

## RESOURCED AUTISM PROVISION HURWORTH SCHOOL QUAD OF AIMS

REASON FOR REQUEST?	RESOURCE (WHAT OFFICER SUPPORT WOULD YOU REQUIRE?)
<p>To review and understand the contractual arrangements between this Council and Hurworth Secondary School to provide the resourced Autism provision and attached Outreach Support Service for Darlington.</p> <p>To ascertain that this Council are enabling the best service possible for the benefit of individuals on the autistic spectrum to enable them to thrive through education and transition for the best possible start to a productive adulthood.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Director of Childrens Services</li> <li>• Assistant Director of Commissioning</li> <li>• Special Educational Needs Casework Officer (Statutory duties for young people aged 0-25 with regard to SEN)</li> <li>• Helen Whitten, Autism Spectrum Disorder Outreach Co-ordinator, Hurworth School</li> <li>• Independent advisor from North East Autism Society and Daisychain for an independent assessment of local need and good practice.</li> <li>• Current Service Users</li> <li>• Tony Murphy, Head of Education and Inclusion</li> </ul>
<p><b>PROCESS (HOW CAN SCRUTINY ACHIEVE THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOME?)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Examine the agreements made between the two organisations.</li> <li>2. Make an evaluation of the benefits to young people on the Autism Spectrum of these agreements and to investigate their effectiveness and value to both the service users and the local Authority.</li> <li>3. Discuss possible improvements to the service that may be highlighted by service users, thereby enabling meaningful inclusion of those on the Autism Spectrum and their parents/carers in line with best practice as defined by the current Autism Strategy.</li> </ol>	<p><b>HOW WILL THE OUTCOME MAKE A DIFFERENCE?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To gain Confirmation that the arrangements are in the best interest of the service users and the Local Authority.</li> <li>2. That any recommendations for improvement outlined by the investigation be given reasonable consideration.</li> <li>3. To gain a better understanding of the needs of young people with autism and their carers and the services provided to them by this Council.</li> </ol>

Signed **Councillor Rachel Mills**

Date .....

**(Member of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee)**

**SECTION 2 TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECTORS/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS**

**(NOTE – There is an expectation that Officers will discuss the request with the Member)**

1. (a) Is the information available elsewhere? Yes ..... No .....	<b>Criteria</b>
<p>If yes, please indicate where the information can be found (attach if possible and return with this document to Democratic Services)</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>1. Information already provided/or will be provided to Member</p>
<p>(b) Have you already provided the information to the Member or will you shortly be doing so?</p> <p><i>Autism is currently an on-going review of the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee which is being supported by Officers. Members of the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee have visited and met with representatives from Daisy Chain, North East Autism Society and the outreach service. Suggest if Children and Young People wish to pursue this item, the outcome of the Adult and Housing Review be awaited before commencement.</i></p>	<p>2. Extent of workload involved in meeting request</p> <p>3. Request linked to an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and can be picked up as part of that work</p>
<p>2. If the request is included in the Scrutiny Committee work programme what are the likely workload implications for you/your staff?</p>	
<p><i>Transition through to adulthood is part of the above mentioned review. There would be some duplication</i></p>	<p>4. Subject to another Council process for enquiry or examination (such as Planning Committee or Licensing Committee)</p>
<p>3. Can the request be included in an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and picked up as part of that?</p>	
<p>Yes</p>	
<p>4. Is there another Council process for enquiry or examination about the matter currently underway?</p>	
<p>Yes as above</p>	<p>5. About an individual or entity that has a right of appeal</p>
<p>5. Has the individual or entity some other right of appeal?</p>	
<p>No</p>	<p>6. Some other substantial reason</p>

<p>6. Is there any substantial reason (other than the above) why you feel it should not be included on the work programme?</p> <p><i>No</i></p>	
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