

Committee: **Scrutiny Committee for Education and Libraries**
Date: **8 March 2005**
Title: **Review of Special Educational Needs Provision**
By: **Director of Children's Services, Education and Libraries**
Purpose: **To update the Committee about the Review of Special Educational Needs Provision**

RECOMMENDATION - to note the briefing paper attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

1. Background information

1.1 The range and type of special educational needs is changing with there being a large increase in the numbers of children with autism or emotional and behavioural difficulties. The Local Authority needs to review its specialist provision both in education and with our partners in social care and health to ensure that it is well placed to meet the needs of the future. In addition, East Sussex is a high spending authority on special educational needs, particularly in relation to placements at independent and non-maintained special schools on which we spent £6.3m in fees in 2004/5. We need to ensure that we get the best value for money from the allocated funds

1.2 Appendix 1 to this report provides an update of the review.

2. Recommendation

2.1 Members are asked to note appendix 1.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None