

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member young people and children's wellbeing

Title	Special provision capital fund for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities
Decision maker	Cabinet member young people and children's wellbeing Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	21 March 2018
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p>
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	<p>To determine the council's three year plan for allocation of the special provision capital fund.</p> <p>In March 2017 the Government announced the allocation of a special provision fund for councils to support capital investment in provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. The funding will be allocated on an annual basis over a three year period 2018-2021.</p> <p>The fund will be allocated to projects to meet the council's duty to ensure that disabled children and those with special educational</p>

	<p>needs (SEND) can access high quality provision that meets their needs, and ensure arrangements are in place for alternative provision for children outside mainstream education or missing education (e.g. excluded or ill) to receive full time education. Projects will be determined by consideration of suitability, condition and sufficiency of current provision, and prioritised based upon these criteria in accordance with the council's Schools Capital Investment Strategy (SCIS).</p>
<p>Decision</p>	<p>That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. consultation be undertaken on the following priorities aligned to the schools capital investment strategy in order to determine the spending of the £500k special provision capital grant funding to improve the quality and range of provision available to SEND children and young people with education health care plans (EHCPs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improvements to the provision for children and young people in the current 'hospital school'; 2. Improvements to provision for pupils with social emotional mental health needs; 3. Improved provision at settings for 11-16 year olds with learning difficulties and disabilities; and 4. Improvements to resourced provision for pupils with autism. b. it be recommended to Council that the £500k special provision capital grant be added to the capital programme; and c. the director for children's wellbeing be authorised to take all operational decisions regarding the allocation of the grant fund to an appropriate project following consultation with the cabinet members for contracts and assets and young people and children's wellbeing and having regard to the outcome of the consultation and in accordance with the schools capital investment strategy and grant scheme criteria.
<p>Reason for the decision</p>	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50025521</p>
<p>Options considered</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An alternative option could be to reject the available funding. This would reduce the amount of capital improvement possible for provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in the immediate future.
<p>Declarations of interest (see below)</p>	

Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	27 March 2018
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<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Councillor JG Lester, Leader of the Council</p> <p>on behalf of Cabinet member young people and children's wellbeing</p>	<p>Date 21 March 2018</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.