

£75 million to complete the transformation of secondary education in Nottingham

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has approved Nottingham City Council 's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Wave 5 'Strategy for Change Part 2'.

The Strategy for Change Part 2 is a plan which shows how the council will work with schools to transform teaching and learning in order to help raise educational attainment and aspirations amongst children and young people and increase opportunities for life-long learning for the wider community.

The approval by the DCSF will release approximately £75 million of funding to complete the transformation of secondary and special needs education in the city, ensuring that they have 21st century facilities and flexible environments that can adapt easily to future models of curriculum and school organisation.

This will complete in Nottingham, the Government's pledge to see every state secondary school in England rebuilt or remodelled. This major investment demonstrates the confidence in the city and will be a major step towards achieving the council's ambition to regenerate Nottingham's neighbourhoods.

The announcement shows that Nottingham's strategy has taken account of all the factors affecting teaching and learning. The council wants to ensure that a more personalised and flexible curriculum is supported by improving models of learning and teaching and that any barriers are removed to enable timely and effective support to children, young people and their families.

Councillor David Mellen, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, said: "This is terrific news for pupils and their families in Nottingham. This funding will benefit Westbury School; Trinity Comprehensive; Top Valley Comprehensive; Nottingham Bluecoat and Technology College; Manning Girls' School; and Fernwood Comprehensive. This is yet another example of the government and the council working together to bring about new buildings that our children and their teachers so deserve. We will look back on this decade as the one where years of under-investment in our children was put right with new secondary schools throughout the city.'

The next step is for the council to submit an Outline Business Case which sets out in detail the scope, cost, affordability, risks, how services are commissioned and project timetable.

