

Question: PQ10.01&02

Cabinet – 1 September 2020

Re: Agenda item 10 – Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Sufficiency and Capital Proposals

Question submitted by: Sally Kent

- 1) 190 of Bristol's children and young people with Special Educational Needs are currently deprived of their right to an education and have no suitable school place this September or in the foreseeable future.

Is the mayor in direct communication with the Dept for Education and central government about this council failing in its statutory duty under section 27 of The Children's and Families Act to ensure sufficiency in SEND school places?

- 2) Also is the Mayor aware that this is now a critical Human Rights issue? Protocol 1, Article 2 of the Human Rights Act, Article 28 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and Article 24 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities all specify the right of disabled people to receive an education.

What security can he provide for all the families of children with SEND who have no school place and are uncertain about when they ever will have one, at a time when everyone else is being encouraged to get their children back to school?