

## COUNCIL – 19 MARCH 2024

### CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

#### AGENDA ITEM 3: NOTICE OF MOTION

##### Motion as printed

##### Additions shown in bold and underlined.

##### SEND Training for Elected Members

We recognise as a Council that all children have the right to an education that meets their needs and helps them to flourish. As a Council we recognise that there is now greater knowledge of the support needs of children and families. We also recognise that these needs have changed over time with greater understanding of the issues and will continue to grow especially around needs associated with health and mental health.

This Council and Councillors have statutory duties and make judgements and influence decisions about how Special Educational Needs provision is implemented within Warwickshire. Our decisions always have an impact, and can have a life-changing effect on children and their families.

Considering the growing pressures, it is vital that our knowledge and understanding is current. This needs to include increasing our shared understanding of the challenges facing parents and children, alongside looking towards best practice to improve what we do.

Therefore, the County Council resolves itself to the upskilling of Councillors by providing annual mandatory training for all elected members. Before serving on any panels, scrutiny committees and other bodies that handle the provision of Childrens Services members will need to have attended the training and development sessions. These sessions will be co-produced in partnership between Warwickshire County Council's SEND services and families of children with SEND. This training and development should be delivered as soon as possible, and no further than three months away, **subject to the business of scheduled Council panels, scrutiny committees and other bodies continuing in the interim whilst the training of councillors is undertaken.**

Proposer: Councillor Tim Sinclair

Seconder: Councillor Brett Beetham