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**Consultation on proposed changes to the SEND Resource Ladder: publication of the Council's response.**

Thank you for your responses to the Council's consultation on the proposed changes to the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Resource Ladder, which closed on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Your contributions have been invaluable in helping to further shape and inform our proposals and I write to let you know that the Executive Decision report, including the Council's formal response to the consultation questions and concerns raised, is now available to view on the Waltham Forest website: <https://democracy.walthamforest.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=387&MId=5165&Ver=4>

The main report sets out the recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families. This includes a recommendation to implement the new resource ladder, revised to take account of the findings of the consultation, from September 2020. The report is accompanied by appendices that:

- Reproduce in full all the responses received during the consultation, both through the on-line consultation portal and in direct written responses to the Council
- Set out the Council's response to the specific questions, suggestions and concerns raised in the consultation, grouped by the broad thematic area that they address
- Put forward a revised proposal for a new SEND Resource Ladder based on feedback received, including a summary of how the revised proposal differs from the original
- Undertake an Equalities Impact Assessment for implementing the revised SEND Resource Ladder

The report will be taken to an executive decision meeting on the 14th August, where the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families will make the final decision on how to proceed. This will be one of the following options:

- To take forward the recommendation to implement the revised Resource Ladder for all children assessed from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020
- To adopt the pre-consultation Resource Ladder attached at Appendix 1 from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020
- To take no decision to adopt any new Resource Ladder in which event the existing banding system would continue for all children in need of an EHCP until such time as any other decision were taken
- To delay implementation of the proposed new Resource Ladder beyond 1<sup>st</sup> September

Following the decision taken on the 14<sup>th</sup> August, all schools and partners will be notified of the outcome.

Thank you once again for your participation.

Yours Sincerely,

David Kilgallon



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