

**EXECUTIVE
5 DECEMBER 2017**

**ITEM 6: BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF SPECIALIST PROVISION: A
COLLABORATIVE STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES**

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Comments

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee strongly supports the three recommendations set out on pages 69-70 of the Executive's agenda.

The Committee would like to add the following comments: -

- Future Proofing – The Committee has welcomed the level of positive involvement of special schools and their head teachers in the development of the proposals. The Committee reflected on how to secure the proposed provision in the future when the particular circumstances of special schools and head teachers might change. The Committee was assured that if a special school were in the future to indicate that it could not meet the needs of an individual pupil in its area, this would not only be a matter for the local authority, but would also be a matter for other special schools. This would in effect mean the school would be influenced by the 'peer pressure' of other special schools.
- Meeting Statutory Obligations – The Committee is aware of the role of the local authority in meeting its statutory obligations, specifically in meeting the needs of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. The Committee has highlighted there is a risk that some schools might be seeking to take systematic advantage of the opportunities on offer as a result of the proposals. The Committee acknowledges that any gains for each school would be ultimately for the benefit of pupils.
- Communication with Parents – The Committee has stressed the importance of communicating with parents during the implementation phase of the proposals. The Committee was assured that the implementation of the proposals would be gradual.

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**REPORT: COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN 2017-2018 PERFORMANCE REPORT,
QUARTER TWO**

**SCRUTINY OPINION FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT
BOARD – 30 NOVEMBER 2017**

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board met on 30 November 2017 and considered a report concerning the Council Business Plan 2017-2018 Performance Report, Quarter Two. The Board supported the recommendations contained in the report.

In addition, the following comments were made:

- The Board was content with the suggested changes at Appendix B to improve the Infographics to demonstrate the cumulative measure in addition to the quarterly figures;
- The Board asked that the Executive give further consideration to Household Waste Recycling Centres and the expected decrease in the percentage of household waste recycled in Quarter 3 and Quarter 4. Although it was explained that this was due to a reduction in composting as a result of weather changes and growing conditions over the winter period, the Board suggested that the Executive seek assurance from the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership that this was being addressed within the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy;
- The Board asked that the Executive consider whether the rationale for targeting performance in certain areas should only be based on national indicators. An example being that the national requirement for 'Chlamydia Diagnosis Service Credits' related only to the 15-24 year old age range which meant that no account was taken of incidence amongst over 24 year olds. The Board considered that there would be advantages where data was available in reporting on local indicators of concern which were not necessarily a national priority.
- The Board had requested that actual figures, in addition to percentage figures, be included in all future performance reports in order to provide context.

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