

# Agenda Item 41

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Education, Health and Care Plan Audit report summary</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Schools Forum on 17 January 2018
<b>WARD</b>	Non Specific
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Interim Director of People Services - Paul Senior

## **OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY**

The Local Authority has statutory duties as a result of the Children and Families Act and SEN Code of Practice 2014 to ensure that we assess and plan to meet the needs of pupils who are SEND. This change in legislation has led to changes in working practices along with a different skill set required of staff. This audit was undertaken to ensure that we are making best use of our resources and that we have responded to the challenges in an appropriate way, transferring statements to EHCPs appropriately with an accurate threshold for new EHCPs.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Schools' Forum are invited to note the key themes emerging from a qualitative study of Education, Health and Care Plans

## **SUMMARY OF REPORT**

Wokingham Borough Council's SEN Team have made good progress in meeting the new demands of Education, Health and Care plans. The study finds that, on the whole, our thresholds are accurate and robust. There is a detailed action plan for the service to deliver as a result of the recommendations.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

*The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.*

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	n/a		
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	n/a		
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	n/a		

<b>Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision</b>
n/a

<b>Cross-Council Implications</b>
n/a

<b>Reasons for considering the report in Part 2</b>
The likely disclosure of identifiable information.

<b>List of Background Papers</b>
Appendix A – Audit report

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