

## REPORT TO SEND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Highlight report from SEND Operations Group</b>
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>5th July 2022</b>

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

SENDOPs met on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 and considered the following items. SENDOPS also met on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 but draft minutes have not been circulated so will be captured in the next highlight report.

#### SEND Capital Allocation

A paper was presented which detailed the capital resources that had been made available in previous years and were available to spend to develop specialist provision in Southend over the next 3 years. The current provision development centered around the establishment of Autism Resource Bases attached to mainstream schools and further development of these bases was happening and planned. Building work was progressing at Southend Boys High School and the provision would open this year and a statutory consultation was underway to establish a third primary ARB at Thorpe Greenways Primary School.

The funding available related to capital spend – but SENDOPs noted that Education Board would need to identify sufficient revenue resources from the High Needs Block to resource any new provision built using the capital funding.

#### SEND Green Paper Right Support at the Right Time

A paper would be presented to Education Board in June requesting financial for support using DSG funds to be able to support the delivery of the Green Paper. This request was agreed at the June Education Board and confirmed in the June SENDOPs Meeting.

Discussion took place about understanding of the SEND Green paper including practical steps as to how the Southend SEND Partnership can develop a collective response.

#### Progress Monitoring and Risk Log

The risk to the achievement of key performance indicators was raised given the significant increase in demand which had not been matched by additional staff, it was however noted that all vacancies in the SEND Team had been recruited to during April.

SENDOPS received a brief update on the changing structure of health services and Clinical Commissioning Groups in line with national policy. Potential impact of the change on the SEND Strategic Partnership was discussed.

SENDOPs received a report from the Chair on the operational performance of the Local Offer Review Group.

The first SEND E Newsletter was shared with SENDOPS and members encouraged to provide content for the second edition.

**2. Risks & Issues - Are now reported via the Risk Log**

**3. Proposed priorities and activities for next period**

Activity and outcome	By when	
Task	Initials	Due Date
Task and finish group to collate SEND Partnership Response to SEND Green Paper	BM and identified partnership members	30.6.22
SEND Strategy consultation events to be arranged for June/July	SEND Scrum	31.7.22
Inclusion task and finish group to meet to plan workstream and resource allocation following Education Board approval of High Needs Block Resources	BM	30.6.22

**4. Recommendations / Discussion / Decisions required from Partnership Board**

SSPB to consider the risks identified around capacity and to support need for response to capacity review.