

BEST VALUE REVIEW SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS SERVICES

Report By: HEAD OF CHILDREN'S AND STUDENTS' SERVICES

Wards Affected

Countywide

Purpose

1. To consider the progress of the Best Value Review of Special Educational Needs Services.

Financial Implications

2. No direct implications at this stage.

Report

3. The review team, chaired by Dr Sue Ferguson, Community Paediatrician, has met regularly over the past months and will shortly reach the stage of producing the Stage 3 report. The initial review was extended to encompass all SEN services and this extension has necessitated further and more extensive research.
4. During the course of the review there have been a number of relevant service changes. The most relevant of the changes are those associated with the new Banding system which is designed to replace some of the previous Statutory Assessment processes.
5. This widening of the review has meant more information has had to be shared and discussed. In order for the review to be comprehensive it has become evident that more work needs to be done in some key areas. A small sub-group has been formed to look at these areas and to report back to the main group.
6. The Review Team expects to be able to submit the Stage 3 report to the Committee at the next meeting on 5th October 2004.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee are asked to note the progress of the Best Value Review of Special Educational Needs Services.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None identified.