

| LEWISHAM SCHOOLS FORUM HIGH NEEDS SUB-GROUP | | | |
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| REPORT TITLE | Project Plan – Placement Planning | | |
| KEY DECISION | Yes | Item No. 7 Appendix | A |
| CLASS | Part 1 | Date | 26 November 2015 |

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| Work stream | A - Placement Planning | | | | | | | | | | |
| How is this service/ work stream funded? | <p>Include all funding sources and identify if this service has already been subject to savings requirements</p> <p>High Needs Block - £33.5m</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allocated funding from High Needs (HN) Block? | <p>When was this funding agreed with School Forum?</p> <p>The Forum considered the level of the High Needs Block at their December 2014 budget setting meeting.</p> | <p>What did School Forum agree to the money being spent on?</p> <p>High Needs pupils</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>2014 – 2015 HN allocation</p> <p>£35.6</p> | <p>Actual HN Spend</p> <p>£38.2m</p> | <p>IMPACT of HN spend on pupil outcomes</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>2015 – 2016 HN allocation</p> <p>£33.5m</p> | <p>Actual HN Spend</p> <p>£36.6m</p> | <p>IMPACT of HN spend on pupil outcomes</p> <p>To be investigated as part of the Placement Planning Project Group</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| Value for money/ price per pupil assessment? | As part of the Placement Planning Project Group it is recommended that this work is investigated across all five sub group areas and that a review of the findings will be shared with the High Needs funding Block Group by April 2016. | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Draft Recommendations including whether to continue to fund and identification of any possible savings from High Needs Block or other areas</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1a. Special school places. Lewisham currently commissions <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Watergate</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">110</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Brent Knoll</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">154</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Drumbeat</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">171</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Greenvale</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">112</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Lewisham has 513 pupils in Lewisham special schools. This means we currently have 34 places not being used. Recommendation that all commissioned places are taken up and used or numbers are re-negotiated and agreed with CWCNS. Schools will only be commissioned for actual number of places available.</p> • 2a. College places Lewisham currently has 143 pupils in college places | | | Watergate | 110 | Brent Knoll | 154 | Drumbeat | 171 | Greenvale | 112 |
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| | <p>Recommendation that we continue to monitor and commission appropriate number of places in FE College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3a Independent schools <p>Lewisham currently has 93 pupils in independent provision</p> <p>Recommendation that no more independent provision places are commissioned unless absolutely necessary as agreed through the SEN panel or Tribunal process. That we continue to ensure that Lewisham schools are able to cater for the needs of Lewisham SEN pupils within both our mainstream and special schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4a SEN General budget <p>Further exploration of this budget will be undertaken by the Placement Planning Project Group. This review will report back to the HN Project Group by February 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5a Resource provision <p>Lewisham has 137 pupils in Lewisham Resource Provisions. There are currently 172 of commissioned places within the resource bases. There is a current review of resource provision taking place following this years annual audit. The review will make recommendation on the type of resource provisions required to meet the needs identified through our needs analysis and those presented at SEN panel. This information will be reported back to the HNF Group by April 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6a. Banding <p>Current review of banding system being undertaken. This review will report back to the HNF group in Dec 2015</p> |
| <p>Timescale for implementing any changes</p> | <p>The Placement Planning Project (PPP)Group will complete a final report by the 30th March 2016. Any budget amendments would then need to be agreed by the School Forum. Once the School Forum has agreed any amendments there may be HR processes or other procedures to be followed before any savings can be delivered. The most realist timeline for the implementation of any savings is likely to be staggered between September 2016 – April 2017.</p> <p>With the likelihood that there will need to be a 3yr plan for the development and implementation of all required pupil places.</p> |
| <p>Risks and possible mitigation</p> | <p>The PPP group will confirm and evaluate the expenditure against the delivery of the necessary placements for Lewisham’s most vulnerable children and young people. Any risks will need to be discussed and agreement made to how these risks can be mitigated against to ensure on going delivery of the most suitable provision to meet the needs of Lewisham’s most vulnerable pupils.</p> |
| <p>Date: 18.11.15</p> | <p>Ann Wallace</p> |