

**Recommendations from SEND Commissioner's second report to the Secretary of State**

	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>1</b>	The intervention should be retained in its current form including: the Statutory Direction; the Commissioner role; the Improvement Board; and the APP
<b>2</b>	The work being done within BCC to establish a stronger corporate infrastructure under the leadership of the Chief Executive and her team should be welcomed and endorsed
<b>3</b>	The work of the Lead Member and the Deputy Leader should be noted in their core roles of political leadership for children and SEND which are successfully helping to drive this improvement notwithstanding other political concerns.
<b>4</b>	However, the additional and continuing political concerns outlined above should be kept under close scrutiny. The planned work led by the Monitoring Officer is of particular importance and should be strongly supported.
<b>5</b>	The progress in the establishment of the local authority children's leadership and the strengthening children's partnerships should be supported and sustained, including towards the ambition of a child friendly city.
<b>6</b>	The formal establishment of a clear health and care joint commissioning framework and approach should be driven forward by key leaders, including through the ICS, but remain under the auspices and monitoring of the Board for the immediate future.
<b>7</b>	The intention to give stronger focus through this intervention on the role of schools and the development of a new SEND strategy between the LA and schools should be agreed.
<b>8</b>	In parallel the Department for Education should commit to the implementation of the recent Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision (AP) Improvement Plan and any related initiatives which strengthen school inclusion and without which the work with schools is all the more difficult.
<b>9</b>	The City Council should agree the reforms to SENDIASS in accordance with the Commissioner's direction.
<b>10</b>	The intervention and the Board should continue to promote the principles of co-production and communication by all agencies and that should include continued recognition and support for the BPCF in its complex role as described in this report.

Owner	Update July 2023
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City Solicitor	Work underway.
Director Children and Families	Birmingham was accepted onto UNICEF's Child Friendly City programme in June 2023 and the Children and Young People's Plan has been launched.
Director Children and Families	Work is currently underway to establish a Joint Commissioning Framework between BCC and the ICB. Initial proposals were presented at the SEND Improvement Board in July 2023.
Director Children and Families	There is a stronger focus on the role of schools. SEND and Inclusion strategies, co-produced with schools, were launched in July 2023 and have specific priorities to work towards.
Department for Education	
Director Children and Families	In April 2023 Cabinet noted the improvements that had taken place in SENDIASS since January 2023 and that the service should remain in-house to continue to address the issues identified by the independent review that took place in spring 2022.
Director Children and Families	The Board continues to recognise and support Birmingham Parent Carer Forum.

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