**Introduction**

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 need to work with parents/carers, young people and providers when we review provision.

We have developed the Strategic Plan for SEND Education Provision 0-25, 2018 to 2023 to help us carry out this duty. The strategic plan can be found [here](#).

To help develop provision we will receive funding from the Government each year from 2018 to 2021. We will receive £848,837 in total from the Special Provision Capital Fund (SPCF). This funding has to be used to increase the number of places and improve facilities for children and young people who have Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). There are clear guidelines about how we can use this funding which can be found [here](#).

So that we can receive the funding, we have to consult on how we propose to use it, and publish a plan for how we will use it. You can [read our plan here](#). We need to update and republish the plan each year over the 3 year period. Our plans for the use of the funding link closely with our strategic plan.
How did we use the first year of our SPCF funding (2018/19)?

In 2018 to 2019, following consultation, £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. 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 do we plan to use the rest of our SPCF funding (2019-2021)?

In early 2019 following consultation a further £453 279 of the SPCF was allocated to further work in special schools to:

- Carry out work at Brooklands Community Special School to improve facilities including a changing area and wet room, and to have at least 6 more places at the school.
- Carry out external and internal work to develop the Mowbray School satellite provision on the former Moorside Infant School site. In the longer term this will provide capacity for 60 places. The satellite provision will open in January 2020.

We then considered our strategic plan and responses to all the consultations we have carried out linked to the plan as well as to the previous SPCF consultations. We proposed to use the remaining £232 558 SPCF to support the development of new targeted provision set out in the Strategic Plan. The previous consultations supported this. The Executive approved this proposal on 21st May 2019.

We have updated our plan to include this action and republished it by 31st May 2019, as required by the DfE. The plan will be updated regularly to give more detail about allocation of funding to individual schools.