

**Wiltshire Council**

**Children's Select Committee**

**31 October 2017**

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### **Task Group update**

#### **Purpose**

To provide an update on recent task group activity and propose any decisions requiring Committee approval.

#### **1. SEND School Provision Task Group**

Membership:

Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chair)  
Cllr Anna Cuthbert  
Cllr James Sheppard  
Mr John Hawkins  
Ms Jen Jones

Supporting Officer: Adam Brown

Terms of reference (draft):

1. To consider the future provision of SEND education for Wiltshire's children and young people in the context of the challenges outlined in the "Wood Report"/WASSPP report (May 2017).
2. To receive evidence from:
  - a. Wiltshire Council officers;
  - b. Wiltshire schools;
  - c. Parents/guardians of children with SEND.

Recent activity:

The task group held their inaugural meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

At the meeting, the task group agreed the above draft terms of reference and considered initial information, which came in the form of the "Wood Report". The report set out the context and challenges facing Wiltshire in the provision of SEND school places.

Members agreed that the best way to inform any conclusions from the project would be to gather evidence from the following sources:

- Wiltshire SEND Schools

- Parents and guardians of children with SEND
- Other Local Authorities
- Wiltshire Council Officers

The task group will now work to meet with these sources with the view to submit a final report to this committee in February 2018.

### **Proposals**

- 1. To endorse the draft terms of reference for the SEND School Provision Task Group.**
- 2. To note the update on task group activity provided.**

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