

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Children & Young People Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	12 January 2016	
TITLE:	Behaviour Strategy	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1: 'Promoting Positive Behaviour' – Bath & North East Somerset Strategy for Behavioural Emotional and Social Difficulties 2016-19 (Draft)		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Council has commissioned the production of a Behaviour Strategy in collaboration with local schools and academies. The draft strategy is being circulated for comments and feedback prior to finalising the action plan to deliver it.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the work undertaken to date to prepare and draft a Behaviour Strategy – 'Promoting Positive Behaviour';
- 2.2 To provide comments and feedback on the draft strategy, prior to the action plan being finalised.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The recommendations contained in the strategy are largely intended to be delivered within existing resources of the Local Authority and schools, by the effective deployment of staff and relevant services;
- 3.2 The key actions that are dependent on additional resources are the expansion of alternative education provision and the creation of capacity for strategic leadership and commissioning for behaviour support and education other than at school. Proposals to fund these recommendations have been submitted to Schools Forum, which will consider its budget in January 2016.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Section 19 of the 1996 Education Act, and more recently, the `Alternative Provision- Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities`, published in January 2013, requires Local Authorities to arrange suitable full-time education for permanently excluded pupils, and for other pupils, who for illness or other reasons would not receive suitable education without such provision.
- 4.2 As a local authority we are required to provide a strategy that sets out arrangements for the education of this vulnerable group.
- 4.3 Within this statutory framework, Bath and North East Somerset Council is committed to improving social inclusion and increasing the capacity of mainstream schools to provide for all children and young people.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The draft strategy is attached at Appendix 1
- 5.2 Following further consultation with schools, an action plan will be drawn up with schools to deliver the strategy.

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 The draft strategy draws on data about local services and needs and the views of relevant officers and schools. It also considers the models and capacity of provision available in other Local Authorities, for comparison.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 None. The authority is required to have a strategy and for schools, a proactive approach to addressing the current and potential future pressures must be better than a reactive one, which is likely to be more costly and fail to deliver optimum educational outcomes for vulnerable local children and young people.

8 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Consultation and engagement has been with all schools and academies (including via the Chairs of the Behaviour and Attendance Panels and the Schools Forum) and relevant officers within Children’s Services.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council’s decision making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	<i>None</i>
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