


Non-Executive Report of the: Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board Tuesday, 6 April 2021	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: James Thomas, Director, Children and Culture	Classification: Open (Unrestricted)
SEND Improvement Update	

Originating Officer(s)	Tracy Stanley, Strategy & Policy Officer, Children and Culture
Wards affected	(All Wards)

Executive Summary

This briefing will provide an update on SEND improvement work, looking at the priority areas and the key issues, main activities and current challenges for each. The briefing is being provided as a set of slides for the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. **REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

1.1 There is no decision, this briefing is for information.

2. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

2.1 N/A

3. **DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

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4. **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The SEND improvement work is directly concerned with equalities and by driving improvement work will improve outcomes for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.
- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

5.2 There are no further specific statutory implications at this stage.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 The briefing focuses primarily on service delivery and improvement. Costs and funding of SEND are across the general fund and the high needs block of the dedicated schools grant (DSG) as well as in collaboration with partner agencies. Cost and funding implications would be considered as part of the high needs recovery plan which will in turn be considered alongside this improvement plan. There are no direct finance implications arising from the recommendation in this briefing.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

7.1 Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014 requires local authorities to provide services to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, and to keep the provision made for these children and young people under review. The proposals set out in this briefing comply with the above legislation.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- SEND Improvement Update April 2021 (powerpoint slides)

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- NONE.

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