



COUNCIL MEETING

20 July 2017

**CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO GATESHEAD'S DRAFT
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES
(SEND) STRATEGY**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to inform of the findings from a consultation exercise on the draft Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy and to seek approval of the final strategy.
2. The SEND Strategy sets out the current context in relation to children and young people with SEND in Gateshead and the strategic aims and priorities the Council will work on, in partnership with education, health and care commissioners, providers and service users.
3. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

4. It is recommended that Council approves the SEND Strategy and the key areas for action outlined in appendix 2 of the attached report, together with its publication.