

Report title: SEND Strategy 2021 Update	
Report to: People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

The Committee has previously been consulted on the development of a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy. This is a further update.

2. Action required

The Committee is asked to consider:

- (i) The attached update; and
- (ii) Identify any follow-up scrutiny actions

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee last discussed SEND services in January 2021 with previous discussions to that in February and July 2020. During this time the Committee were updated on the development of a SEND Strategy.
- 3.2 Alongside these discussions was consideration of issues and actions arising from a Care Quality Commission and Ofsted review of SEND arrangements in Essex.
- 3.3 Links to the meeting papers for the most recent meeting in January 2021 and the minutes are here –

[PAF agenda papers - 14 January 2021](#)

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4. Update and Next Steps

- 4.1 The update is attached in the Appendix. Next steps are as proposed under Action Required.

Expected attendees to support the discussion:

County Councillor Tony Ball, Cabinet Member – Education Excellence, Life-Long Learning and Employability.

Ralph Holloway, Head of SEND Strategy and Innovation

5. List of Appendices

- (i) PowerPoint Briefing Paper: My Life, My Rights – Essex Local Area SEND Strategy 2021;
- (ii) My Life, My Rights – Essex Local Area SEND Strategy 2021 – published October 2021