

SEND Capital Program Consultation Document – Update May 2019

What is the SEND Capital Program?

The SEND Capital Fund Program is a joint funded approach to increasing educational placements for children with SEND in the local area by developing on existing provision both in mainstream schools, special schools and colleges.

Where is funding for these additional school places coming from?

The Local Authority will be awarded £979k by the DFE over 3 years. For more information on this please follow the link below;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-provision-capital-funding-for-pupils-with-ehc-plans>

To support this work the Local Authority has also allocated an additional £500k to the development of this capital program.

The funding must be spent to increase provision and school places for children with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)

What have we done?

Over the last 18 months the Local Authority has carried out work to understand the needs and growth of our local population of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in particular we have been keen to understand what additional educational capacity we need for children with EHCP's.

This work has been led by B&NES Public Health and been shared widely with schools, education providers, health colleagues and our local parent carer forum. This work has helped us develop strategic priorities to ensure we can meet the needs educationally of our growing population of children with EHCP's.

What have we selected to support our strategic needs?

Based on our needs analysis and by working with local providers we are working on the following projects below to develop additional SEND school places within B&NES.

Supporting Bath College – Development of existing site in Midsomer Norton for an additional 53 SEND Post 16 Places for children with complex needs. Focusing on life skills & Employability. Completed

Supporting Aspire Special School – Additional 20 on site SEMH placements increasing overall capacity of school to 54 places. Due to Complete September 2019

Broadlands School – Additional 12 mainstream secondary school spaces for children with EHCP's - Completed

Supporting a local Multi- Academy Trust to develop additional SEND Provision for up to 70 – 100 additional SEND EHCP Placements 5 – 18. Completion date to be confirmed

North East Somerset Primary School –Development of a resource base for up to 10 children with EHCP's SEMH – Due to open September 2019.

Supporting a Bath Secondary School – Additional 15 -20 Autism Spaces through the development of a resource base – To be confirmed

When will the developments happen?

Some of the projects have been completed, we aim to have completed all the projects by April 2021?

How do I provide any comments I might have on these proposals?

Please email any comments on our plans to Rebecca Claridge – rebecca.claridge@bathnes.gov.uk by May 31st 2019.