

BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: Alternative Learning Provision
DATE: 6th March 2013
RECIPIENT: Schools Forum

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SUMMARY:

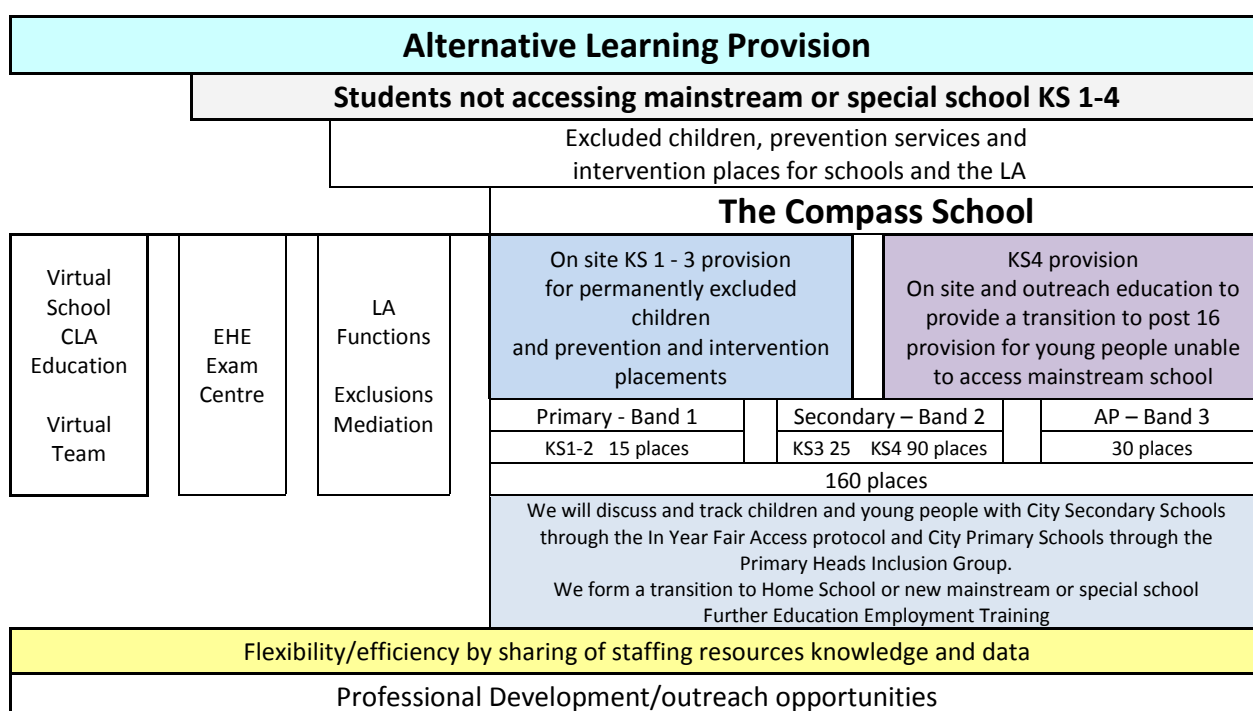
1. This report outlines the Alternative Learning Provision (ALP) next year and the charges proposed.

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

2. Alternative Learning Provision will continue to:
 - Coordinate the Virtual School Team
 - Provide a service for students not accessing mainstream or special school at KS 1-4 including
 - A centre for EHE students to sit exams
 - Some LA functions including exclusions and mediation
 - The Compass School - to provide for up to 160 Southampton children and young people and their home and destination school/college.
 - A school for children permanently excluded from school
 - Short term Intervention placements to support children at risk of exclusion
 - Outreach tuition for young people unable to access on site provision
 - An Intervention Programme through Yr 11, for up to 30 students disengaged from mainstream school
3. All Alternative Learning Provision will relocate to The Compass School from September 2013.

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4. The diagram below shows the proposed provision:



5. As outlined at the last Forum, the PRU will be receiving a delegated budget for the first time in 2013-14, funded from the High Needs Block and payments from schools. The level of budget they have will include all services delegated to other schools including finance, payroll, HR and ICT. Funding has been reworked as follows in line with DfE regulations:

- The PRU will be funded for 160 places.
- Each place will attract a base level of funding of £8,000 from the High Needs Block.
- Top-up funding per pupil will be paid by the commissioner of the place (either the local authority or a school) on the basis of three place types – Band 1, 2 and 3.

6. It is proposed that top-up charges for schools placing pupils will be:

Service option	Price per unit
Statutory or Centrally-funded Service	No charge
Band 1 - KS1/2 Dual Roll Placement (Cost per week)	£110 (plus £23 Pupil Premium)
Band 2 - KS3/4 Dual Roll Placement (Cost per week)	£135 (plus £23 Pupil Premium)
Band 3 - Alternative Pathway	£6,000 (plus £900 Pupil Premium)
Bespoke Packages	To be negotiated

7. The LA will commission placements for

- All permanently excluded pupils from mainstream school.
- 30 complex Year 11 students no longer engaging in mainstream education (one off charge to schools of £6,000 toward the total cost of £16,276) or complex new to city, on roll at Alternative Pathway.

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8. When a pupil is permanently excluded the school will lose the per pupil and Pupil Premium funding for that child.

9. Recommendations

Schools Forum are asked to note the proposed provision and pricing for Alternative Learning Provision.

Appendices/Supporting Information:

None

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