



# Report to Schools Forum

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**Title:** DSG Management Plan – Report from the DSG Spending Review Group

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## **Recommendations:**

**To note the priorities and work of the DSG Expenditure Review Group since the last Schools Forum meeting**

### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to update on the work of the DSG Spending Review Group through the autumn term.

### 2. Updates from the DSG Expenditure Review Group

2.1. At the meetings in the autumn term the group has considered highlight reports and progress against the key workstreams in the DSG recovery plan:

- 1) Post-16 and Post-19 demand and spend
- 2) Expenditure on placements in other local authority schools
- 3) Expenditure in Independent schools
- 4) EHCP Demand Management
- 5) Sufficiency Strategy – capital spend
- 6) Mainstream School Top Up spend

2.2. Progress against some of these workstreams is well developed and others, for example post-16 and post-19 spend, will be the subject of further detailed actions to understand spend and demand and to develop further proposals.

2.3. The October meeting of the DSG Expenditure Review Group focused on updating the work on the Post-16 workstream, and on initial progress and priorities of the new SEND Inclusion Advisers. SEND Inclusion Advisers will work collaboratively

across the county, sharing appropriate information as required, to support schools and ensure that the needs of pupils are met. The aim is for 100% of schools to have been met by SEND Inclusion Advisers (virtually or face to face) by the summer term 2023.

- 2.4. Expected outcomes of the work of these new posts were discussed. Financial impact measures will be developed to support the deficit management plan.
- 2.5. Through the spring term the DSG Expenditure Review Group will consider the financial modelling of the DSG deficit management plan, to be reported back to Schools Forum at the March 2023 meeting.

