



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

SCHOOLS FORUM SEND Presentation

13 December 2022



1. Overview of SEND Improvement work
 - a) Needs analysis
 - b) Sufficiency
 - c) SEND Funding Projects (detailed presentation)
 - i. Non-EHC Plan / High Needs Funding
 - ii. EHC-Plan / Education Banding Tool
2. Next Steps

- **Mastodon Survey**

Reviewing census data in schools in WNC and Primary Needs of children

- **SCAP 2023**

First time will require a SEND specific forecast of pupil numbers

Will be completed by Summer 2023 and verified by DfE Autumn 2023

This will inform capital funding allocation for future SEND provisions and Special Schools

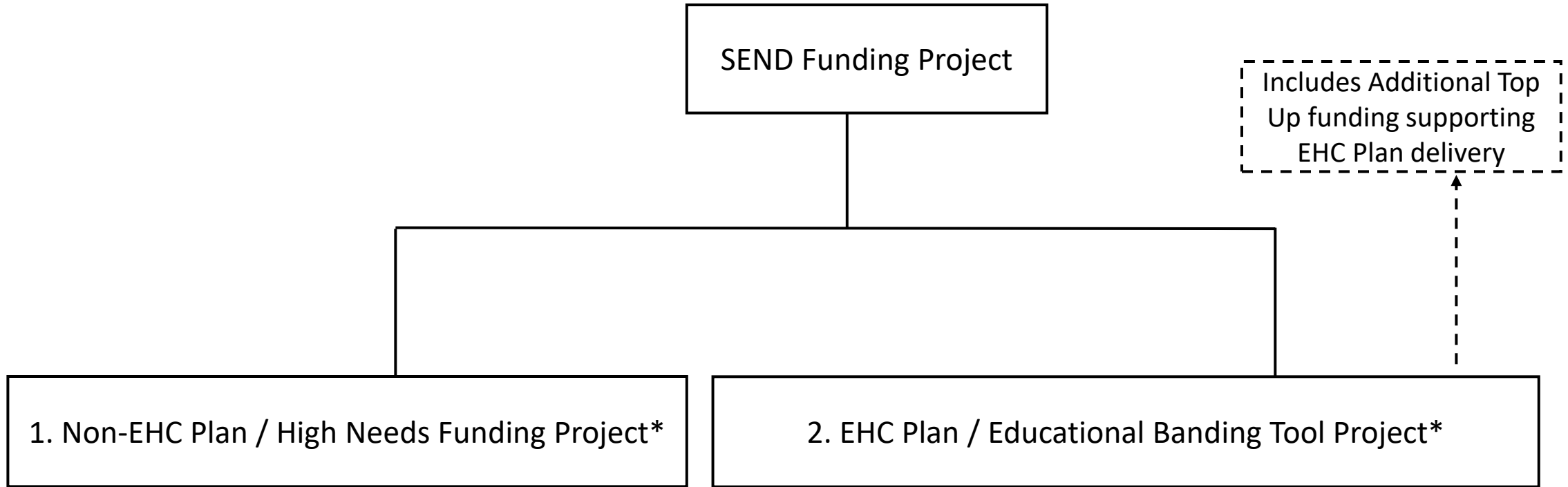
The needs analysis will be co-produced with partners and parents

Sufficiency Analysis

- As part of the needs analysis, the sufficiency of current schools, settings and other local services will be reviewed as well
 - This will identify where there are gaps in provision
 - This will inform the future commissioning and specialist provision
- The needs analysis will consider education, health and care needs for children in West Northants. This will be illustrated at WNC-level and broken down into local areas
- The Council will provide forecasts for the medium term (up to 5 years in advance)

- Objective : to provide consistency and clarity of SEND funding across West Northamptonshire
- Focus :
 1. Funding for children and young people with Education Health Care (EHC) Plans
 2. Funding for children and young people who do not have EHC Plans, but do receive additional funding (currently known as High Needs Funding).
- Working group
 - Mainstream schools, SEN & resource units, early years settings, colleges representatives including Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCOs)
 - Northants Parent Forum Group (NPF) representatives
- Approach : the group are analysing the existing data and designing a new funding framework to enable the council to allocate funds to schools, units, early years settings and colleges in a more consistent and transparent way
- Timescales
 - 1 September 2023 launch (target date) : schools, units and early years settings
 - Further Education launch : will be later. Timing still needs to be evaluated

SEND Funding Project : Scope



Primary Objective : To provide consistency and clarity of SEND funding across West Northamptonshire

1. Non-EHC Plans / High Needs Funding Project

- Project Team are reviewing
 - Current panel process
 - Funding criteria : alignment with the new SEND Ranges is needed
 - Process for checking progress towards agreed outcomes
- Panel focus
 - Early Years High Needs Funding Panel
 - Schools High Needs Funding Panel (including SEMH & HI / VI)
 - Further Education Complex Needs process changes will be later
- Timeline & milestones are being evaluated
 - Includes consultation and co-production with the SEND Funding Project Working Group
 - Testing and modelling in Spring Terms 2023 (supported by the Project Finance Sub-group)
- Communication Campaign and Training tools will be developed and will ensure close alignment with the EHC Plan / Education Banding Tool Project and the Graduated Approach / SEND Ranges Project

2. EHC Plans / Education Banding Tool Project

- West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) currently uses Imosphere's Resource Allocation System (RAS) to allocate funding to special schools.
- Working Group is planning to use the RAS software to help support children and young people in mainstream schools, SEN & resource units, early years settings and colleges
- Finance sub-group : will help to define and recommend the RAS banding levels via financial modelling
- Communication & Training sub-group : will facilitate the co-production of the communication campaign and training tools
- WNC will invite professionals from education settings to training/information sessions co-hosted by Imosphere. Details of the sessions will be shared once the dates are confirmed.

Next Steps

- Financial Modelling > to progress for both projects
- 13 December 2022 : SEND Funding Project overview
- 7 February 2023 : Project Status update
- January to March 2023 : Schools & Units affected all engaged
- March 2023 : Final allocations communicated to Mainstream Schools, SEN & Resource Units plus Early Years settings
- September 2023 : Implementation target date
- December 2023 : Review and feedback