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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 3 October 2024, for information about High Needs Provision Capital Allocation (HNPCA) grant.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request:

Please confirm what portion of the governments High Needs Provision Capital Allocation (HNPCA) grant has been claimed by Doncaster council?

Response:

The HNPCA grant is not claimed but is allocated to City of Doncaster Council by the Department of Education (DfE) on an annual basis. Below is the link to the DfE website and the spreadsheet contained within shows the total grant allocated to the Council:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-needs-provision-capital-allocations>.

Request:

Please confirm how this has been allocated.

Response:

Decisions regarding the allocation of Capital Funding have been made through the Council's SEND Capital Group and separately for 4 SEMH Projects, through a commissioning process.

Request:

Please also provide me with details of any consultations completed with High Needs Provision Capital Allocation (HNPCA) parents and schools.

Response:

Consultation was undertaken to establish 4 SEMH Hubs with all schools/Trusts invited to apply and considered through a commissioned process. Other projects were approved through a LA Officer Panel. Further consultation will be undertaken shortly to establish additional facilities across the City.

Request:

I would like to see any minutes of meetings regarding the allocation of the High Needs Provision Capital Allocation (HNPCA) grant.

Response:

City of Doncaster Council do not hold minutes in relation to the above, as minutes are not recorded by the SEND capital group (comprised of Head of Services, Senior SEND & Education officers & Public Building Maintenance reps). However, a decision matrix is kept of the scoring and decisions reached regarding applications from schools and Academies. The spreadsheet attached to this response titled "SEND Cap Outcomes July 2023_July 2024" contains the decision matrix.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49.00 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

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Yours sincerely,

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