

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board

26th July, 2018

Report of the Head of Transformation Andrew Thomas

Matter for information

Wards Affected: All

Additional Learning Needs Reform

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with a presentation in relation to new legislation and statutory guidance for learners with additional learning needs (ALN).
2. To provide Members with information in relation to the ALN Transformation Programme.

Executive Summary

3. This presentation sets out Welsh Government's objectives for transformation from the current system for children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) of statutory schools age, to a unified system for supporting learners from 0 to 25 years of age with ALN.
4. This presentation will provide Members with an overview of the Additional Tribunal Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act (ALNET), an overview of the draft Code of Practice for ALN and the wider implications for local authorities in implementing the transformation programme.

Background

5. The ALNET Bill was passed by the National assembly for Wales in December 2017 and became an Act in January 2018 after receiving Royal Assent. The Act creates the legislative framework for a change in the delivery of ALN provision and will be supported by:
 - secondary legislation
 - statutory guidance and mandatory requirements as set out in a new Code of Practice for ALN (replacing the existing Code of Practice for SEN).
 - wider reforms focussing on skills development of the education workforce

The Act and further legislation will have a significant impact on local authorities, schools and other agencies and services, increasing statutory responsibilities for both a wider age range (0-25) and through creating a single statutory plan to replace current statutory and non-statutory plans.

Recommendations

6. That Members note the content of the report and the information provided in the accompanying presentation.

Appendices

7. PowerPoint presentation

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