

# Consultation on the Special Provision Capital Fund – Years 2 and 3

7th January 2019 to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## **Introduction**

The council is allocated money from the Department for Education (DfE) called the Special Provision Capital fund (SPCF). This is a standalone pot of money which has to be spent to improve existing facilities, develop new facilities, or create additional places for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) education provision.

The money can only be used in provision judged as good or outstanding by OFSTED to benefit young people with SEND who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

We will receive a total of £616,279 over 3 years. We have already allocated the money for 2018/19 (£163,000) and we now want to ask for views on our proposals for spending the remaining money (£453,279).

We have to publish our plan by 29 March 2019 to ensure we receive this money from the DfE.

We will use this small amount of capital funding to maximum effect, to create more local education provision, so that young people can learn in an inclusive environment, within or near to their own community wherever possible.

Our proposals for using this money are based on helping to achieve some of the outcomes outlined in our strategic plan for SEND Education Provision. This plan outlines how we will develop our education provision for children and young people with SEND in North Yorkshire. The number of children and young people identified as having SEND, including those with EHCPs is increasing.

There is more information about the SPCF and our proposals in the next sections.

## **The Strategic Plan for SEND Education Provision 0-25**

North Yorkshire County Council has a statutory responsibility under the Children and Families Act 2014 to keep its special educational provision under review and to ensure there are enough places to meet the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). We must work with parents/carers, young people and providers when we review provision.

To help us carry out this responsibility we have developed our Strategic Plan for SEND Education Provision 2018 -2023. This was agreed by the Council's Executive on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and can be found at: [www.northyorks.gov.uk/sendplan](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/sendplan)

The SPCF capital funding from the Government will help deliver the strategic plan. We will receive this funding each year from 2018 to 2021. We will receive £616 279 over 3 years in total from this the SPCF

There are clear guidelines from the Department for Education on how we can use the funding. You can read them [here](#).

### **This funding is not part of the High Needs Budget.**

The SPCF must be used to benefit children and young people with Education, Health Care Plans (EHCPs) and to:

- Create additional places at provision which OFSTED has judged as good or outstanding
- Improve facilities or develop new facilities.

We cannot use the funding for:

- Increasing places for children and young people who do not have EHCPs
- Reasonable adjustments that schools have to fund themselves
- Furniture
- Teaching resources such as white boards or lap tops
- Training
- Staff costs
- Individual mobility equipment like wheelchairs
- Maintenance work covered by other types of funding

Our proposals for allocating the SPCF in years two and three are outlined later in this document.

### **How did we use the SPCF funding from 2018/19?**

In North Yorkshire there is an increase in the numbers of children and young people identified as having SEND and we expect this to continue. The number of EHCPs has also increased, as has the demand for places in special schools. To help meet this demand we need to develop special school provision in the County. The priority for the SPCF in North Yorkshire is to support the increase of places and the improvement of facilities at special schools.

Our plan for the first year of the SPCF funding can be found at:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-specialist-support-and-inclusion> .

In 2018 to 2019, £163 000 of SPCF was allocated to work in our special schools:

- We completed a feasibility study at The Forest School. Work is now taking place at the school and it is funded from a different capital budget (see above link for details). There will be improved facilities and 25 more places at the school.
- Work has been completed at Springwater School. Facilities have been improved and there will be 6 more places at the school.
- Work is taking place at The Dales School and Springhead School. Facilities will be improved and there will be 6 more places at each school.

### **How are we proposing to use SPCF funding for the next 2 years?**

We have reviewed our plan for spending the SPCF funding. There is £453 279 left and, in line with the DfE guidelines, we are consulting on how we will use this money before we publish an updated plan.

As we have said, we aim to use this small amount of capital funding to maximum effect to create more local education provision, so that young people can learn in an inclusive environment, within or near to their own community wherever possible.

The actions in the strategic plan are about the priority for the SPCF to help create much needed places and improve facilities at North Yorkshire Special Schools.

The proposals we are consulting on are to use the funding for two pieces of work:

- Improving facilities and increasing capacity at Brooklands School, Skipton.
- Work on the proposed satellite site of Mowbray Special School to be created in Ripon.

### **Who are we consulting?**

We are consulting with the public on our proposals, including the following groups;

- Parents, carers and young people;
- Schools and other Education providers, including governors;

- Parent and carers groups, including North Yorkshire Parents And Carers Together; and
- Staff.

### **How are we consulting?**

We are asking questions in a survey, about our proposals and for any other ideas and suggestions. The survey will be available online, via the council's website and via the [Local Offer](#). We can also provide paper copies of the survey and accessible formats of the survey on request.

### **What is the timescale?**

We are consulting for 6 weeks, starting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and ending on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Once the consultation has closed, we will review all of the responses and prepare a report for councillors on the results. They will consider any changes which may need to be made and make a decision on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Our plan for using the funding must be published on the Local Offer by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **Information about our equalities impact assessment**

We have drawn up an equalities impact assessment (EIA) which will be updated following comments received during the consultation and councillors will consider it again before they make a decision.

We have identified that if the proposals are implemented, overall there will be no impact or things will be better for children and young people with SEND. Where a possible negative impact has been identified we have said how this will be addressed.

The EIA can be found at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/capitalphase2](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/capitalphase2) .

### **Completing the survey**

Please give your feedback on the proposals outlined by filling in our online survey, at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/capitalphase2](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/capitalphase2)

If you would like a paper copy or accessible version of the survey, please call our customer service centre on **01609 780 780** or email [send@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:send@northyorks.gov.uk)

## **Our proposals for consultation for years 2 and 3 of the SPCF**

### **Proposal 1**

#### **Brooklands Community Special School, Skipton**

We know that we need to have more special school places in the Craven area.

We also know that improvement to facilities is needed at Brooklands Community Special School.

**Our proposal is to allocate £79 600 of the SPCF to Brooklands Community Special School to:**

- **Carry out work in the school to increase capacity by 6 to 8 places.**
- **Improve facilities including a changing area and a wet room.**

## **Proposal 2**

### **Mowbray School Satellite Provision - Ripon**

Following formal public consultation an action was included in the Strategic Plan to work towards establishing satellite provision in the Ripon area. We have been working on this and propose to establish satellite specialist provision from Mowbray Special School on the Moorside Infant School site in Ripon. A public consultation has been held on this and the proposal was generally supported.

The next stage in the process is for statutory proposals to be published on 11 January 2019. The statutory proposals set out the changes that we are proposing to make and you will be able to comment on them. The County Council's Executive Committee will make a final decision on these proposals on 19 February 2019.

Mowbray School is heavily oversubscribed. We know that we will need more special schools places in the Ripon area.

The plan is for the satellite provision to be for primary pupils starting with 30 pupils and rising to 60. This would be an important increase in places which means we will be able to educate more children and young people who need a special school place in North Yorkshire.

**Our proposal is that, subject to the outcome of the formal process to create the satellite provision, we will allocate £373 679 of the SPCF for internal and external works required to create the Mowbray school satellite provision on the Moorside Infant school site in Ripon.**

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