

Mayor and Cabinet			
Report Title	Matters referred by the Children and Young People Select Committee – SEN Specialist Provision Programme		
Key Decision	No	Item No.	10
Ward	All		
Contributors	Children and Young People Select Committee		
Class	Part 1	Date	3 March 2010

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the Children and Young People Select Committee's views regarding the Specialist Provision Programme.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to:
- (a) Note the views and recommendations of the Committee set out in section three.
 - (b) Ensure that a response is provided to the Children and Young People Select Committee no later than at its first meeting of 2010/2011, in line with the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Council's Constitution.

3. Children and Young People Select Committee

- 3.1 On 19 January 2010, the Children and Young People Select Committee considered an update on the Strengthening Specialist Provision programme. This was an update on progress on increasing and improving provision since the Mayor agreed a series of principles and recommendations in relation to Lewishams specialist provision on 3rd October 2007. This included establishing a new Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) school and creating resource bases in a number of mainstream primary and secondary schools.
- 3.2 The Committee was informed by the Executive Director for Children and Young People that the rise in need for primary places has had an impact on the need for specialist places and proposals for more resource bases at primary schools will be brought forward after feasibility studies, which are currently underway at a number of schools, have been completed. They were further advised that there is widescale pressure for reception places across London, and a significantly increased requirement for places was expected this year
- 3.3 The Committee are concerned to ensure that there are sufficient SEN places so that the SEN Review can be implemented as planned, particularly in light of wider places planning demands that were not foreseen when the original

programme was agreed, and want the Mayor to ensure that the principles of the SEN programme are upheld in delivering the programme.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess). It is therefore requested that a response is provided to the Children and Young People Select Committee no later than at its first scheduled meeting of 2010/2011.

6. Equalities Implications

6.1 There are no specific implications.

7. Crime and Disorder/Environmental implications

7.1 There are no specific implications.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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