

North Yorkshire County Council

Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee

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Development of Special Free School - Update

Purpose of Report

To provide an update on the provision of a Special Free School in the Selby District.

Background

In 2019 NYCC was successful in its application to DfE to establish a special free school in the Selby area. The school will be a 100 place 3-19 years school for children and young people with the following complex needs:

- communication and interaction needs (including Autism and speech, language and communication needs); and / or
- cognition and learning needs (MLD/SLD)
- Some children and young people may have related social, emotional and mental health needs

In July 2020 Wellspring Multi-Academy Trust was formally announced as the successful sponsor for the school. The local authority has worked closely with both DfE and Wellspring to develop designs for school on the proposed site in Osgodby. This design work is continuing to progress and will be subject to planning application processes following the conclusion of this work.

Current Position

Representatives from NYCC, DfE and Wellspring are continuing to work towards the goal of delivering the new special school for children and families in the district. We will be seeking to finalise timelines and will release more information as and when it is available.

Recommendation

That the update be noted.

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