

	AGENDA ITEM 5
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Special Educational Needs – review and public consultation

Purpose:

To consider the reports attached in Appendix 2 as an introduction to a review undertaken of SEN provision in Essex and discuss the aims, priorities and objectives of a public consultation to be launched next month (March).

To consider the attached draft scoping document (Appendix 1) which can be used to framework future work.

To consider the format and timelines for future work on this issue.

Background:

During discussions with Councillor Gooding, Cabinet Member – Education and Clare Kershaw, Director - Education, at the private work planning and review session in December, it was agreed to consider including an upcoming review and public consultation on Special Educational Needs in the Committee's work programme.

The County Council is looking to have a principles and values based conversation with parents and discuss a vision for long-term service provision. A formal public consultation exercise is due to start in March 2019.

The Committee is invited to input into the format of, and planning for, the consultation process and contribute to and influence considerations around the future structure and delivery of services.

Ralph Holloway, Head of SEND Strategy and Innovation will be in attendance today to facilitate an initial discussion.