



Overview of capital funding

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Three core objectives for schools capital investment



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Who does what

<p>The Department for Education (DfE):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sets the policy framework for capital funding• Ensures programmes and funding allocations are aligned with ministerial objectives• Manages the education capital budget	<p>The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manages programme delivery (e.g. Free Schools, PSBP, CIF)• Distributes funding• Provides support and challenge to LAs, trusts and schools
<p>We both:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek to maximise value for money from schools capital funding• Evaluate programmes and policies• Provide advice to Ministers	

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Sufficiency of school places

Progress

- Basic need allocations published three years ahead
- Current SCAP survey improves on past methods for collecting data on places needed
- Special Provision Capital Fund:
 - Amounts individual LAs will receive announced in March
 - Detail of light-touch accountability arrangements to follow shortly.
- SEN places also being created via Free Schools

Strategic priorities

- Strengthening capital efficiency
- Coping with demographic growth
- Improving long-term forecasting accuracy

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Improving the condition of the estate

Progress

- 3 year allocations help LAs and trusts to plan ahead
- PDS enabled us to start improving targeting of spend. CDC will build further on this – and allow us to test our deterioration forecasts
- PSBP is rebuilding and refurbishing schools in worst condition
- Condition spend data collection helping us build up a picture of how SCA is being used

Strategic priorities

- Reviewing the SCA formula for future years
 - Improve VfM and targeting
 - More resilient to movement of schools
- Strengthening accountability
- Working up options for a successor programme to PSBP2

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Supporting educational reform through the free schools programme

Progress

- 432 open schools (including UTCs and studio schools) across 129 different local authorities
- 350 new schools approved to open in 2017 and beyond
- Around 50 schools are due to open in 2017/18
- Around 40 schools are due to move to their permanent sites in 2017/18
- March 2017 – public launch of LocalED

Strategic priorities

- Acquiring enough affordable sites in the right locations
- Wave 12 applications closed in September 2016. Arrangements and timetable for wave 13 to be confirmed

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Early years capital funding

Progress

- £100m Early Years Capital Fund - bid round via LAs ran from June - August 2016
- Nearly 400 providers were successful across 125 local authorities.

Strategic priorities

- Meet both short and long-term priorities of capital investment in the early years market.
- Our main objective is to meet the immediate need for "30 hours" places - priority is that places are available in Autumn 2017
- Also considering longer term priorities focussed on attracting additional investment into the market (e.g. through potential loan financing offers).

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