

# RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

1.	<b>Decision title</b>	Expansion of Specialist Provision – DSP Phase 2
2.	<b>Declarations of interest</b>	
3.	<b>Date of decision</b>	12 March 2025
4.	<b>Decision maker</b>	City Mayor
5.	<b>Decision taken</b>	To approve the release of £1.75m from the New Schools Places Policy Provision, to create 72 new DSP Placements (at Rushey Mead Academy; City of Leicester; Lancaster Academy; and Willowbank Hospital School) and create 10 places for a SEND Unit at Imperial Avenue Infant School.
6.	<b>Reason for decision</b>	Designated Specialist provisions within schools are an effective method for delivering specialist educational provision for pupils with special educational needs whilst remaining within a mainstream environment. The DSP phase 2 project will have created an additional 150 specialist places at completion. The release of the remaining funding will enable the final projects to be completed.
7.	<b>A) KEY DECISION Yes/No?</b> b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Yes/no	A) Yes B) Yes
8.	<b>Options considered</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To approve the release of £1.75m from the New Schools Places Policy Provision, to create 72 new DSP Placements (at Rushey Mead Academy; City of Leicester; Lancaster Academy; and Willowbank Hospital School) and create 10 places for a SEND Unit at Imperial Avenue Infant School.</li> <li>2. Do not approve the funding to be released, which would stop the creation of additional specialist places needed.</li> </ol>
9.	<b>Deadline for call-in</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 members of a scrutiny commission or any 5 councillors can ask for the decision to be</li> </ul>	19 March 2025

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	<p>called-in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notification of call-in with reasons must be made to the monitoring officer</li></ul>	
10.	<p><b>Signature of decision maker</b> (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of executive member)</p>	