

Committee: Community and Children's Services Committee	Dated: 01/05/2024
Subject: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Self-Evaluation Framework (SEND SEF)	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse Engaged Communities – ensuring that everyone feels like they belong and that they can co-create their services. • Providing Excellent Services – ensuring that our communities live healthy, independent lives where they have access to the services that they need to succeed in life.
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	£0
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
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Summary

In its local authority capacity, the City of London Corporation is obliged to produce a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Self-Evaluation Framework (SEND SEF). This is a duty described in the Ofsted Area SEND inspections: framework and handbook dated January 2024. The Ofsted inspection framework is informed by the duties of local authorities, health bodies, schools and colleges to provide for those with special educational needs under part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

SEND SEFs are intended to be iterative documents, co-produced with parents and carers, health, social care and education partners.

The City of London Corporation's SEND SEF will be subject to monthly review to ensure currency and accurately reflect progress against areas for further development.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. The City of London Corporation and Health partners are anticipating an Area SEND inspection by Ofsted. This follows our last inspection under the previous inspection framework in 2018. As part of our Area inspection preparation, sponsored by the Town Clerk and Executive Director of Community and Children's Services, Achieving for Children (London Borough of Richmond upon Thames) has accepted our invitation to conduct an informal peer review of our arrangements in the City.

Current Position

2. Members are invited to note the following SEND SEF, noting that this is an iterative document. It will be submitted to Ofsted as part of our evidence when the inspection commences. It is also available to Achieving for Children as part of the preparatory inspection work and will be publicly available on the City's Local Offer webpage.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

3. Strategic implications – the new Corporate Strategy, Department of Community and Children's Services (DCCS) Strategy and existing SEND Strategy is reflected in this SEND SEF. The City SEND Strategy is due for renewal in 2024, and that work has commenced.
4. Financial implications – none
5. Resource implications – none
6. Legal implications – none, compliant with the Children and Families Act 2014
7. Risk implications – none
8. Equalities implications – this SEF is intended to reflect on and improve the experience of children and young people with SEND who are resident in the City.
9. Climate implications – none
10. Security implications – none

Conclusion

11. Members are invited to note the current SEND SEF.

Appendix 1

- SEND SEF

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