

# Schools and Learning 2015/16



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## Our purpose

Our purpose is to ensure that children and young people in Surrey receive a high-quality education suitable to their needs that prepares them for a successful and independent adult life. Within this, we aim to:

- ensure that there is sufficient high quality early education, childcare and support for young children and their families in Surrey. Ensure that there are sufficient good quality local school places to meet the rising local demand
- support Surrey's existing 302 primary, 54 secondary and 23 special schools to deliver good and outstanding education
- ensure that children with special educational needs and disabilities can access high quality provision that meets their needs
- improve educational outcomes for all young people, with a special focus on those who are vulnerable.

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## Our challenges and opportunities

This year we need to continue to expand educational provision for two-year-olds and ensure children's centres offer countywide coverage with the best access where needs are highest. We must deliver a huge school expansion programme to meet rising demand with limited grant-funding. Surrey has a high proportion of good or outstanding secondary and special schools and our primary schools are rapidly following this trend. We need to continue to focus improvement work on schools that fall below good or outstanding and further raise results, especially for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. 2014 legislation requires us to deliver systems change for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), including transferring statements of special educational needs to integrated education, health and care plans and achieving better outcomes for young people into adulthood. We must plan SEND provision that is affordable, aligned to needs and makes the most of state-funded mainstream and special schools. A further challenge in this financial environment is to ensure we continue to support prevention and early intervention work where it most improves children and young people's health, wellbeing and capacity to learn.

## Our key actions

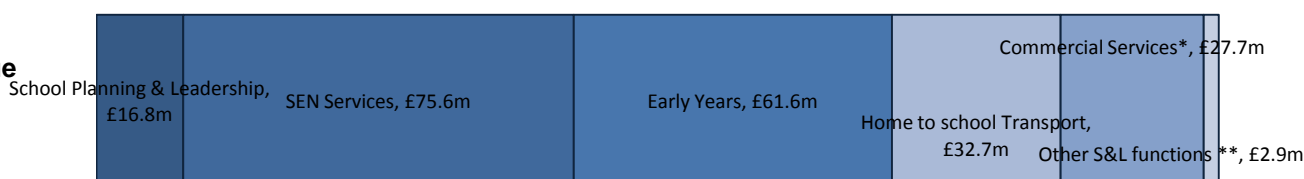
We will prioritise five actions for 2015/16 to support achievement of the council's three corporate strategy goals *wellbeing, economic prosperity and resident experience*.

1. Identify an early years offer that delivers £2.7m savings and is targeted to meet needs.
2. Continue to work with property and planning to deliver an additional 2,800 school places for September 2015 and plan for future years.
3. Improve educational outcomes for Surrey children as assessed at age 11 and 16 and reflected in school Ofsted judgements.
4. Implement a special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) strategy and action plan, which reduces costs and spend in services by at least £4m by the end of 2015/16 and improves the satisfaction of families.
5. Improve educational outcomes for vulnerable groups including looked after children, those in need and those attracting pupil premium.

## Our budget

The council has an operating revenue budget of £1.7 billion. A capital programme worth £694 million is also planned over the next five years. The chart below shows how Schools and Learning's spending has been allocated for 2015/16.

**Gross Revenue  
Expenditure:  
£217.3m**



\* Commercial Services is self financing and make a contribution to overheads of £0.9m

\*\* other functions include Virtual Schools and Business Support

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