**Leicester City Local Offer information re SEND Capital Funding**

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Leicester City Council therefore intends to develop between 50-60 places for the next academic year, which we are seeing as Stage 1; we shall then update our plans and prepare for Stage 2, more places for the period to 2025.

58 additional places were created at five specialist provisions across Leicester in the financial year 2018-19. Our ambition to respond to the SEND local area inspection findings (OfSTED/CQC, May 2018) has also led to the LA actively seeking more places which are specialist and for children and young people with EHC Plans, in mainstream resourced provisions- which we describe as Designated Specialist Provision (DSPs) in Leicester City. DSPs will also be linked to our special schools and academies, to ensure up to date approaches for supporting children and young people experiencing SEND.

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Since that time there has been a significant investment £17 million in the creation of additional specialist places for Children and Young People experiencing SEND in Leicester City. This has taken two main forms:

**Expansion of our special school provision**

We are currently in the process of completing expansions of several special schools creating 200 additional placements for the academic year 21/22 and an additional 24 places for 22/23.

**Expansion of our Designated Specialist Provisions (DSPs)**

We have committed £1.5 million to developing additional DSP places in Leicester City. These are resourced provisions in mainstream schools for children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Since 2019 we have created an additional 52 DSP places with an additional 68 becoming available in the academic year 21/22. There are also plans to further develop the DSP programme in the future.