

Appendix Six - Summary of Funding Streams for the Development of School Sites

(a) DfE Basic Need Capital Grant

The principal source of capital funding for providing additional school places is the DfE Basic Need capital grant. The funding is allocated each year on a rolling basis, usually three years in advance. It is formula-based and does not reflect post-16 need or specific growth in numbers of pupils with high needs. The council will receive £1.6m in 2024-25, and a further £4.7m in 2025-26.

(b) DfE Special Provision Capital Funding and High Needs Provision Capital Allocation

The Government has provided Tower Hamlets with additional capital funding for the creation of new school places and to improve existing facilities for children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and disabilities. In Tower Hamlets, this funding amounts to £25.4m and was allocated over 6 years (2018-2024). This is made up of £6m Special Provision Capital Funding (SPCF) and £19.4m High Needs Provision Capital Allocation (HNPCA).

(c) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The annual Infrastructure Funding Statement sets out the Council's use of CIL and S106 for the provision of infrastructure.

In addition to these funding streams, the council also has the option to use its reserves, capital receipts, and/or borrow to ensure that it can deliver on its strategic priorities and statutory duties.

When the funding strategies for school projects are being developed, these funding sources are considered, and the funding allocated through the relevant governance and decision making arrangements. Funding has been allocated for the following school projects:

Project	Estimated cost	Funding Stream
Beatrice Tate Special School (48 to 60 expansion of existing school)	£6.500m. Works being developed for new accommodation to be available in 2024/25.	£1.970m Special Provision Capital Allocation, £2.450m High Needs Provision Capital Allocation, £1.994m S106, and £0.086k Basic Need
Hermitage Primary	£3m. Works to provide SEN (ASD) resource provision in 2024/25.	£0.145k Special Provision Capital Allocation, and £2.855m High Needs Provision Capital Allocation

Mulberry London Dock (6FE secondary and sixth form)	£75.4m for the full development of new school and local infrastructure for September 2024.	£53.8m from the DfE (Free Schools) Capital Grant, £5.311 funded by Basic Need, £10.700m CIL and £5.522m S106.
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary School	£9.322m for the full development of new school and local infrastructure for September 2024.	Grant £2.205m CIL: £2.719 & S106 £4.398m
IAE	original approved budget allocation £15.000m.	Funding identified from S106 (£9.110) and CIL (£5.890m)

Further planned developments that will require council capital funding:

George Green's School (refurb)	Costs and funding structure to be determined following review of the delivery strategy/construction method and timetable.	TBC
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Further SEND projects in development requiring confirmation and funding

Alice Model Nursery School, 14 Beaumont Grove, London. E1 4NQ.	Adapting a room in the nursery school to support children with sensory needs/ autism.	£0.030k High Needs Provision Capital Allocation
Columbia Market Nursery School, Columbia Road, London. E2 7PG.	Adapting a room in the nursery school to support children with sensory needs/ autism.	£0.030k High Needs Provision Capital Allocation
John Smith Children's Centre, 90 Stepney Way, London. E1 2EN.	Convert and refurbish childcare rooms to meet clinical specifications to deliver SALT sessions for young children and their parents.	£0.030k High Needs Provision Capital Allocation
The Soanes Centre, Setpoint London East, Southern Grove, Mile End, London. E3 4PX	This project will upgrade the hygiene and toileting facilities so that children with complex needs will be able to benefit from the learning at the site.	£0.030k High Needs Provision Capital Allocation
Additionally Resourced Provision	This project will enhance provisions within existing settings to support SEN.	£700k estimated HNPCA
London East Alternative Provision (LEAP)	Accommodation and suitability review of existing settings to	£2m estimated HNPCA

	make suitable for current and future need	
Bow Secondary School	Internal works to an existing provision to support the satellite provision for Phoenix	£224k HNPCA
George Greens Secondary School	Accessibility works required to an existing SEN provision	£33k HNPCA