

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 05 March 2025

Report Title

Cabinet's response to the Improving Lives Select Commission Scrutiny Review on Preparation for Adulthood

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

The report presents Cabinet's response to the findings and recommendations from the Improving Lives Select Commission Review – Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Recommendations

That Council note Cabinet's response to the recommendations as summarised in the Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) report, attached at Appendix 1.

List of Appendices Included

Cabinet Report - 20 January 2025 - Cabinet Response to the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Appendix 1 - Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review -- Preparation for Adulthood for children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Appendix 2 - Initial Equality Screening Assessment Form

Appendix 3 - Equality Analysis Screening

Appendix 4 - Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers

[Cabinet Report - Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review - Preparation - 20/01/25](#)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Cabinet – 20 January 2025

Cabinet – 14 October 2024

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 10 September 2024

Improving Lives Select Commission – 30 July 2024

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Cabinet's response to the Improving Lives Select Commission Scrutiny Review on Preparation for Adulthood

1. Background

- 1.1 Preparation for Adulthood has been an on-going area of interest for the Improving Lives Select Commission (ILSC) over recent years, following the SEND inspection in 2021. In discussions with the Improving Lives Select Commission, the Rotherham Parent Carers' Forum highlighted that a greater focus was required to identify what was in place, to support successful preparation to adulthood for children and young people in Rotherham with SEND and consider whether there were any gaps in the available provision.
- 1.2 The Improving Lives Select Commission agreed to hold a spotlight review on preparation for adulthood which took place on 15th February 2024. Planning sessions were held in advance of the spotlight review meeting to determine the scope of the review. Briefing materials and resources were circulated in advance of the review session, to inform key lines of enquires (KLOEs).
- 1.3 The review itself took place over a single afternoon, with many partners present to provide a range of perspectives and information. This work enabled the sub-group to establish an understanding of the services that were being delivered in Rotherham to support preparation for adulthood.
- 1.4 The recommendations from the sub-group were presented to Cabinet on 14 October 2024 and Cabinet provided a response on 20 January 2025.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The key issues are set out in the Cabinet report, which sets out the main findings and recommendations from the review and Cabinet's response. The recommendations and corresponding actions (attached at Appendix 1) are designed to give Members the assurance that the findings and recommendations have been considered.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 It is recommended that Council note that Cabinet approved the response to the recommendations as summarised in the Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review -- Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 There are no alternative options to consider.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 Details regarding consultation as part of the review are set out in the Cabinet report.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 Cabinet's responses to each of the recommendations and associated timescales are detailed in the Cabinet report.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 Financial implications are outlined within the Cabinet report listed in the Cabinet Report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 Legal Advice and Implications are outlined within the Cabinet report listed in the Cabinet report.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 8.1 Human Resources Advice and Implications are outlined within the Cabinet report listed in the Cabinet report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 9.1 Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults are outlined within the Cabinet report listed in the Cabinet report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 10.1 Details of any implications are listed within the Initial Equalities Screening Form (Part A) and Analysis (Part B) completed and included in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3.

11. Implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change

- 11.1 Details of any implications are listed within the Carbon Impact Assessment at Appendix 4.

12. Implications for Partners

- 12.1 Implications for partners are set out in the main sections of the Cabinet report listed in the Cabinet report.

13. Risks and Mitigation

- 13.1 There are no risks directly rising from this report.

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