

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	OUTCOMES OF THE JOINT LOCAL AREA SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND / OR DISABILITIES INSPECTION IN SOUTHAMPTON		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	11 MAY 2017		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	CHAIR OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>			
None			
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>			
<p>From 6 February to 10 February 2017, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) conducted a joint inspection to judge how effective Southampton is in implementing the disability and special educational needs reforms as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014.</p> <p>The Chair of the Panel has requested that the outcomes from the inspection, and the actions planned in response to the findings, are discussed at the 11 May meeting of the Children and Families Scrutiny Panel.</p>			
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>			
	(i)	That the Panel considers the findings from the joint local area special educational needs and / or disabilities inspection in Southampton, and scrutinises the actions proposed to address the areas identified as requiring development.	
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>			
1.	To ensure effective overview and scrutiny of the findings from the recent special educational needs and / or disabilities (SEND) inspection in Southampton.		
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>			
2.	None.		
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>			
3.	Attached as Appendix 1 is the outcome letter following the joint local area SEND inspection in Southampton. The inspection was led by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors from Ofsted, with a team of inspectors including an Ofsted Inspector and a Children's Services Inspector from the CQC.		
4.	The letter outlines the findings from the inspection, including some areas of strengths and areas for further improvement. In addition, attached as Appendix 2, is a letter from Edward Timpson MP, Minister of State for Vulnerable Children and Families, sent to Hilary Brooks following the publication of the inspection report.		
5.	Jo Cassey, Service Lead – Education and Early Help and Rob Winfield, SEND Service Manager will present to the Panel a summary of the findings		

	and the key actions to be taken to address the areas identified as requiring development. The Panel are asked to consider the information within the presentation and the attached documents and discuss the issues with the officers in attendance.		
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>			
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>			
6.	None.		
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>			
7.	None.		
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>			
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>			
8.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.		
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>			
9.	None		
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>			
10.	None		
<b>KEY DECISION</b>		No	
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>		None directly as a result of this report	
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>			
<b>Appendices</b>			
1.	Final Outcome Letter – Southampton LA SEND Inspection		
2.	Letter from the Minister of State		
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>			
1.	None		
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>			
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out.			No
<b>Privacy Impact Assessment</b>			
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.			No
<b>Other Background Documents</b>			
<b>Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>			
Title of Background Paper(s)		Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)	
1.	None		