

Decision Maker: **SCHOOLS' FORUM**

Date: **Thursday 20th June 2019**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND
DISABILITIES, AND THOSE WHO NEED ALTERNATIVE
PROVISION – CALL FOR EVIDENCE CONSULTATION
RESPONSE**

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1. Reason for report

This report provides an outline of the Local Authority's draft response to the DfE consultation document.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- i. **The Schools Forum is asked to review the draft response, with a view to either endorsing the LA response or formulating separate response.**

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Department for Education has recently launched a consultation to look specifically at the funding for children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities, and those needing alternative provision (AP). Whilst the government accepts that the overall amount of funding available is the most pressing concern, this call for evidence is intended to help them to understand how the current funding is distributed and what improvements could be made to the funding arrangements in the future.
- 3.2 Full details of the consultation can be found at the following link:
<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/funding-for-send-and-those-who-need-ap-call-for-ev/>
- 3.3 The closing date for the consultation is 31st July 2019. The LA has put together a draft response which is being shared with the Schools Forum. Please note that some of the responses are still being formulated at this early stage of the process. The Forum is asked to consider the LA responses with a view to either endorsing the LA response or formulating it's own response. All schools are also being encouraged to respond on an individual basis.
- 3.4 The consultation response is attached at appendix 1.