

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board

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**Report of the Head of Transformation
Andrew Thomas**

Matter for information

Wards Affected: All

Additional Learning Needs Statutory Processes

Purpose of the Report

- To provide Members with information in relation to Additional Learning Needs Reform (ALNET).
- To provide Members with information and progress in relation to the LA Local ALNET Implementation Plan (LIP).

Executive Summary

- This report provides members with an update on Welsh Government's plans for reform and current position.
- This report will provide Members with details of the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) September 2018 to March 2019, and a progress report to date.

Background

In 2018 the Welsh Government introduced The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018, which provides for a new

statutory framework for supporting children and young people with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) from birth, while they are in school and through to further education (0-25 years).

The Act forms part of a wholesale change to providing for children and young people with ALN and the new framework it creates will replace the separate legislation and arrangements which currently exist for pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN) up to age 16.

In December 2018, WG published a Draft Additional learning Needs Code for Wales, providing statutory guidance for public authorities, including but not exclusive to: local authorities, governing bodies of maintained schools, governing bodies of further education institutions, local health boards and NHS trusts and youth offending teams. Consultation on the Code ends on the 22nd March.

Welsh Government has appointed a Transformation Lead for each region and each LA has been required to complete and initial readiness survey and develop a Local Implementation Plans (LIP), in addition to contributing to a Regional Implementation Plan (RIP).

NPT's Local Implementation Plan sets out the agreed priorities, actions, timescales and progress report for the period September 2018-March 2019. The Inclusion Service is also accountable for allocation of grant money allocated to the LA to work with a range of partners and stakeholders.

Recommendations

- That Members note the content of the report and the information provided.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Local Implementation Plan

List of Background Papers

None

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