

<b>Schools Forum</b>			
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>High Needs Sub Group - Abbey Manor College: Pupil Place Funding for 2018-19</b>		
<b>KEY DECISION</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Item No.</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>WARD</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Part 1</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>15 March 2018</b>

## **1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the proposed pupil places funding allocation for Abbey Manor College, Lewisham Secondary Pupil Referral Unit, for the financial year 2018/19.
- 1.2 This report seeks the views from High Needs Sub Group (HNSG) and Schools Forum on the proposal to:
  - 1.2.1 Increase the Pupil Placement Top Up funding allocation for 2018/19 so that it is in line with other local authority PRUs and our statistical neighbours.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Schools Forum is recommended to:
- 2.2 Agree to increase the Top Up allocation to £14,000 per pupil for 160 places and fund the PRU on the fully funded basis during 2018/19.

## **3. Pupil Place Funding 2018/19**

- 3.1 In 2016/17 and 2017/18, the pupil funding allocation was decreased and which impacted significantly on the college's sustainability. With the new Headteacher at Abbey Manor College a baseline exercise was undertaken.
- 3.2 A comparison of the pupil place (non-SEN and group tuition) funding for all local authority PRUs in London, including our statistical neighbours, and the Schools Forum agreed SEN funding allocations for Lewisham special schools was undertaken. This provided the local authority with benchmarking for PRU Top Up funding. Abbey Manor College is currently significantly behind other London local authorities and our statistical neighbour PRUs.
- 3.3 The College continues to educate some of Lewisham's most vulnerable children and young people on intervention placements or those who have been permanently excluded and the need to maintain the college at a 'Good' Ofsted judgement is imperative.

3.4 It is proposed that the increase for Abbey Manor College for 2018/19 will bring the PRU in line with all London local authority PRUs and our statistical neighbours:

- Core: £10,000 per pupil for 160 places
- Top Up: £14,000 per pupil for 160 places
- To fund the college on the fully funded basis during 2018/19

3.5 The local authority will continue to fund the college on a fully funded basis during 2018/19. This allocation will be reviewed annually to ensure that the budget planning is financially sustainable, and reported to Schools Forum in the next financial year.

#### **4 Further Information**

4.1 Should you require any additional information regarding the items contained in this report please contact:

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