

DECISION-MAKER:	SCRUTINY PANEL A		
SUBJECT:	3rd MEETING OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS INQUIRY		
DATE OF DECISION:	19 JANUARY 2011		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF CORPORATE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

SUMMARY

The third meeting of the Primary School Educational Attainment for Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) Inquiry will include feedback from members on their school visits to see specialist units in action followed by three presentations outlining the future, nationally and locally, for SEN, disability and emerging issues from Government.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) The panel is recommended to consider the discussions at the meeting and use the information provided as evidence in the inquiry.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To enable the panel to compile a file of evidence in order to formulate findings and recommendations at the end of the inquiry process.

CONSULTATION

2. Stakeholders are being consulted throughout the inquiry process. The Head of Standards, the Principal Officer for Prevention and Inclusion, the NHS Commissioner for Children's Healthcare and Associate Director for Children and Families, Solent Healthcare were involved in developing the agenda for this meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None

DETAIL

4. Members will be visiting Bassett Green Primary School, Hardmoor Early Years Centre, Highfield CE Primary School, Mason Moor Primary School and Springwell School between 11-18 January to see the schools in action, with a particular focus on their specialist units or provision for special educational needs.

5. At the beginning of the third meeting members will be invited to give a verbal feedback of their observations and views following the visits.
6. This will be followed by first presentation from Julie Wharton and Julia Katherine which will outline the emerging national picture for special educational needs. This will also highlight issues around child poverty and the new pupil premium. The presentation will draw on the expected direction of the delayed white paper. The consultation document from the Green Paper: Children And Young People With Special Educational Needs And Disabilities - Call For Views is attached as **Appendices 1 and 2**.
7. **Appendices 3 and 4** provide a breakdown of Southampton City School pupils with and without special needs against children receiving free school meals.
8. The second presentation from Donna Chapman and Liz Taylor will outline the future model of delivery and developments from the health perspective. This will cover emerging issues from the disability review and how the Health White Paper will impact on service delivery for children with special needs. It will draw out the key messages for joint working and decision making. The engagement paper for children and young people has been included as **Appendix 5: Achieving Equity and Excellence for Children**.
9. Finally, there will be an outline of the expected changes and context from Southampton City Council's perspective by Lesley Hobbs.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

8. Not applicable

Revenue

9. Not applicable

Property

10. Not applicable

Other

11. Not applicable

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

12. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

13. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

14. None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1 2	The consultation document from the Green Paper: Children And Young People With Special Educational Needs And Disabilities - Call For Views
3 4	Breakdown of Southampton City School pupils with and without special needs against children receiving free school meals.
5	Engagement paper for children and young people: Achieving Equity and Excellence for Children.

Documents In Members' Rooms

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Background Documents

None

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

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Background documents available for inspection at:

FORWARD PLAN No: Not applicable **KEY DECISION?** No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	Not applicable
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