



**COUNCIL MEETING**

**15 December 2016**

**CARE, WELLBEING AND LEARNING: SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL  
NEEDS AND DISABILITIES DOCUMENTS**

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**Mike Barker, Acting Chief Executive**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of a suite of strategic documents for special educational needs and disabilities, accessibility and services for children, and young people.
2. The suite of documents appended to this report are presented together to illustrate the considerable level of activity across services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Gateshead. This also fulfils the requirement for the Council to approve and publish a range of documents that addresses the Council's response to its statutory duties for SEND.
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:
  - i) Agree the following reports:
    - a) Accessibility Strategy
    - b) Inclusion Policy
    - c) PVI Survey
    - d) SEND Report Guidance to Schools
  - ii) Agree to undertake wide consultation with all stakeholders on the SEND strategic aims and to receive a further report on the outcome of the consultations once available
  - iii) Note that the Joint Commissioning Strategy will be endorsed early in the Spring Term 2017 to align with the Council and CCG budget strategies.