

Report Title: **Transition from Children's Services to Adult Services**

Report of: **Councillor Martin Newton, Chair of the review panel**

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Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **[Key / Non-Key Decision]**

1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)

1.1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approve the recommendations laid out in the attached report.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

2.1. N/A

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

3.1. This review links with the Sustainable Community Strategy Outcome:

- healthier people with a better quality of life

3.2. This review links with the Council Plan priorities of:-

- **A Thriving Haringey** encouraging lifetime well-being at home, work, play and learning
- **A Caring Haringey** promoting independent living while supporting adults and children when needed.

3.3. This review links with the following Local Area Agreements:

- NI 54- parental satisfaction survey which is a new indicator capturing the information for the first time in 2009.
- 3.4. The Council have agreed a local response to Valuing People (2001) and Valuing People Now (2007) which required services to be planned to enable people with learning disabilities to lead full and purposeful lives;
 - 3.5. Local commitments to developing services which are geared towards maintaining People's independence stemming from Our Health Our Care Our Say (2006);
 - 3.6. Children and Young People's Service Plan 2009-12 prioritises the need for an integrated approach to transition for vulnerable young people and those with learning difficulties and disabilities including mental health;
 - 3.7. The Haringey Youth Strategy identifies the need to support young people with disabilities in transition;
 - 3.8. National Transition Support Programme (2008) has been established by the Government to raise the standards of transition in all local areas; and
 - 3.9. Aiming High: Better Support for Disabled Children and their Families (May 2007) is the Government's transformation programme for disabled children services. Transition support is one of the identified work streams in the programme and emphasises the importance of joined up working and services centred on children and their families.

4. Recommendations
 4.1. Review recommendations are laid out in section 2 of the attached report.

5. Reason for recommendation(s)
 5.1. Reasons for the recommendations laid out in the main report are covered within the main body of the attached report.

6. Other options considered
 6.1. N/A

7. Summary
 In June 2009, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned a review of Transition from Children's Services to Adult Services in Haringey.
 The review had a number of key aims:

- To assist the Council and Haringey Strategic Partnership by providing an independent objective view which helped to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of services provided to local people.
- To contribute evidence to the Comprehensive Area Assessment process.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

Any additional costs incurred as a result of the implementation the reviews recommendations will need to be met from within the existing resources available to both Children's and Adults services. If additional resources are required they will have to be bid for as part of the Council's budget setting process for the 2011/12 budget.

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

"The report reflects accurately the statutory regime in place to deal with transition when considering the requirements for school students with statements of special educational needs. Generally the recommendations are ones that would assist the Council in complying with its statutory duties as a public authority to promote equality of opportunity between people with disabilities and others and to take steps to meet the needs of people with disabilities. Recommendation 9 regarding the consideration by HR of an employment quota system within the Council for young people with learning difficulties, mental health issues and with physical disabilities will require further legal advice in the course of such consideration."

Service Financial comments - See 8 above.

10. Head of Procurement Comments – [Required for Procurement Committee]

10.1. N/A

11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

Please see the attached report

14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

14.1 Please see contents page in main report for appendices

15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

15.1 All data sources are fully referenced in the body of the attached report.

