

## High Needs Block and Safety Valve Update – July 2022

To: Schools Forum

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Purpose: To provide Schools Forum with an update on the High Needs Block and Safety Valve arrangements.

Recommendation: Schools Forum are asked to comment on the content of the presentation at appendix A.

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# 1. Context

1.1 The presentation (appendix A) accompanying this report provides information to update Schools Forum on the High Needs Block, SEND Transformation Programme and the DfE's Safety Valve process:

- Introduction - Cambridgeshire context
- SEND Strategy Phase 2
- Governance
- SEND Transformation programme principles, high level plan, workstream and enablers summary, progress and successes.
- Invest to transform funding and committed spend to date
- High Needs budget, expenditure and projected deficit growth
- Safety Valve context, outcomes and timeline.
- The Plan

1.2 During the presentation by Officers, Members of Schools Forum will have opportunity to comment on the content and ask questions.