

Delivering Better Value in SEND programme

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

The Department for Education (DfE) has commissioned Newton Europe, working in collaboration with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), to deliver phase one of the 'Delivering Better Value in SEND programme' (DBVS), which is aiming to support councils to improve delivery of SEND services for children and young people while ensuring services are sustainable.

DBVS is an optional programme that is currently providing dedicated support and funding to 55 councils – chosen based on those with the highest deficits as at 2020-21 (after those authorities that have already been invited to join the DfE's safety valve programme).

Chris Kelly from Newton Europe will be attending the Board meeting to discuss the aims and objectives of the programme, as well as initial findings of their work to date, in more detail.

Recommendation

Members are asked to provide feedback on the DBVS programme's progress and consider how the findings can feed into the LGA's wider work on SEND, high needs funding the Government's response to the SEND Green paper.

Action

Officers to take forward Member's comments as appropriate.

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