**SEND Capital Programme Consultation Document**

**What is the SEND Capital Programme?**

The SEND Capital Fund Programme is a joint funded approach to increasing educational placements for children with SEND in the local area by developing on existing provision both in mainstream schools, special schools and colleges.

**Where is funding for these additional school places coming from?**

The Local Authority will be awarded £576k by the DFE over 3 years from 2018 & 2020. For more information on this please follow the link below;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-provision-capital-funding-for-pupils-with-ehc-plans>

To support this work the Local Authority has also allocated an additional £500k to the development of this capital programme.

The funding must be spent to increase provision and school places for children with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)

**What have we done?**

Over the last 18 months the Local Authority has carried out work to understand the needs and growth of our local population of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in particular we have been keen to understand what additional educational capacity we need for children with EHCP’s.

This work has been led by B&NES Public Health and been shared widely with schools, education providers, health colleagues and our local parent carer forum. This work has helped us develop strategic priorities to ensure we can meet the needs educationally of our growing population of children with EHCP’s.

**What have we selected to support our strategic needs?**

From 14 expressions of interest from schools and colleges we have selected 4 providers to develop additional SEND school places within B&NES. These are outlined below;

**Supporting Bath College** – Development of existing site in Midsomer Norton for an additional 53 SEND Post 16 Places for children with complex needs. Focusing on life skills & Employability.

**Supporting Aspire** **Special School** – Additional 20 on site SEMH/ASD placements increasing overall capacity of school to 54 places.

**Supporting Threeways Special School** – Additional 20 SEND spaces for children with complex SEND needs

**Broadlands School** – Additional 12 mainstream secondary school spaces for children with EHCP’s

**When will the developments happen?**

We would hope to have some of these additional school places available from September 2018 and to have completed all the projects by April 2019?

**How do I provide any comments I might have on these proposals?**

Please email any comments on our plans to Rebecca Claridge – Rebecca\_Claridge@bathnes.gov.uk by Thursday April 5th 2018.