

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – ESA01 23/24

Decision				
1	Title of decision: To approve the Local Area SEND Improvement Plan October 2023			
2	Decision maker: Councillor Sally Cresswell (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships)			
3	Report author and contact details: Annie Gammon, with SEND partnership. Annie.gammon@plymouth.gov.uk			
4	Decision to be taken: 1. To approve the Local Area SEND Improvement Plan.			
5	Reasons for decision: 1. It is a requirement of the Ofsted/CQC report that a plan is published in response; 2. This plan has been signed off by all partners; 3. The plan has been approved by Ofsted, CQC and DfE.			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: 1. Not Applicable - It is a requirement of the Ofsted/CQC report that a plan is published in response.			
7	Financial implications and risks: There are no direct financial resources allocated. However, there will be a need for professional time to be available to lead and implement the plan. This will be prioritised in the partnership current resourcing, for example, a Project Lead has been sourced for Plymouth Children's Services. The developments in the plan are more focused on the way we work, rather than on additional resources.			
8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice) Please type an X into the relevant boxes	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
			x	in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total
			x	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1million
			x	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.

	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions	N/A		
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	This plan links to: Fairness: Because we want to address inequality and inequity in our city; Co-operation: Because we achieve more together than we would alone; Keeping children, adults and communities safe; Providing quality public services; Focussing on prevention and early intervention; Delivering A Bright Future.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	No direct impacts anticipated.		
Urgent decisions				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
	Please type an X into the relevant box	No	X	(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency:			
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	x	
	Please type an X into the relevant box	No		(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Jemima Laing (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications)		

13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	22 October 2023						
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer				
		No	x					
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	David Haley					
		Job title	Director of Children's Services					
		Date consulted	18 October 2023					
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS59 23/24					
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.23.24.126					
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/AC/1/20/10/23					
		Human Resources (if applicable)						
		Corporate property (if applicable)						
		Procurement (if applicable)						
Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	Briefing report for publication						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment						
	C	Ofsted/CQC report August 2023						
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ("Part II") briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No	x					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7

18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
Background Papers								
19	<p>Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.</p> <p>Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</p>							
Title of background paper(s)		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature								
20	<p>I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.</p>							
Signature		Date of decision	22 October 2023					
Print Name	Councillor Sally Cresswell							