



## **SEND Strategy Response...**

The Local Area SEND strategy is an exciting document which provides a five-year plan which has been developed by working together with the SEND community including partners, young people and their parent/carers. As the director of Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing I recognise the vital role these services have to play in ensuring this document is adopted and that we continue to work towards ensuring its implementation and the outcomes identified are achieved.

The message that 'SEND is everyone's business' is key to achieving an inclusive service which remains flexible and listens to young people and their parent/carers to ensure what they have identified as important becomes our ambition and focus to achieve. The strategy provides us with this focus, detailing the key areas that are paramount to enable children and young people to achieve the things they have told us are important. These include having the opportunities and access that all children and young people have.

The SEND community have clearly defined key areas including employment, social and recreational opportunities, housing and accommodation and access to the appropriate services to ensure they are able to maintain a high standard of health and wellbeing. This strategy is, I believe, one that provides us all with a framework which I am excited about and committed to ensuring is adopted across Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing.

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