

Birmingham City Council

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 30 November 2022



Subject: SENDIASS
Report of: Sue Harrison, Director of Children's Services
Report author: Rosemary Kew, Independent Report Author, National Children's Bureau

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the independent review of SENDIASS, commissioned from the National Children's Bureau.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members note the report and agree any comments/recommendations.

3 Any Finance Implications

- 3.1 There will be a need, based on the recommendations of the NCB report, to reassess the funding levels of the SENDIASS Service.

4 Any Legal Implications

- 4.1 Local authorities must arrange for children with SEN or disabilities for whom they are responsible, and their parents, and young people with SEN or disabilities for whom they are responsible, to be provided with information and advice about matters relating to their SEN or disabilities, including matters relating to health and social care.
- 4.2 As per the SEND Code of Practice 2015, SENDIASS are also expected to comply with the Minimum Standards for SEND Information Advice and Support and a set of Quality Standards ratified by the Department of Education, Health, and Social Care.
- 4.3 This report is being considered in closed session, as the implications of the report might contain information that is not conducive to be discussed in a public meeting, as would otherwise prejudice, or would be likely otherwise to prejudice, the effective conduct of public affairs.
- 4.4 This follows advice from the DfE SEND Commissioner, and accepted by the Monitoring Officer, that this is not a public report and therefore cannot be considered at a meeting in public. The report will be presented by the Director of Children's Services and the Independent Author will also attend. This will enable members to

have an open and full debate and fulfil the Committee's scrutiny function. Further information from the SENDIASS service may come to a future meeting of the Committee.

- 4.5 The item will be held in closed session under the Local Government Act 1972 Section 12a Para 3,

5 Any Equalities Implications

- 5.1 n/a

6 Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – NCB Review of SENDIASS Report (Exempt)