

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

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The SEND & Inclusion Plan Annual Report 2020-21

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This annual report provides an opportunity to summarise the work undertaken during the period 2020/21 to implement the North Lincolnshire Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and Inclusion Plan 2021-24.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 This report is directly linked to the SEND and Inclusion Plan 2021-24.
- 2.2 The report sets out our expectations for the lived experience for children and young people with SEND in North Lincolnshire and provides case studies which illustrate the difference our support has made to children and young people's lives.

It describes our response to the Covid-19 pandemic and how we quickly adapted to new ways of working and progressed into the ensuing period of recovery and renewal.

Progress made against the priorities and commissioning intentions of the SEND and Inclusion Plan are highlighted, for example, establishing a new provision for Key Stage 2 age children with social, emotional, mental health needs at Wyredale Road and enabling the relocation of Coritani Academy to high quality accommodation. We have also ensured that a sponsor was appointed by the DfE for our post-16 SEND Free School, for September 2023 opening. Funding has also been secured for a new complex needs short breaks home. This is due to be completed by March 2023.

Education outcomes for children and young people with SEND are also included.

- 2.3 Headline strengths include well established integrated partnership working across the local authority, strong evidence of co-production and successful completion and compliance with SEND reforms and rollout of a new digital Education, Health and Care (EHC) Hub to enable children, young people and families to participate more effectively in the statutory special educational needs assessment process.
- 2.4 This report also details the range of priorities for development that will enable progress to be made against the place partnership ambitions of 'safe, well, prosperous and connected' and the continued One Family Approach drive to ensure that children and young people remain within their families, schools and communities.
- 2.5 The report also highlights the excellent local area SEND inspection outcome, which is a testament to the hard work and commitment of everyone working in local services across North Lincolnshire for children and young people with SEND.

Inspectors praised the suite of strategies that are in place in North Lincolnshire to help young people achieve better outcomes, access opportunities and lead better lives.

Inspectors also acknowledged the effectiveness of the support provided by all agencies at key transition points and the range of opportunities available to develop independence and life skills.

Also highlighted were the quality of leadership, the strength of partnerships, a clear commitment to co-production and the dedication of the teams within North Lincolnshire which clearly helps children, parents and carers in our local communities.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Approve and publish the SEND Annual Report 2020-21.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The report is a summary of progress and has gone through a process of scrutiny by senior officers.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

- 5.1 There are no financial or other resource implications to this report.

6. **OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

- 6.1 There are no other relevant implications
- 6.2 Equalities issues under the Equalities Act 2010 have been considered and included in this plan.
- 6.3 This report is linked via the SEND and Inclusion Plan 2021-24 to the Council Plan, and its values of:
- Equality of opportunity so everyone can have a good quality of life.
 - Striving for excellence and high standards.
 - Using our resources wisely and with integrity.
 - Promoting self-responsibility and people having choice and control over their own lives.
- 6.4 No environmental implications or significant risks have been identified.

7. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

- 7.1 Not Applicable

8. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

- 8.1 Consultation has not been required.
- 8.2 There are no conflicts of interest.

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 That the SEND Annual Report 2020-21 is approved and published.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

SEND and Inclusion Plan 2021-24