

## **Appendix 1**

### **Summary of Cheshire East Council Reprofiled DSG Management Plan 2024/25 to 2030/31**

#### **Introduction**

1. This appendix provides a summary of the council's reprofiled Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Management Plan for the period 2024/25 to 2030/31, which has been shared with the DfE Safety Valve intervention programme on 4 October 2024.
2. The DSG management plan has been reprofiled to take in to account of the reduced growth of EHCP numbers (13.5% EHCP growth - 5.5% lower than anticipated) and a considerably lower deficit position than forecast on 31 March 2024 (£10.1m reduction in the deficit position – giving a position of £79m).
3. Mitigations have been updated to reflect any update information and intelligence. For example, the timing of new specialist provision.
4. Forecast are based on the January 2024 education, health and care plan (EHCP) numbers from the SEN2 statutory return.
5. The DSG Management Plan is based on a very detailed spreadsheet template issued by the DfE. This Appendix provides a summary.
6. The DSG management plan provides an unmitigated and mitigated forecast for the period 2024/25 to 2030/31.
7. Where changes to provision are identified they remain subject to necessary consultations, sufficient capital funding where applicable and local approval.
8. The Management Plan is based on average costs for the placement of additional pupils. This has to be used for modelling as the destination of each new child and their needs cannot be determined at this stage.
9. The average costs of provision ranges from £7,593 for a pupil supported in mainstream to £25,000 for a special school to over £64,000 for independent specialist provision.
10. The High Needs Allocation for 2024-25 is £57.5 million

## Provision Types

11. Children and young people with an EHCP are supported in a variety of education setting types:

- Mainstream schools and early years setting
- Further education colleges (FE)
- Enhanced Mainstream Provision (EMP) – within a mainstream school
- Resource Provision (RP) – within a mainstream school
- Special Schools – maintained, academy, free schools, independent both within and outside of Cheshire East
- Non-maintained special schools, Independent special schools and Specialist post 16 institutes (NMSS/ISS/SPIs)
- Alternative provision (AP)

## EHCP Data Analysis

12. The number of EHCPs in the system has increased by 547 during the year, bringing the total of EHCPs as of January 2024 to 4,576. This represents a growth in the total of EHCPs of 13.6% compared with 18% the previous year. This included 715 first/new EHCPs.

13. National growth as at January 2024 is 11.4%, in the previous year this level of growth was been 9.3%.

14. It is difficult to identify trends from the table below. We can see that the placement of children and young people within the independent sector has increased at considerably different rates; 30% 2022, 62% 2023 and 12% 2023.

| All EHCPs by provision type                                 | Jan-22 | EHCP Increase | % Increase | Jan-23 | EHCP Increase | % Increase | Jan-24 | EHCP Increase | % Increase |
|---|--------|---------------|------------|--------|---------------|------------|--------|---------------|------------|
| Mainstream schools inc. Nursery/PVI                         | 1,830  | 261           | 17%        | 2,084  | 254           | 14%        | 2,368  | 284           | 14%        |
| RP  | 88     | -6            | -6%        | 132    | 44            | 50%        | 148    | 16            | 12%        |
| LA Special  | 706    | 44            | 7%         | 778    | 72            | 10%        | 817    | 39            | 5%         |
| Special Independent schools + SPIs and NMSS (pre & post 16) | 337    | 78            | 30%        | 545    | 208           | 62%        | 613    | 68            | 12%        |

|                              |              |            |            |              |            |            |              |            |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| AP/Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) | 11           | 2          | 225        | 19           | 8          | 73%        | 19           | 0          | 0%           |
| FE/Post 16                   | 440          | 99         | 29%        | 471          | 31         | 7%         | 611          | 140        | 30%          |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>3,412</b> | <b>478</b> | <b>16%</b> | <b>4,029</b> | <b>617</b> | <b>18%</b> | <b>4,576</b> | <b>547</b> | <b>13.6%</b> |

15. The table below shows the number of new/first EHCPs issued in the calendar year 2023. The number of new/first EHCPs issued reduced by 3.64% compared with EHCPs issued in 2022 (The increase of first EHCPs in the calendar year 2022 was 13.5% on the previous year).

16. National growth as at January 2024 is 26.6%. [Education, health and care plans, Reporting year 2024 - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/education-health-and-care-plans-reporting-year-2024) "With regards to new EHC plans in particular, we have seen a large increase compared to last year's figures (7.3%). Based on historic data trends, we expect some of this increase to be reflective of the number of new plans, however some is expected to be as a result of improved data quality and coverage".

| NEW/FIRST PLANS by Provision                                | Jan-22     | % Increase 2022 | Proportion of new plans 2022 | Jan-23     | % Increase 2023 | Proportion of new plans 2023 | Jan-24     | % Increase 2024 | Proportion of new plans 2024 |
|---|------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Mainstream schools inc. Nursery/PVI                         | 578        | 3%              | 88%                          | 602        | 4%              | 81%                          | 628        | 4%              | 88%                          |
| RP  | 8          | 100%            | 1%                           | 24         | 200%            | 3%                           | 9          | -63%            | 1%                           |
| LA Special  | 30         | 11%             | 5%                           | 42         | 40%             | 6%                           | 24         | -43%            | 3%                           |
| Special Independent schools + SPIs and NMSS (pre & post 16) | 15         | -35%            | 2%                           | 47         | 213%            | 6%                           | 19         | -60%            | 3%                           |
| AP/Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)                                | 7          | 75%             | 1%                           | 10         | 43%             | 1%                           | 9          | -10%            | 1%                           |
| FE/Post 16  | 16         | -24%            | 2%                           | 17         | 6%              | 2%                           | 26         | 53%             | 4%                           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>654</b> | <b>2%</b>       | <b>100%</b>                  | <b>742</b> | <b>13.50%</b>   | <b>100%</b>                  | <b>715</b> | <b>-3.64%</b>   | <b>100%</b>                  |

## Forecasting Children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

17. The council has to submit a SEN 2 return in January each year setting out the latest information on EHCP numbers. The data from the January 2024 SEN2 return is the basis for forecasting in this plan.

- The table below shows the original DSG management plan forecast position, compared with the SEN2 January 2024 outturn position. At the end of 2023/24, there were 196 less EHCPs than anticipated, representing a growth of 13.6% compared to the previous year. This shows that the outturn was better than forecast, overall by 4%. The biggest variance relates to non-maintained special schools, independent special schools and post 16 specialist institutes, this area is also responsible for the significantly lower deficit position.

| Type                         | Original forecast 2023/24 | SEN2 Jan 24  | Variance    | Variance % |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Mainstream                   | 2,460                     | 2368         | -92         | -4%        |
| RP / SEN Units               | 156                       | 148          | -4          | -5%        |
| Special Schools              | 828                       | 817          | -11         | -1%        |
| NMSS & Independent           | 757                       | 613          | -144        | -19%       |
| AP/Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) | 19                        | 19           | 0           | 0%         |
| FE/Post 16                   | 556                       | 611          | 55          | 10%        |
| <b>Total EHCPs</b>           | <b>4,776</b>              | <b>4,576</b> | <b>-200</b> | <b>-4%</b> |

18. The reprofiled DSG management plan and associated EHCP forecasts have been based on the SEN2 Jan 24 EHCP data.

19. Prior to the Safety Valve programme involvement, previous versions of the DSG management plan, forecast the unmitigated number of EHCPs by using a flat rate increase of number plans each year. Following discussions and seeking advice from DfE Safety Valve colleagues, we have used a percentage increase each year to represent the growth of future EHCPs. The percentage reduces each year until it reaches 11% increase, which is the national level of EHCP growth seen in 2023 (January 24 SEN2 data).

- 20.** The two tables below show the original forecasts (submitted to the Safety Valve programme in December 2023) and the reprofiled forecast (September 2024) for both unmitigated EHCPs and mitigated EHCPs. The main differences between the two versions are: the level of growth of the unmitigated forecast (due to the change of growth national this has been increased to 11% from 10%), and the number of EHCPs at the start (2023/24) is 200 EHCPs lower than originally forecast.
- 21.** The mitigated EHCP forecast, shows that there will inevitably be growth in the first couple of years but the level of EHCPs will decline over the later years of the plan and the proportions of EHCPs in provision types will differ. Ensuring that children and young people are placed in the right type of provision has a significant impact on the overall affordability and sustainability of the financial forecast and will allow services to be provided within budget.
- 22.** In terms of EHCP numbers, the original submission and the reprofiled forecast are similar. In year 7 (2030/31), we expect to have 99 fewer plans if all mitigations are implemented and are successful.

| <b>Original submission December 2023</b> | <b>Forecast 2023/24</b> | <b>2024/25</b> | <b>2025/26</b> | <b>2026/27</b> | <b>2027/28</b> | <b>2028/29</b> | <b>2029/30</b> | <b>2030/31</b> |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Unmitigated                              | 4,776                   | 5,484          | 6,247          | 7,051          | 7,892          | 8,756          | 9,626          | 10,585         |
| Mitigated                                | 4,776                   | 5,164          | 5,300          | 5,240          | 5,197          | 5,061          | 4,769          | 4,413          |
| % Unmitigated growth of EHCPs            | 19%                     | 15%            | 14%            | 13%            | 12%            | 11%            | 10%            | 10%            |
| % Mitigated growth of EHCPs              | 19%                     | 8%             | 3%             | -1%            | -1%            | -3%            | -6%            | -7%            |
| Impact of mitigations                    |                         | -320           | -947           | -1,811         | -2,695         | -3,695         | -4,857         | -6,172         |

| <b>Reprofiled September 2024</b> | <b>Jan 24 SEN2</b> | <b>2024/25</b> | <b>2025/26</b> | <b>2026/27</b> | <b>2027/28</b> | <b>2028/29</b> | <b>2029/30</b> | <b>2030/31</b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Unmitigated                      | 4,576              | 5,216          | 5,941          | 6,713          | 7,581          | 8,489          | 9,422          | 10,455         |
| Mitigated                        | 4,576              | 4,937          | 5,115          | 5,138          | 5,014          | 4,815          | 4,643          | 4,314          |
| % Unmitigated growth of EHCPs    | 13.6%              | 14%            | 14%            | 13%            | 13%            | 12%            | 11%            | 11%            |
| % Mitigated growth of EHCPs      | 13.6%              | 8%             | 4%             | 0%             | -2%            | -4%            | -4%            | -7%            |
| Impact of mitigations            |                    | -279           | -826           | -1,575         | -2,567         | -3,674         | -4,779         | -6,141         |

## Unmitigated Forecasts

23. The tables below show the unmitigated forecasts for both the original submission and the reprofiled submission split between provision type. As previously mentioned, the two forecasts are similar but the profiles of where pupils are placed are slightly different, which does impact on the financial forecasts.

### Original Submission December 2023

|                              | Year 1                      | Year 2         | Year 3         | Year 4         | Year 5         | Year 6         | Year 7         |                |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                              | <b>Unmitigated Forecast</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Type</b>                  | <b>2023/24</b>              | <b>2024/25</b> | <b>2025/26</b> | <b>2026/27</b> | <b>2027/28</b> | <b>2028/29</b> | <b>2029/30</b> | <b>2030/31</b> |
| Mainstream                   | 2,460                       | 2,828          | 3,225          | 3,643          | 4,079          | 4,529          | 4,981          | 5,480          |
| RP / SEN Units               | 156                         | 156            | 156            | 156            | 156            | 156            | 156            | 156            |
| Special Schools              | 828                         | 828            | 828            | 828            | 828            | 828            | 828            | 828            |
| NMSS & Independent           | 757                         | 1,013          | 1,291          | 1,583          | 1,889          | 2,202          | 2,518          | 2,866          |
| AP/Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) | 19                          | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             |
| Post 16 & FE                 | 556                         | 640            | 728            | 822            | 921            | 1,022          | 1,124          | 1,236          |
| <b>Total EHCPs</b>           | <b>4,776</b>                | <b>5,484</b>   | <b>6,247</b>   | <b>7,051</b>   | <b>7,892</b>   | <b>8,756</b>   | <b>9,626</b>   | <b>10,585</b>  |
|                              | 19%                         | 15%            | 14%            | 13%            | 12%            | 11%            | 10%            | 10%            |

### Reprofiled September 2024

|                              | Year 1                      | Year 2         | Year 3         | Year 4         | Year 5         | Year 6         | Year 7         |                |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                              | <b>Unmitigated Forecast</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Type</b>                  | <b>2023/24</b>              | <b>2024/25</b> | <b>2025/26</b> | <b>2026/27</b> | <b>2027/28</b> | <b>2028/29</b> | <b>2029/30</b> | <b>2030/31</b> |
| Mainstream                   | 2,368                       | 2,699          | 3,076          | 3,477          | 3,929          | 4,400          | 4,884          | 5,420          |
| RP / SEN Units               | 148                         | 148            | 148            | 148            | 148            | 148            | 148            | 148            |
| Special Schools              | 817                         | 815            | 815            | 815            | 815            | 815            | 815            | 815            |
| NMSS & Independent           | 613                         | 837            | 1,088          | 1,355          | 1,655          | 1,970          | 2,293          | 2,651          |
| AP/Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) | 19                          | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             |
| Post 16 & FE                 | 611                         | 698            | 795            | 899            | 1,015          | 1,137          | 1,263          | 1,402          |
| <b>Total EHCPs</b>           | <b>4,576</b>                | <b>5,216</b>   | <b>5,941</b>   | <b>6,713</b>   | <b>7,581</b>   | <b>8,489</b>   | <b>9,422</b>   | <b>10,455</b>  |
|                              | 13.6%                       | 14%            | 14%            | 13%            | 13%            | 12%            | 11%            | 11%            |

## Mitigations

**24.** The mitigations focus on:

- Supporting mainstream schools to adopt inclusive practice to enable more children and young people to remain in mainstream settings where appropriate, and embedding a graduated approach which sets clear guidance on support that should be available in mainstream settings.
- Strengthening the SEN support offer available in mainstream schools to reduce escalation of children and young people's needs and manage demand for EHCPs. This should include targeted investment on effective early intervention.
- Strengthening the professional networks across mainstream settings to promote learning and confidence in meeting children and young people's needs, including articulating school level inclusion standards.
- Expanding specialist provision within the LA appropriately in order to meet the needs of children and young people within the authority.
- Securing collaboration and financial commitment from partner agencies where appropriate, ensuring health partners make adequate contributions to provision.
- Developing and implementing a clear planning and decision-making process for placements, in line with the sufficiency strategy.
- Strengthening oversight and contracting with independent and non-maintained schools to ensure value for money, including reviewing approval routes of expensive placements.
- Strengthening the EHCP annual review process so EHCPs can be stepped down where children and young people's needs have been met appropriately and we can appropriately celebrate success.
- Reviewing and developing a clear SEND financial strategy that ensures case level decision making is strategic and appropriate.

**Mitigated Forecasts**

**25.** The mitigated forecast has been produced by using the unmitigated forecast and applying mitigations. Mitigations have been adjusted since the original submission to recognise any information/intelligence previously not known. For example, profiling of new special school places.

**Original Submission  
December 2023**

|                              | Year 1                    | Year 2         | Year 3         | Year 4         | Year 5         | Year 6         | Year 7         |                |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                              | <b>Mitigated Forecast</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Type</b>                  | <b>2023/24</b>            | <b>2024/25</b> | <b>2025/26</b> | <b>2026/27</b> | <b>2027/28</b> | <b>2028/29</b> | <b>2029/30</b> | <b>2030/31</b> |
| Mainstream                   | 2,460                     | 2,649          | 2,735          | 2,641          | 2,612          | 2,488          | 2,257          | 1,925          |
| RP / SEN Units               | 156                       | 172            | 254            | 308            | 335            | 362            | 389            | 409            |
| Special Schools              | 828                       | 922            | 1,016          | 1,116          | 1,206          | 1,266          | 1,286          | 1,306          |
| NMSS & Independent           | 757                       | 814            | 652            | 507            | 354            | 239            | 120            | 53             |
| AP/Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) | 19                        | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             |
| Post 16 & FE                 | 556                       | 588            | 624            | 649            | 671            | 687            | 698            | 701            |
| <b>Total EHCPs</b>           | <b>4,776</b>              | <b>5,164</b>   | <b>5,300</b>   | <b>5,240</b>   | <b>5,197</b>   | <b>5,061</b>   | <b>4,769</b>   | <b>4,413</b>   |
|                              | 8%                        | 3%             | -1%            | -1%            | -3%            | -6%            | -7%            |                |

**Reprofiled September 2024**

|                              | Year 1                    | Year 2         | Year 3         | Year 4         | Year 5         | Year 6         | Year 7         |                |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                              | <b>Mitigated Forecast</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Type</b>                  | <b>2023/24</b>            | <b>2024/25</b> | <b>2025/26</b> | <b>2026/27</b> | <b>2027/28</b> | <b>2028/29</b> | <b>2029/30</b> | <b>2030/31</b> |
| Mainstream                   | 2,368                     | 2,546          | 2,647          | 2,656          | 2,465          | 2,260          | 2,106          | 1,855          |
| RP / SEN Units               | 148                       | 180            | 263            | 366            | 401            | 401            | 401            | 401            |
| Special Schools              | 817                       | 927            | 994            | 1,056          | 1,132          | 1,208          | 1,276          | 1,276          |
| NMSS & Independent           | 613                       | 639            | 532            | 360            | 295            | 207            | 121            | 54             |
| AP/Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) | 19                        | 19             | 29             | 39             | 49             | 59             | 59             | 59             |
| Post 16 & FE                 | 611                       | 626            | 650            | 661            | 672            | 680            | 680            | 669            |
| <b>Total EHCPs</b>           | <b>4,576</b>              | <b>4,937</b>   | <b>5,115</b>   | <b>5,138</b>   | <b>5,014</b>   | <b>4,815</b>   | <b>4,643</b>   | <b>4,314</b>   |
|                              | 8%                        | 4%             | 0%             | -2%            | -4%            | -4%            | -7%            |                |

26. The tables below detail the reprofiled non-cumulative growth/decrease required each year by provision type (Table 1: EHCP numbers and Table 2: percentage change in EHCPs)

27. By 2026/27 we are aiming to have 0% growth in EHCPs, followed by a target of negative growth in the remaining years to 2030/31.

**Reprofiled September 2024**

Year 1      Year 2      Year 3      Year 4      Year 5      Year 6      Year 7



|                    | Mitigated Forecast |            |            |           |             |             |             |             |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Type               | 2023/24            | 2024/25    | 2025/26    | 2026/27   | 2027/28     | 2028/29     | 2029/30     | 2030/31     |
| Mainstream         | 284                | 179        | 101        | 9         | -191        | -205        | -154        | -251        |
| Special Schools    | 16                 | 112        | 67         | 62        | 76          | 76          | 68          | 0           |
| RP / SEN Units     | 39                 | 28         | 83         | 103       | 35          | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| NMSS & Independent | 68                 | 24         | -107       | -172      | -65         | -88         | -86         | -67         |
| Hosp Schools / AP  | 0                  | 0          | 10         | 10        | 10          | 10          | 0           | 0           |
| Post 16 & FE       | 140                | 14         | 24         | 11        | 11          | 8           | 0           | -11         |
| <b>Total EHCPs</b> | <b>547</b>         | <b>357</b> | <b>178</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>-124</b> | <b>-199</b> | <b>-172</b> | <b>-329</b> |

| Reprofiled September 2024 | Year 1             | Year 2    | Year 3    | Year 4    | Year 5     | Year 6     | Year 7     |            |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                           | Mitigated Forecast |           |           |           |            |            |            |            |
| Type                      | 2023/24            | 2024/25   | 2025/26   | 2026/27   | 2027/28    | 2028/29    | 2029/30    | 2030/31    |
| Mainstream                | 14%                | 8%        | 4%        | 0%        | -7%        | -8%        | -7%        | -12%       |
| RP / SEN Units            | 15%                | 18%       | 46%       | 39%       | 10%        | 0%         | 0%         | 0%         |
| Special Schools           | 5%                 | 14%       | 7%        | 6%        | 7%         | 7%         | 6%         | 0%         |
| NMSS & Independent        | 13%                | 4%        | -17%      | -32%      | -18%       | -30%       | -42%       | -55%       |
| Hosp Schools / AP         | 0%                 | 0%        | 53%       | 34%       | 26%        | 20%        | 0%         | 0%         |
| Post 16 & FE              | 30%                | 2%        | 4%        | 2%        | 2%         | 1%         | 0%         | -2%        |
| <b>Total EHCPs</b>        | <b>13.6%</b>       | <b>8%</b> | <b>4%</b> | <b>0%</b> | <b>-2%</b> | <b>-4%</b> | <b>-4%</b> | <b>-7%</b> |

### Financial Summary of the Reprofiled DSG Management Plan

28. The DSG reserve deficit balance is £78.7 million at 31 March 2024.

29. The high needs funding has been forecasted using DfE guidance as 3% growth each year.

- 30.** The tables below summarise the financial forecast in the DSG management plan for both the unmitigated position and the mitigated position along with the difference between the two. The forecasts are broken down over provisions types and detail the expenditure, DSG income, school block transfer, the in year deficit position, the deficit reserve brought forward from the previous year, resulting in the total deficit reserve position.
- 31.** The unmitigated financial forecast is without mitigations, the do-nothing position. Whereas the mitigated financial forecast includes mitigations which are detailed within the Safety Valve Project Initiation Documents (PIDs) Interventions – mitigations section in this appendix. Cumulatively mitigations are forecast to amount to £836.3 million.
- 32.** The unmitigated forecast position for 2030-31 shows total expenditure of £321.6 million against an expected grant of £68.6 million, resulting in an in-year deficit of £253 million and a total deficit reserve position of £1.07 billion.
- 33.** The mitigated forecast position for 2030-31 shows total expenditure of £70.1 million against an expected grant and school block transfer of £70.7 million, resulting in an in-year surplus of £0.6 million and a total deficit position of £236.7 million.

|                                     | <b>UNMITIGATED FORECAST</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Provision Type</b>               | <b>2024-25</b>              | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b> | <b>2027-28</b> | <b>2028-29</b> | <b>2029-30</b> | <b>2030-31</b> |
|                                     | <b>£m</b>                   | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      |
| Mainstream                          | 24.2                        | 27.4           | 30.4           | 33.8           | 37.4           | 41.2           | 45.2           |
| Resource Provision                  | 2.8                         | 2.8            | 2.8            | 2.8            | 2.8            | 2.8            | 2.8            |
| Special Schools                     | 19.5                        | 19.5           | 19.5           | 19.5           | 19.5           | 19.5           | 19.5           |
| NMSS & Independent Special Schools  | 52.2                        | 72.1           | 95.8           | 123.8          | 156.2          | 192.5          | 234.3          |
| FE Colleges                         | 7                           | 7.9            | 9              | 10.1           | 11.4           | 12.6           | 14             |
| Alternative Provision               | 3.6                         | 3.6            | 3.6            | 3.7            | 3.7            | 3.7            | 3.7            |
| Sensory & SALT                      | 2.1                         | 2              | 2              | 2.1            | 2.1            | 2.1            | 2.1            |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>            | <b>111.4</b>                | <b>135.3</b>   | <b>163.1</b>   | <b>195.8</b>   | <b>233.1</b>   | <b>274.4</b>   | <b>321.6</b>   |
| <b>Total DSG Income</b>             | <b>-57.5</b>                | <b>-59.2</b>   | <b>-61</b>     | <b>-62.8</b>   | <b>-64.7</b>   | <b>-66.6</b>   | <b>-68.6</b>   |
| <b>Block Transfer</b>               | <b>-</b>                    | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>       |
| <b>In Year Surplus -/ Deficit +</b> | <b>53.9</b>                 | <b>76.1</b>    | <b>102.1</b>   | <b>133.0</b>   | <b>168.4</b>   | <b>207.8</b>   | <b>253</b>     |

|  |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Surplus / Deficit Brought Forward</b> | <b>78.7</b>  | <b>132.6</b> | <b>208.7</b> | <b>310.8</b> | <b>443.8</b> | <b>612.2</b> | <b>820.0</b>  |
| <b>Total Deficit Reserve Balance</b>     | <b>132.6</b> | <b>208.7</b> | <b>310.8</b> | <b>443.8</b> | <b>612.2</b> | <b>820.0</b> | <b>1073.0</b> |

|  | <b>MITIGATED FORECAST</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Provision Type</b>                    | <b>2024-25</b>            | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b> | <b>2027-28</b> | <b>2028-29</b> | <b>2029-30</b> | <b>2030-31</b> |
|  | <b>£m</b>                 | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      |
| Mainstream                               | 23.2                      | 23.4           | 22.5           | 20.4           | 18.4           | 17.2           | 15.9           |
| Resource Provision                       | 3.1                       | 4.4            | 6.1            | 6.8            | 6.7            | 6.6            | 6.6            |
| Special Schools                          | 21.2                      | 22.3           | 24             | 25.5           | 26.7           | 28             | 28.6           |
| NMSS & Independent Special Schools       | 40.9                      | 38.9           | 30.4           | 23.5           | 18.3           | 12.3           | 6.7            |
| FE Colleges                              | 6.3                       | 6.5            | 6.6            | 6.7            | 6.8            | 6.8            | 6.7            |
| Alternative Provision                    | 3.6                       | 3.3            | 3.4            | 3.6            | 3.9            | 4              | 4              |
| Sensory & SALT                           | 2                         | 1.6            | 1.6            | 1.6            | 1.6            | 1.6            | 1.6            |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>                 | <b>100.3</b>              | <b>100.4</b>   | <b>94.6</b>    | <b>88.1</b>    | <b>82.4</b>    | <b>76.5</b>    | <b>70.1</b>    |
| <b>Total DSG Income</b>                  | <b>-57.5</b>              | <b>-59.2</b>   | <b>-61</b>     | <b>-62.8</b>   | <b>-64.7</b>   | <b>-66.6</b>   | <b>-68.6</b>   |
| <b>Block Transfer</b>                    | <b>-1.4</b>               | <b>-2.1</b>    | <b>-2.1</b>    | <b>-2.1</b>    | <b>-2.1</b>    | <b>-2.1</b>    | <b>-2.1</b>    |
| <b>In Year Surplus -/<br/>Deficit +</b>  | <b>41.4</b>               | <b>39.1</b>    | <b>31.5</b>    | <b>23.2</b>    | <b>15.6</b>    | <b>7.8</b>     | <b>-0.6</b>    |
| <b>Surplus / Deficit Brought Forward</b> | <b>78.7</b>               | <b>120.1</b>   | <b>159.1</b>   | <b>190.7</b>   | <b>213.9</b>   | <b>229.5</b>   | <b>237.3</b>   |
| <b>Total Deficit Reserve Balance</b>     | <b>120.1</b>              | <b>159.2</b>   | <b>190.7</b>   | <b>213.9</b>   | <b>229.5</b>   | <b>237.3</b>   | <b>236.7</b>   |

### **Reprofiled Financial Summary Compared with the Original Submission**

34. The following two tables show the unmitigated deficit forecast and the mitigated deficit forecast and highlights the monetary value of the impact of mitigations. The first table shows the original plan and the second table shows the reprofiled plan.

35. The mitigated deficit position in 2030/31 has reduced from £284.8 million to £236.7 million, a £48.1 million reduction.

36. As previously reported, we are able to achieve an in year balanced position in the 7th year with a small in year surplus.

| <b>Original Submission December 2023</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b> | <b>2027-28</b> | <b>2028-29</b> | <b>2029-30</b> | <b>2030-31</b> |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      |
| Unmitigated cumulative deficit           | 154.6          | 244.6          | 363.5          | 514.8          | 702.2          | 929.1          | 1,200.9        |
| Mitigated cumulative deficit             | 140.9          | 189.0          | 227.7          | 256.5          | 276.2          | 285.4          | 284.8          |
| Impact of mitigations                    | -13.7          | -55.6          | -135.8         | -258.3         | -426.0         | -643.7         | -916.1         |

| <b>Reprofiled September 2024</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b> | <b>2027-28</b> | <b>2028-29</b> | <b>2029-30</b> | <b>2030-31</b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                  | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      | <b>£m</b>      |
| Unmitigated cumulative deficit   | 132.6          | 208.7          | 310.8          | 443.8          | 612.2          | 820.0          | 1073.0         |
| Mitigated cumulative deficit     | 120.1          | 159.2          | 190.7          | 213.9          | 229.5          | 237.3          | 236.7          |
| Impact of mitigations            | -12.5          | -49.5          | -120.1         | -229.9         | -382.7         | -582.7         | -836.3         |

### 37. Glossary

| Term                | Meaning  |
|---------------------|--|
| DSG Management Plan | Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan  |
| DBV                 | Delivering Better Value programme  |
| EHCP                | Education, Health and Care Plan  |
| SEND                | Special Educational Needs and Disabilities   |
| SEN2                | Special Educational Needs Survey   |
| AY                  | Academic Year  |
| NA                  | Needs Assessment   |
| DfE                 | Department for Education   |
| RP                  | Resource Provision - within a mainstream school  |
| SEN Units           | Special Education Needs Units  |
| Special Schools     | Maintained, academy, free schools, independent both within and outside of Cheshire East        |
| NMSS<br>ISS<br>SPIs | Non-maintained special schools<br>Independent special schools<br>Specialist post 16 institutes |
| AP                  | Alternative provision  |
| PVI                 | Private, Voluntary and Independent   |
| SALT                | Sensory & Speech and Language Therapy  |
| PRU                 | Pupil Referral Unit  |
| EMP                 | Enhanced Mainstream Provision  |
| SI                  | Supported Internships  |
| PID                 | Project Initiation Document  |
| EOTAS               | Educated Other Than At School  |