

Scrutiny review – Autism

- 1 What is the review?

Autism policy & implementation . The council is developing a local Autism Strategy and review intends to ensure this is fit for purpose.

- 2 What outcomes could realistically be achieved? Which agency does the review seek to influence?

Positively impact on autistic children and their families & carers by assessing if there is adequate policy and if it is being implemented satisfactorily.

The committee seeks to influence the council.

- 3 When should the review be carried out/completed? I.e. does the review need to take place before/after a certain time?

Completed by December 2014

- 4 What format would suit this review? (e.g. full investigation, q&a with executive member/partners, public meeting, one-off session)

One off session

- 5 What are some of the key issues that you would like the review to look at?

Council policy on autistic children & young people and its implementation – with particular reference to the Autism Strategy .

- 6 Who would you like to receive evidence and advice from during the review?

Southwark Council's Education & Social Care departments.

Parent/carer community & voluntary groups :

Southwark Autism Support (southwark@nas.org.uk)

Contact a Family Southwark <http://www.cafamily.org.uk/southwark>

Southwark Parent Carer Council (PCC) <http://www.southwarkpcc.org.uk/>

- 7 Any suggestions for background information? Are you aware of any best practice on this topic?

To be completed

- 8 What approaches could be useful for gathering evidence? What can be done outside committee meetings?
e.g. verbal or written submissions, site visits, mystery-shopping, service observation, meeting with stakeholders, survey, consultation event

A one off meeting on autism policy and implementation

- 9 Outcome
A short report with recommendations for cabinet