

## **School Organisation Committee**

**AGENDA ITEM 5** 

Title: Special Educational Needs Update

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## **Summary:**

The attached information provides a summary of activity in Special Educational Needs to the end of March 2004, with some comparisons relating to the last two years.

The information gives a summary of statements held by the Local Authority and details of specialist provision in departments attached to mainstream schools, special schools and external provision.

There continues to be a fall in the number of statements for Moderate and Specific Learning Difficulties, while statements for Language and Communication Difficulties, Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties and Autistic Spectrum Disorders continue to increase.

The SEN Strategy is currently undergoing revision and will go out to consultation later in the Summer Term, with a view to developing an Action Plan for implementation starting in September 2004.