



School Forum
27th May 2022

SEND/ Safety Valve Update



Introduction / context

Schools Forum invited to
Safety Valve conversations
December 21

We will receive £33.5m to
help address historic High
Needs deficit

Kirklees is one of 8 successful
Local Authorities –
Ours is 3rd highest award

Submission placed for
additional Capital

What does this mean

- ❖ Trajectories developed based on trends.
- ❖ Workstreams focus on additional capacity within Kirklees (ARP, New Special Schools), whilst educating in appropriate settings that suit their needs.
- ❖ Developing Inclusion Support Offer, Graduated Approach and skills / knowledge of staff
- ❖ Outcome of trajectories – 2026/27 High Needs Block will break even.
- ❖ To achieve break even, DfE were explicit about contributions from Schools (as part of block transfer) and Council.

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- ❖ Council will contribute £23m through reserves and diversion of general Fund base budget.
- ❖ Schools Forum previously agreed 0.5% transfer per annum (£1.6m), and as part of this agreement, investment back into the system will take place starting with ARP and Satellite Special Schools.
- ❖ Safety Valve agreement based on financial position and assumptions – strong recommendation from DfE meant increase in block transfer value from £1.6, to £2.1m in 23/24 & £2.6m in 24/25.



Next steps

- ☐ Received £13.5m in March – balance across 5 equal payments until 2026/27.
- ☐ Performance based.
- ☐ Further clarification to be sought on future consultation with Schools Forum
- ☐ Quarterly monitoring to DfE – will share with Schools Forum and keep you updated
- ☐ Cabinet report on Safety valve and related sufficiency capital expenditure

Capital / Investment

- ☐ Significant Capital investment
- ☐ 2 new Special Schools – creation of 100+ places to enable our children to be educated locally.
- ☐ Kirklees will borrow £28 million
- ☐ Invest in new Additional Resourced Provision/Special School Satellite (= number of places) and where necessary develop capacity within existing schools.
- ☐ Update you on status of Capital submission as soon as we know

Questions?

