

New Opportunities

Annex 1C – New Opportunities						
Description of opportunity areas	What it involves	Potential financial impact each financial year				Key risks to implementation and potential mitigations.
		2023-24 £'000	2024-25 £'000	2025-26 £'000	2026-27 £'000	
1. Health contributions	Joint Commissioning Strategy – review in conjunction with Code of Practice in relation to health related interventions and therapy costs, including school nurses, specialist equipment and therapy related costs	0	235	470	470	Capacity in Commissioning and resource constraints in Health
2. DSG block transfers	Explore 1% pa block transfer from Schools Block (costs at 2023/24 levels): decision required by November 2024 for 205/26 financial year.	0	0	2,400	2,400	Schools Forum approval, Secretary of State approval, relationships with schools, school budget capacity. Transfers are only for one year so annual approval needed if this is to continue. Proposal for 1% block transfer from Schools Block to High Needs Block (at current prices).
3. Post 16 – preparing for adulthood	Development of post 16 pathways for young people, ensuring age-appropriate, aptitude-based opportunities, leading to jobs, supported employment and apprenticeship opportunities.		TBC	TBC	TBC	Capacity, communications and engagement with stakeholders.
4. Transitions	Management of transitions and strengthening annual review process	0	50	100	100	Focus on cessation of EHCP at transition points, especially post 16. Over 100 EHCPs have

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						already been identified for review at transition although note that financial impact of cessation will not be significant in many cases. Strengthening annual review process will improve timeliness and ensure appropriate provision but again financial impact is not expected to be significant.
5. Alternative Provision	Review of AP strategy including clear understanding of what is being purchased and systems to ensure that pupils move back towards mainstream provision as swiftly as possible and that commissioned places match what is required.		TBC	TBC	TBC	Increasing demand and capacity identified as the key risks. AP Review in progress.