

LEWISHAM SCHOOLS FORUM			
REPORT TITLE	Partnership Funding		
KEY DECISION	Yes	Item No.9 Appendix	B
CLASS	Part 1	Date	10 December 2015

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Headroom Funding	Partnership Funding	
How is this service/workstream funded? Include all funding sources and identify if this service has already been subject to savings requirements	This is funded from Schools' Forum money. There are no other funding streams and no money is allocated to this from the Council Budget.	
Allocated funding	When was this funding agreed with School Forum?	What did School Forum agree to the money being spent on?
	Agreed at the schools forum meeting on 12 December 2014	The funding was agreed to support the development of school partnerships as part of the school improvement strategy to support schools that require a recovery programme.
2014 – 2015 allocation £115k	Actual HN Spend	IMPACT of spend on pupil outcomes
	£40K - St Mary CE/St John the Baptist £10K - Conisborough College (to support the soft federation with DG) £20K - Deptford Green (to support the soft federation with CC) £42.55K - Brindishe Lee, Brindishe Green and Lee Manor School Total Spend: 112.55K	Due to personnel changes within the School Improvement Team, it is uncertain how effective this spending has been. However, generally support for the primary partnerships has been more effective and had more impact than in the secondary sector.
2015 – 2016 allocation £115k	Actual HN Spend	IMPACT of spend on pupil outcomes
	There has been on allocation of £3k this year to St Mary's. However, £100K is required to support the schools that are currently at high risk and categorised as red and amber. In addition, a further £15K will be allocated to funding the Collaborative Conferences/ Getting to Good Seminars as outlined in the LA's new Framework for School	

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	Improvement.	
Value for money/ price per pupil assessment?	Due to personnel changes within the School Improvement Team, it is uncertain how effective this spending has been.	
Draft Recommendations including whether to continue to fund and identification of any possible savings	<p>As 10% of our schools will need bespoke support going forward, there will be a need for schools to work in partnership with other schools both in and out of borough in order to bring about necessary improvements.</p> <p>The recommendation is to reduce the amount to £100K in 2016/17 to allow a programme of bespoke support for the high risk schools which will be allocated on a needs led basis.</p>	
Risks and possible mitigation	There is a high risk that more schools will fall into the red category in this academic year. It is essential that any new partnerships are robust and that they have clear lines of accountability through SLAs/MOUs. Monitoring of partner schools' actions will also need to be robust. Further savings may be possible if through our work with the Teaching Schools Alliance, they are able to offer more of the school-to-school support. TSAs are able to apply for direct funding for this from the DfE.	
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