

RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

1.	Decision title	Expansion of Specialist Provision – DSP Phase 3
2.	Declarations of interest	None
3.	Date of decision	14 August 2026
4.	Decision maker	City Mayor
5.	Decision taken	To approve the release of £4.4m from High Needs Capital to the Capital Programme to deliver DSP and SEND Unit places between 2026–2029. To delegate authority to the Director of Education to agree final school sites and configuration of places, following feasibility work and due diligence, including reports and updates to relevant strategic boards.
6.	Reason for decision	Deliver Specialist Inclusion places through Designated Specialist Provisions (DSPs) and SEND Units across Leicester. It responds to increasing demand for specialist SEND provision and builds on the success of DSP Phases 1 and 2. The expansion will provide more children and young people with SEND access to high-quality specialist support within their local mainstream schools, helping them achieve positive outcomes while strengthening whole-school inclusion. It will also reduce reliance on more costly external placements and support the council's High Needs Block recovery and sustainability plans.
7.	A) KEY DECISION Yes/No? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Yes/no	A) Yes B) Yes
8.	Options considered	1. Approve proceed with DSP Phase 3 2. Not approve to proceed.

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9.	Deadline for call-in • 5 members of a scrutiny commission or any 5 councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in. • Notification of call-in with reasons must be made to the monitoring officer	21 August 2026
10.	Signature of decision maker (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of executive member)	