



## Special Provision Capital Fund – Somerset’s Plan

### Introduction

The special provision fund allocations announced on 4 March 2017 are to support local authorities (LAs) to make capital investments in provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.

Local authorities can invest in new places and improvements to facilities for pupils with Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans in mainstream and special schools, nurseries, colleges and other provision.

### Allocations for 2018-19 to 2020-21

The Department for Education is providing £215 million of special provision fund allocations for the financial years 2018-19 to 2020-21. Somerset’s allocation is outlined below:

2018/19	£572,131
2019/20	£572,131
2020/21	£572,131
<b>Total allocation</b>	<b>£1,716,394</b>

These allocations will support the Local Authority to improve facilities for pupils with more complex special educational needs (i.e. an EHC Plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs) in mainstream schools.

### Consultation

Local Authorities were expected to make decisions in consultation with local stakeholders.

The options which were consulted on, were developed with stakeholders including special school head teachers.

As engagement with parents and young people is crucial, we worked in partnership with Somerset Parent Carer Forum to hold a series of consultation events in June 2017. Those were held at:

- Bridgwater on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

- Taunton on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017
- Frome on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017
- Street on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017
- Yeovil on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017
- Minehead on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The Somerset Parent Carer Forum also ran an online poll through their social media outlets through the autumn of 2017.

## **Investment**

As a result of those consultation activities, Somerset County Council will be using its allocation to deliver a range of facility improvement projects at mainstream schools over the 3 years and works will include lifts, accessible toilets, wet rooms and therapy suites.

The year one allocation will be used to deliver projects at two mainstream schools in Yeovil.

The allocations for years two and three will be allocated closer to the time and this document and the image below, will be revised to reflect updated plans at regular intervals.

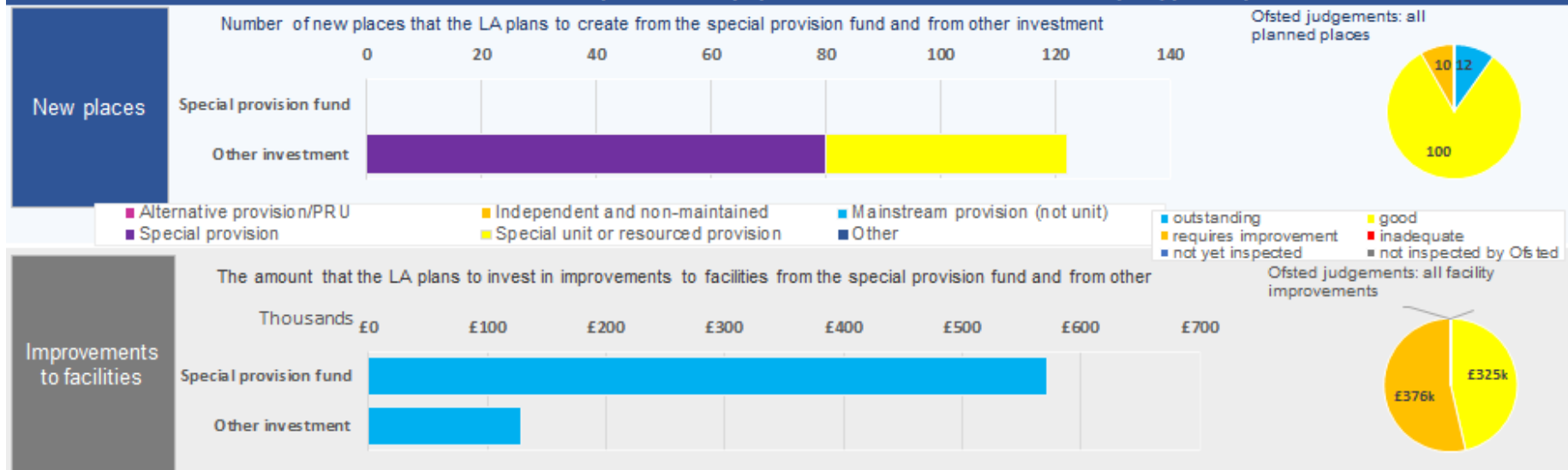
In addition to the DfE Special Provision Capital Fund allocation, Somerset County Council will also be investing a significant amount of its own capital funding in additional specialist places around the county.

An outline of this additional investment can be seen below and will be added to as plans develop.

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Special provision fund capital plan	Total planned investment in additional places		£11,110,000	Total planned investment to improve existing schools' facilities		£701,000
	Total planned number of additional places		122	Total planned number of improvement projects		3
Special provision fund allocation	£1,716,394	£s investment for planned additional places		£s investment in facilities		£572,000
		No. of additional places planned		No. of facilities improvement projects		2
Other funding other than the SEND capital allocation (where applicable)	£0	£s investment for planned additional places		£s investment in facilities		£129,000
		No. of additional places planned		No. of facilities improvement projects		1

## More information about investment in provision for pupils with education, health and care (EHC) plans up until 2021



The special provision fund is to support local authorities to grow and improve provision to benefit pupils with EHC plans. The fund can be used to create new places and improve facilities