



**West  
Northamptonshire  
Council**

# **Schools Forum SEND Update**

4 July 2023



## 1. SEND Joint Strategy

## 2. SEND Improvements

- Additional Capacity
- SEND Ranges
- SEND Funding Project

# SEND Joint Strategy



- WNC and strategic partners have co-produced a new SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy and Co-production Charter for 2023 – 2026
- Vision is for all children and young people with SEND, to thrive, fulfil their potential, and live their best life.
- Feedback > 20 co-production events, 800 participants, approximately 3000 individual pieces of feedback which have fed into the strategy
- Co-production Charter > 5 key values identified: Working Together, Communication, Transparency, Respect and Accountability.
- Strategy has 3 golden threads: Co-production, Inclusion and Thrive (WNC Core Values)
- Strategy has 6 priorities: Accessibility, Resources, Identification and Assessment, Training, Alternative Provision and Preparation for Adulthood.
- Presentation to Cabinet @ 11 July

# SEND Improvements : Additional Capacity

<u>Education Setting Type</u>	<u>Update</u>
Units at Mainstream Schools	Moulton School : target opening date > January 2024
Special School	Target opening target date > September 2025

# SEND Improvements : SEND Ranges

- Multi-disciplinary training for settings 0-25 including Early Years , Schools & FE settings plus WNC
- Moderation sessions with 0-25 example reviews
- Panel application administration amended to align with Ranges > work in progress
- Implement – Learn – Refine

- Provisions are being reviewed with the principle that “the funding follows the needs, and is fair and transparent”
- Payment changes
  - Early Years @ 1 April 2024
  - Mainstream Schools & Units @ 1 April 2024
  - Further Education @ 1 August 2024
- Process improvements & application documentation improvements will be launched after co-production / approval with project team

- Governance & Organisation > Review
  - Panel Process
  - Administration eg Application Forms
  - Funding Levels and Criteria
  - Co-production with project team
- Funding levels > financial modelling is work in progress
  - Recommended levels for setting types eg Early Years, Schools & FE (later)
  - WNC budget impact
- Systems & Processes
  - End to End Process review > work in progress
  - Multiple policies to be defined / reviewed
  - Co-production with project team

# SEND Improvements : Funding Project EHC Plan / Education Banding Tool

- Needs Profile Form
  - Update now brought forward from 1 September to 3 July
  - Launch for 0 to 25
- Banding Levels / Banding Values > financial modelling is work in progress
  - Recommended values for setting types
  - WNC budget impact
- Payment change policies > consultation next stage with project team
- Exceptions > consultation underway with project team
- Funding Appeals Panel Process > refinements needed to current process
- Implementation plan > detailed plan in 4 phases > on schedule



- Participants
  - Education Providers
  - Other stakeholders TBC
  
- Timing
  - Early July to Mid-September TBC
  
- Content
  - Funding project principles > work in progress
  - Questions > work in progress
  
- Schools Forum feedback @ 18 October
  - Consultation feedback
  - WNC decisions
  - Funding levels / banding levels
  - Implementation plan