

## **Membership Request - Central Bedfordshire Children's Trust Board**

### **PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide opportunity for Central Bedfordshire Children's Trust Board to consider a Board membership request from the Parent Carer Forum SNAP.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That Board Members give consideration to SNAP's request to become a member of Central Bedfordshire Children's Trust Board

**PUBLIC/EXEMPT:** Public

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### **BACKGROUND**

3. A request has been received from SNAP Central Bedfordshire to become a member of Central Bedfordshire Children's Trust Board.
4. The Participation Manager for SNAP attended the last Children's Trust Board meeting (6 June 2016), and provided the Board with a presentation on the role of SNAP.
5. The presentation included details of what SNAP wants to achieve:
  - *'To be the strategic, consultative and collaborative body within Central Bedfordshire representing families of children with special educational needs and disabilities, providing a liaison point for Statutory and Voluntary Agencies within Central Bedfordshire.'*
  - *'To work co-operatively with local service providers and commissioners to enhance and develop the range and quality of services provided for all children in Central Bedfordshire with special educational needs and disabilities.'*
  - *'To consult with, inform and train our membership in order to be an independent, parent carer-led body that determines and acts upon the priorities of its members.'*

6. The Children's Trust Board provides strategic leadership and direction to services and partners in order to improve outcomes for children and young people in Central Bedfordshire. As such it is essential for key partners to be brought together.
7. SNAP is a pro-active group of parents who all have children or young people with additional needs or disabilities. The purpose of SNAP is to improve services provided to children and young people with additional needs or disabilities from birth to 25 years, who are living in Central Bedfordshire. The crosscutting outcome of '*Children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities fulfil their aspirations and potential*' runs across each of the four priorities within the Children and Young People's Plan.

Details of some of the work SNAP is involved with:

- Development of the SEND Vision
- Speech and Language Review
- Review of short breaks
- Local Offer development
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

## **CONCLUSION**

Given the scope of engagement by SNAP - and the overview that the parent carer forum has on the needs on children in Central Bedfordshire with SEND – it is recommended that the Trust Board gives consideration to the representation of SNAP on the Board.