

# LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

**Report to:** Health and Wellbeing Board

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**Subject:** Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and SEND Strategy

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board

1. Notes the SEND Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (Appendix 1) and the Local Area SEND Strategy (Appendix 2)
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**Wards Affected:** All

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<b>Our Values</b>	<b>Summary of how this report aligns to the H&amp;F Values</b>
Building shared prosperity	Ensuring a person-centred approach that delivers the right level of support to meet presenting needs of children, young people and their families – and in so doing provide them with the best opportunities to thrive.
Creating a compassionate council	Listening and responding to feedback from professionals, young people, parents, carers, education settings and wider partners regarding what was working well, what needed improvement and where the gaps were with regards to current support available.
Doing things with local residents, not to them	The documents were developed following engagement with families. They have been further updated in response to feedback received through consultation with wider stakeholders.
Being ruthlessly financially efficient	This strategy will support local partners to meet the needs of children and young people in H&F and increase the confidence of parents and carers.
Taking pride in H&F	Support H&F to be the best place to grow up, live and work. These

	documents will ensure our support to children and young people with SEND enables them to lead happy, healthy, and fulfilling lives and achieve their life goals.
Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency	There are no anticipated climate and ecological implications as a result of the publication of these documents.

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## Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None

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## SEND JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment draws together data and evidence from a range of sources, including the views of parents and professionals working in the field, to describe a picture of need and service provision across Hammersmith & Fulham.
2. The needs assessment has provided the evidence base to inform the Local Area SEND Strategy and is brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board to note.

## SEND STRATEGY

3. The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy sets out Hammersmith and Fulham's local area commitment to improve the educational, health and emotional wellbeing and life outcomes for all young people in the borough aged 0-25 years who have SEND while promoting inclusion.
4. The strategy provides a shared local area vision, principles, and priorities to ensure that partners across the local area are working together effectively to identify, assess and meet the needs of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) from birth to the age of 25 in H&F.
5. The strategy was developed in partnership and extensively coproduced across the local area in consultation with families, reflecting the H&F value of doing things with residents not to them. Following public consultation, the strategy was further reviewed, and amendments made prior to approval at Cabinet in June 2023.
6. The strategy is presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board to note.

## LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Appendix 2 – Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND Strategy)