

North Tyneside Council

Report to Cabinet

Date: 16 January 2017

ITEM 6e

Title: Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Report on Support for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in North Tyneside.

Portfolio(s): Children, Young People and Learning

Cabinet Member(s): Councillor I Grayson

Report from Service Area: Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's approval to the proposed response to the recommendations of the Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) Sub-Group in relation to its study into the provision of support for ADHD in North Tyneside.

In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000, Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the ADHD Sub-Group within two months. In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts each recommendation. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

1.2 Recommendation:

It is recommended that Cabinet agree the proposed responses to the recommendations from the ADHD Sub-Group, as shown in Appendix 1 to this report.

1.3 Forward plan:

Twenty eight days notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 12 December 2016.

1.4 Council plan and policy framework:

The report supports the Our People theme in the Our North Tyneside Plan, in particular:

- Be ready for work and life – with the skills and abilities to achieve their full potential, economic independence and meet the needs of local businesses.

- Be healthy and well – with the information, skills and opportunities to maintain and improve their health, wellbeing and independence.

1.5 Information:

- 1.5.1 On 16 February 2015, the Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee considered a report produced by the Authority's Disability and Additional Needs Service which provided an update on ADHD, detailed the recommendations of the clinical guidelines produced by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) and provided some local context and information with regards to provision in North Tyneside. The sub-committee agreed to establish a Sub Group in the 2015/16 Municipal Year to examine the support provided for children with ADHD and their families.
- 1.5.2 The focus of the study was to be the support provided for children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and their families with the objective of scrutinising current services available for those diagnosed with ADHD, across both social care and health, and to make recommendations on how the current provision could be improved.
- 1.5.3 The Sub Group met on a number of occasions to receive information and discuss their findings and also met with officers from the local authority. To gain an understanding of the services available in the borough the Sub Group also met with parents, teachers, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators and health professionals.
- 1.5.4 The Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee received the report on 7 November 2016 and approved the recommendations for submission to Cabinet for consideration.
- 1.5.5 Cabinet has a statutory duty to respond to the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee's recommendations within 2 months of receiving them. In providing its response Cabinet is asked to provide reasons for any recommendations which are not approved.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet:

Option 1

Cabinet accepts the recommendation set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

Option 2

Cabinet does not accept the recommendation set out in paragraph 1.2 above, and provides an alternative response to the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee at the meeting.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended in order to improve and develop support for families of children with ADHD.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Cabinet response to Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Report: Support for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in North Tyneside.

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

[North Tyneside Council Constitution](#)

[Minutes of Children, Education and Skills Sub-Committee meeting held on 17 October 2016](#)

[Minutes of Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee held on 7 November 2016](#)

[Support for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in North Tyneside Sub-Group Report](#)

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

If approved it is anticipated that the accepted recommendations can be delivered from existing budgets. Any actions that cannot be met from existing budgets, or have further financial implications, will be brought to Council / Cabinet, as appropriate in future reports before implementation.

2.2 Legal

There are no direct legal implications for the Authority arising from this report. In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000, Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the ADHD Sub Group in relation to its study into Support for ADHD in North Tyneside within 2 months. In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts each recommendation and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

The National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) provide guidance on the diagnosis and management of ADHD. The guidance in particular provides as an indicator of best practice that every locality should develop a multi-agency group, with representatives from multidisciplinary specialist ADHD teams, paediatrics, mental health and learning disability trusts, forensic services, child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS), the Children and Young People's Directorate (CYPD) (including services for education and social services), parent support groups and others with a significant local involvement in ADHD services.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation

The Sub-Group consulted with officers of the Authority as follows:

Moira Banks	School Improvement Service
Rachel Hughes	Educational Psychologist
Elizabeth Kerr	Democratic Services Officer, Law and Governance
Kath Robinson	Principal Manager of the Integrated Disability and Additional Needs Service.

2.3.2 External Consultation/Engagement

The Sub-Group consulted with the following external individuals / organisations:

Heather Karsit	All Together Better
Joanne New	All Together Better
Dr. Julie Owens	CAMHS - Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist
Nigel Denyer	CAMHS – Specialist ADHD Nurse
Dr. Sandy Macaulay	CAMHS – Consultant Child Psychiatrist
Peter Gannon	Headteacher Silverdale School
Jenny McAteer	Healthwatch
Kate Taylor	North Tyneside Parent Support Group (ADHD)
Kay Armatage	North Tyneside Parent Support Group (ADHD)
Alison Murray	North Tyneside Parent Support Group (ADHD)
Brian Falcus	North Tyneside Parent Support Group (ADHD)
Angela Lund	SENCo John Spence Community High School
Jade Potter	SENCo New York Primary School
Diane Rodgerson	SENCo Denbigh Primary School
Megan Maddison	SENCo Valley Gardens Middle School

2.4 Human rights

There are no direct human rights issues arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no equality and diversity issues directly arising from this report.

2.6 Risk management

There are no risk management issues directly arising from this report.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder issues directly arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability issues directly arising from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Deputy Chief Executive x
- Head(s) of Service x
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) x
- Chief Finance Officer x
- Monitoring Officer x
- Head of Corporate Strategy x