took place so the latest draft was uploaded to the Ofsted evidence portal and the SEF will be finalised and submitted to the next Board meeting.

Are we achieving the standards set in our Draft Quality and Outcomes Framework, the SEN Code of Practice, but most importantly, how are we doing for children and young people? What are our key achievements and what are the areas for improvement?

**Agree:**

Whether the SEF is an accurate portrayal?

Priorities, potential actions, and key components for the new three year SEND Strategy.

The SEF was confirmed to be an accurate summary worthy of use for revisit evidence. It was agreed it would benefit from an Executive Summary.

The following were agreed as the top 7 priorities by the Summit.

Transitions	at all ages as well as preparing for adulthood, but we need to define what we mean by 'transition' in greater detail, understand each stage and recognise that for some children we need to be mindful of their developmental stage rather than their chronological age.
Voice of Child/Young Person	how they not only participate and collaborate individually as part of their case work, but also collectively to inform commissioning, service development and co-production. Working much more strongly with CYP. How we really listen, and hear correctly, and what we do with that information. Community voice and family voice were also mentioned.
Early Intervention and Support	earlier identification of needs and how we can use predictions to help us plan through the system.
Mental Health and Wellbeing	Including an Integrated Behaviour Pathway.
Workforce Development	training and increasing knowledge and skills not only of professionals but also the community and parents/carers.

Improving EHCPs	quality and working together, although improved, more to do.
Local Offer Website and Communication	the LO website has improved, but there is more to do, and improving comms between partners, parents, children, communities.

“Happy and thriving” was considered as a worthy strapline for the new SEND Strategy.

The new Strategy for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities is being developed. The new SEND Strategic Partnership Board, supported by the SEND Operations Group, will drive this forward.

Changes and new information gathered during 2020/21 will inform and support a SEND Strategy for the next three year and includes:

- A Quality and Outcomes Framework which will provide quantitative and qualitative evidence from across the partnership about prevalence, needs, services and outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- Progress against the SEND inspection (Oct 2018) Written Statement of Action
- Outcome of the 2021 re-visit and the new Accelerated Progress Plan
- Co-production across the local area with parents, carers, children and young people taking a key role in its development.

The SEND Strategy will be presented in the following ways:

- A detailed SEND Strategy that includes action planning and the quality and outcomes framework.
- A one-page summary document of the SEND Strategy
- A video representation of the SEND Strategy.

It was originally intended to hold a follow up event in June however discussion at the Scrum proposes a series of consultation activities listed below to take place in June to capture feedback from a variety of stakeholders at source.

## **2. Proposed priorities and activities for next period**

<b>Activity and outcome</b>	<b>By when</b>
One page summary of Summit to be added to Your say Southend to gather wider feedback from Community. Promotion via SBC/SCCG/SSIF	28 <sup>th</sup> May
Promote on Local Offer and related social media channels every day for a fortnight	1st June
Ask partners to promote on various social media channels	1 <sup>st</sup> June
Add summary to SLN and link to YSS	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Ask schools to publish in newsletters and link to YSS	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Agenda Item for Headteacher webinars	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Agenda item for SENCO clusters	15 <sup>th</sup> June
SSIF hold Strategy development session	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Link with SAVS re promotion	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Create an easy read document or video	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Coproduction session with Trust Links	15 <sup>th</sup> June

Coproduction session with Friends & Places	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Coproduction session with College pupils	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Coproduction session with Multi Schools Council	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Sighted at HWBB	9th June
Improvement Board	14th June
Cabinet	15th June
Education Board	22nd June
SSSPB near finished version	5th July
Scrutiny	6th July
Improvement Board	20th July
Cabinet	27th Aug
Scrutiny	31st Aug
HWBB sign off	8th Sept

### **3. Recommendations / Discussion / Decisions required from Partnership Board**

- To agree the current priorities emerging from Summit, Inspection Revisit, WSoA and SEF
- To agree proposed SEND Strategy consultation timetable and presentation method.
- To confirm the governance route for approving the SEND Strategy.