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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
 - o 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:

Alternative Learning Provision								
Students not accessing mainstream or special school KS 1-4								
			Excluded children, prevention services and intervention places for schools and the LA					
			The Compass School					
Virtual School CLA Education	EHE Exam Centre	LA Functions Exclusions	On site KS 1 - 3 prov for permanently excl children and prevention and inte placements	uded		KS4 provision On site and outreach education to provide a transition to post 16 provision for young people unable to access mainstream school		
Virtual Team	Centre	Mediation	Primary - Band 1 KS1-2 15 places	Secoi KS3 25	ndary – Band 2 KS4 90 places		AP – Band 3 30 places	
			160 places					
			We will discuss and track children and young people with City Secondary Schools through the In Year Fair Access protocol and City Primary Schools through the Primary Heads Inclusion Group. We form a transition to Home School or new mainstream or special school Further Education Employment Training					
Flexibility/efficiency by sharing of staffing resources knowledge and data								
Professional Development/outreach opportunities								

- 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		
	£110		
Band 1 - KS1/2 Dual Roll Placement (Cost per week)	(plus £23 Pupil Premium)		
	£135		
Band 2 - KS3/4 Dual Roll Placement (Cost per week)	(plus £23 Pupil Premium)		
	£6,000		
Band 3 - Alternative Pathway	(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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