

High Needs Block Recovery Plan Mitigations

As previously presented to Cabinet on 3rd October 2023

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A1	Specialist Provision	Delivery	So far capital projects have delivered 233 additional specialist education places in Bristol. Work continues with a further 104 places forecast by September 2024 and a further 56 by September 2025. In addition to this, conversations are ongoing about additional projects being added into the programme.	(Public Pack) Agenda Document for Cabinet, 06/09/2022 16:00 (bristol.gov.uk)

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A2	Capital Investment in Existing Specialist Settings	Delivery	<p>The Council has received £14.874m High Needs Grant Funding from the Department for Education for 2022/23 and 2023/24. Cabinet has taken the decision to use this funding to deliver the additional specialist places noted in A1 and A3 with some capital held for future specialist provision opportunities. It is hoped the DfE will announce new High Needs Grant Funding for 2024/25 & 2025/26 to enable the delivery of the next wave of strategic priorities to continue to reduce the reliance on INM provision and support the recovery plan.</p> <p>In addition, the Council has targeted appropriate Free School windows to encourage investment in new Specialist schools in the city. This has resulted in the approval of a DfE investment in a new Specialist Free School located in the North of the City. Future bid opportunities will be reviewed on their ability to deliver key strategic priorities for the city including supporting the HNB recovery plan.</p>	(Public Pack) Agenda Document for Cabinet, 06/09/2022 16:00 (bristol.gov.uk)

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A3	Expansion of Support Living (Project Rainbow)	Delivery	<p>The 12-bedroom property is currently under construction at the City of Bristol College Ashley Down site with expected completion for the start of term 1, September 2023. The college anticipate that all 12 rooms will be fully occupied within the autumn term.</p> <p>The property is for young people aged 18-24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who are enrolled on a full-time course with City of Bristol College. Students living at the centre will develop independent living skills, employability skills, gain work experience and have opportunities to socialise with others.</p> <p>Bristol City Council have been working together with students currently living at the City of Bristol College Brislington Centre site and young people from the Listening Partnership (our SEND participation group) to co-produce plans for the site, including interior design and artwork, signage, and accessibility.</p>	<p>(Public Pack) Agenda Document for Cabinet, 18/01/2022 16:00 (bristol.gov.uk) page 675</p> <p>(Public Pack) Agenda Document for Cabinet, 06/09/2022 16:00 (bristol.gov.uk) page 11</p>

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B1	Review of HNB Element 3 Non-Statutory 'top-up' Funding	Planning	This mitigation is being pursued as part of the DfE's Delivering Better Value in SEND Programme which Bristol has secured funding for. A procurement process has been undertaken to identify a delivery partner to work with the council to develop a suite of options for public consultation. This work collectively comprises 4 schemes within the HNB Recovery Plan (and is also known as Workstream 2). The delivery partner is currently developing proposals for consultation in November 2023 before a Cabinet decision planned for January 2024.	Delivering Better Value in SEND Programme Grant Allocation (Cabinet Report) 07/02/2023 (pages 294 to 298)
B2	Needs Matrix for Non-Statutory Top-Up Funding Applications	On Hold	Pending outcome of DBV Workstream 2	DCLU Local Digital Fund Round 5 Award
C4	Belonging with SEND Programme	Delivery	The Belonging with SEND programme was delivered as a grant funding programme to support schools turn creative ideas into innovative school inclusion practice. To date 29 schools have received funding totalling £485k. Round 1 funded projects were completed in July – September 2023. Round 2 projects will complete in January 2024 and Round 3 projects will complete in July/September 2024. Further funding rounds will be developed in the new academic year 2023/24.	Bristol Schools Forum Report January 2023

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C5	Workforce Development Plan and Delivery	Delivery	This work is currently focusing on maintenance and continued development of the online SEND workforce development offer, planning delivery of in-school training following a reduction in attendance due to workload challenges and completion of guidance on working with families of CYP with SEND from Black and Minoritised Communities following engagement with parent carers and educational settings.	Bristol SEND Workforce Development Offer
C6	School Improvement Offer for SEND	Delivery	Supporting schools with developing their SEND provision by providing school-based reviews; mapping Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) through using a whole school OAP template; managing School SEND Coordinator clusters; member/vice-Chair of Inclusion in Education Group; workforce development through SEND Peer reviews; Belonging with SEND reviewing and monitoring projects.	Ordinarily Available Provision; Support for SENDCos;
D2	Therapists, Mentors and Tutors Framework	Delivery	The framework contract is live with three tender rounds having been run. There are 17 providers on the framework, and a block contract has been called off under the framework for SALT and OT with health provider Sirona.	Additional Provision Framework Contract - Therapists Mentors Tutors Approved Providers List Fina.pdf (bristol.gov.uk)
D3	ALP Framework	Delivery	The framework contract is live, tender round 5 closed Friday 16th June. 16 providers are on the framework, with a further 29 bids submitted and ready for evaluation.	Alternative Learning Provision (bristol.gov.uk) Alternative Learning Provision Framework - Decision Pathway Report.pdf (bristol.gov.uk)

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E1	Specialist Place Funding	Planning	<p>This mitigation is being pursued as part of the DfE's Delivering Better Value in SEND Programme which Bristol has secured funding for. A procurement process has been undertaken to identify a delivery partner to work with the council to develop a suite of options for public consultation. This work collectively comprises 4 schemes within the HNB Recovery Plan (and is also known as Workstream 2). The delivery partner is currently developing proposals for consultation in November 2023 before a Cabinet decision planned for January 2024.</p>	<p>Delivering Better Value in SEND Programme Grant Allocation (Cabinet Report) 07/02/2023 (pages 294 to 298)</p>
F1	Review of 18 to 25 EHCP top up Funding	Planning	<p>This mitigation is being pursued as part of the DfE's Delivering Better Value in SEND Programme which Bristol has secured funding for. A procurement process has been undertaken to identify a delivery partner to work with the council to develop a suite of options for public consultation. This work collectively comprises 4 schemes within the HNB Recovery Plan (and is also known as Workstream 2). The delivery partner is currently developing proposals for consultation in November 2023 before a Cabinet decision planned for January 2024.</p>	<p>Delivering Better Value in SEND Programme Grant Allocation (Cabinet Report) 07/02/2023 (pages 294 to 298)</p>

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F2	Review of Post-16 Out of Authority	Planning	This mitigation is being pursued as part of the DfE's Delivering Better Value in SEND Programme which Bristol has secured funding for. A procurement process has been undertaken to identify a delivery partner to work with the council to develop a suite of options for public consultation. This work collectively comprises 4 schemes within the HNB Recovery Plan (and is also known as Workstream 2)	Delivering Better Value in SEND Programme Grant Allocation (Cabinet Report) 07/02/2023 (pages 294 to 298)
G2	Alternative Learning Provision	Planning	High quality properly commissioned and monitored ALP will form an essential part of meeting Bristol's sufficiency requirements going forward. There is currently a local deficit in local SEMH provision. Effective ALP can offer an excellent local alternative to high cost out-of-authority ISP's meeting lower levels of SEMH Primary need and will form part of the sufficiency strategy. A plan will be developed to support the development and improvement of existing ALP provision and the development of needs led new provision.	