

1. Background

In 2017, Havering undertook to review its provision for children and young people with high needs.

2. Havering's vision

In Havering's High Needs Strategy 2017 – 2022, we set out our commitment to developing the most inclusive communities which are welcoming and supportive of all. Our aspiration is that all our children and young people have the best opportunities to achieve and fulfil their potential. We want children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to enjoy their education in the most inclusive environment possible and be supported in participating as fully as they can in the lives of their schools and local community.

Our commitment to this vision still holds true and, two years into the implementation of the new strategy, we wanted to take time to reflect on our achievements and review our aims so that we can set out our priorities for the next two years.

3. Reviewing the High Needs Strategy Two Years On

The High Needs Review and Strategy in 2017, involved all our stakeholders from parent carers to young people to schools, Early Years and post-16 providers. We want to continue to build on this with our two-year review, to give stakeholders another opportunity to reflect on progress, achievements and challenges so that the Strategy remains current and relevant.

The Two-Year Review will consider how well we have achieved the aims set out in the Strategy and the subsequent action plan. For post-16 providers in particular we will be reviewing:

- How well the EHCP process is delivered
- The impact of methods used to improve distribution of funds to support children with high needs
- Progress on the review of early intervention programmes
- The development of a training programme for providers

We will also look at next steps to address any gaps in provision identified by the review and develop a new action plan to take these forward.

4. How we are seeking consultation/ involvement in the review

We will be following a similar process to the original High Needs Review in 2017. That is, setting up focus groups for different stakeholders and requesting responses to key questions through a variety of media such as the school bulletin. The Review will take place over the summer term 2019 and a revised action plan will be issued in autumn 2019.

We are hosting a one-off focus group meeting for Early Years' providers on:

Thursday 27th June 10.30am – 12noon - Room 235, CEME, Marsh Way RM13

To give feedback via email or to request a place on the focus group, please contact Emma Ferrey, SEND Project Manager at emma.ferrey@haverling.gov.uk