

Worcestershire County Council Special Education Needs and Disability Investment Plan 2018-21

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1. Introduction

In 2017 Worcestershire County Council undertook a strategic High Needs Commissioning Review to look at the way we commission high needs places and the numbers of children currently in the education system and those forecast to enter our schools. As part of that review the Council worked closely with partners, including local early years providers, schools and colleges and the health service. The strategic document produced was consulted on, including with parents and carers, before being approved in autumn 2017.

The next stage of the review is to now implement its recommendations. This investment plan covers elements of the implementation of the review in respect of the creation of new places or the development of existing accommodation to improve outcomes.

2. Vision and principles

Strategic Vision for Education in Worcestershire

Worcestershire County Council believes that all children should have the opportunity for the best possible education to allow them to fulfil their full potential. The County Council will work with all types of providers to ensure there is a sufficiency of good quality special education places in Worcestershire.

Core Principles

Where WCC identifies the need for additional places, the decision on which provider to commission will be based on the following clear core principles:

- Improve educational outcomes for all children and young people
- Improve the learning experience of children and young people
- Support good or outstanding provision
- Be sustainable in the long term
- Be cost effective / value for money

3. Links to other Council Strategic documents

work of the Council over the next five years.

WCC are focused on improving outcomes for all children, young people and families in Worcestershire. Our ambition is to see more children and young people achieving their full potential in education and being fully prepared to live happy, healthy, independent and prosperous adult lives.

Worcestershire's Children and Young People's 2017-21 provides a framework for .32 841.92 1 0 1 gg0.-3

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School	Project	Outcome	LA Investment	Next stage
N/A	Special resource bases/units at mainstream schools	Creation of new places	Examine options for specialist resources bases in main stream schools to enable more children to stay in mainstream	The Council will explore this proposal with schools to develop and assess the viability, which will include forming a project group and full consultation.

The Council will work directly with schools to ensure the projects in receipt of funding are delivered and suitable for the intended provision. All projects outlined above have been, or will be, subject to feasibility assessments to specify requirements for the building and provision thereby confirming funding requirements.

The Local Authority is working through a provision planning process to further inform how the additional funding will be used. This includes analysis of needs (trends and projections), current provision, school capacity across the County, financial data, aW*nspf1W*nt3(l A)7(u)-3(th)4(o)-3(r4(ss



9. Monitoring effectiveness of plan

The plan will be monitored and updated as appropriate but at least annually and republished in March each year. Further information about options identified for the additional funding and any further consultation will be published via an update to this Plan on Worcestershire County

The plan will be monitored against the following criteria:

Creation of sufficiency of special school places to meet anticipated demand
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