

Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting:	06 February 2025
Title of Report:	Local Area SEND Improvement Plan Progress Report
Lead Member:	Councillor Sally Cresswell (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships)
Lead Strategic Director:	David Haley (Director for Childrens Services)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report provides comprehensive information on the progress made in the Plymouth Local Area SEND Improvement Plan since the local area SEND inspection which took place in June 2023. The aim is to highlight the advancements in each of the priority action areas as verified in the SEND critical review in January 2025.

Recommendations and Reasons

- I. For the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel to note the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected

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Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This Plan aims to make Plymouth a great place to grow up by keeping children, adults and communities safe by providing quality public services, focusing on prevention and early intervention.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The Council is committed to providing an excellent service to its SEND children and young people which has been reflected in the proposed budget, subject to council agreement.

Financial Risks

N/A

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty: N/A

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give 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 and those who do not.

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Appendices

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A	Briefing report title							

Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: David Haley											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 29/01/2025											
Cabinet Member approval: Cllr Cresswell (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships)											
Date approved: 27/01/2025											