

## **SEN Capital Programme**

### **DfE Template outlining proposals following a period of consultation.**

Central Government has announced an initiative to fund capital projects to support special educational need provision in the local authority. There are set criteria which states the funding is for local authority investment in provision for children and young people with SEN and disabilities (SEND) aged 0-25 to improve the quality and range of provision available to the local authority. It is intended for the benefit of children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) for whom the local authority is responsible.

The programme has been developed in line with the Council's SEN Strategy and following a robust analysis of the need. The SEN strategy has the following priorities around which the programme will be founded:

- All children should start their education and continue to be educated alongside their peers within their local community.
- We will ensure a smooth education pathway from childhood to adulthood for children and young people with SEND.
- We will ensure that children and young people with SEND are provided with opportunities to develop resilience and learn to be as independent as possible, as they transition to adulthood.
- We will expect all providers to ensure high quality educational provision, particularly in mainstream schools and further education colleges, for all children and young people with SEND.

The funding can be invested in creating new or additional places at good or outstanding provision, improving current facilities or developing new facilities. The range of provision types are as follows:

- Mainstream school/academy or college;
- Special Unit or resourced provision;
- Special school or academy;
- Pupil referral unit or academy;
- Nursery or early years provider; and
- other provision – where attended by pupils who have EHCP and are aged 0-25

The guidance states that consultation with local stakeholders must take place and this was undertaken between 30 January and 4 March 2018. It is also clear that local authorities are required to complete and publish a concise plan (below) to show how they intend to invest their share of the funding prior to any funding being received. The tables below sets out year one's programme and the proposals for years two and three as well as the consultees. Fifty one responses were received during the consultation and these will be considered in any decision making.

Medway has been allocated £459,000 for each of the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21. This amounts to a total fund of £1,377,000. It is anticipated that the first tranche of funding will be received in the summer of 2018.

The tables will be updated regularly with costings as projects for year one are confirmed and the tender process undertaken, and as years two and three's projects are agreed.