Supplementary request for the Executive/Council

Special provision fund capital allocations

On the 16th December 2018, DfE announced that there was an additional allocation of £100m (nationally) of capital funding for special educational needs and disabilities. The funding is to support Local Authorities to make capital investments in provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. Local Authorities can invest in new places and improvements to facilities for pupils with education, health and care (EHC) plans in mainstream and special schools, nurseries, colleges and other provision.

The funding is not ringfenced or timebound, so Local Authorities can make the best decisions for their areas. Local Authorities are required to verify this funding has been spent on capital projects through the section 151 officer's return.

On the 30th January 2019, specific Council allocations were announced. On top of the £3.2m of grant already allocated under the scheme, a further £1,207,688 will be allocated to Bromley.

It is recommended that this allocation be agreed to be included in the Capital programme for 2019/20. Decisions on the actual expenditure of the grant will be reported to Committee in the usual way through the regular Basic Need Capital update reports.

Decision

The Executive are requested to:-

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