

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Meeting:	Life Long Learning Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee
Date:	17 th September 2003
Subject:	Early Years Special Educational Needs
Key decision:	No
Responsible Chief Officer:	Paul Osburn, Executive Director (People First)
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Stephenson
Status:	Public
Ward:	All
Enclosures:	Early Years Special Educational Needs Report Appendix 1: Early Years Special Educational Needs Service Provision Appendix 2: Early Years Special Educational Needs Data

1. Summary

- 1.1 Members requested a report on Early Years Special Educational Needs services. The attached report and appendices provide details about the current services available to children birth to five years who have special educational needs and their families, significant achievements, and issues to be addressed.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report be noted

REASON:

3. Consultation with Ward Councillors

- 3.1 Not applicable

4. Policy Context (including Relevant Previous Decisions)

- 4.1 All authorities are required to have an Early Years Development and Childcare Plan. The 2003-04 Plan was approved by Members in January 2003.

5. **Relevance to Corporate Priorities**

5.1 This report addresses the Councils Corporate Priority to promote Harrow as a centre of lifelong learning by offering the highest quality education services, by raising aspirations and outcomes of achievement and by providing activities for cultural, artistic and leisure pursuits which reflect the profile and the interests of all local communities.

6. **Background Information and options considered**

6.1 The Early Years Special Educational Needs Report is attached

7. **Consultation**

7.1 Not applicable

8. **Finance Observations**

8.1 There are no direct financial implications of this report.

9. **Legal Observations**

9.1 The requirements to have an early Years and Childcare Development Plan is contained in Section 120 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 as amended by the Education Act 2002.

10. **Conclusion**

10.1 That members note the content of the report

11. **Background Papers**

11.1 Early Years Development and Childcare Implementation Plan 2003-04

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