

## **WIRRAL COUNCIL**

**SCHOOLS FORUM – 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

#### **HIGH NEEDS FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS 2018-19**

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##### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline a number of revisions to the "Funding Arrangements For High Needs Special Educational Needs Pupils And Students" document which is attached to this report. The paper will be circulated to all schools this term.

##### **2.0 REVISIONS TO FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**

2.1 The document is intended to be comprehensive covering all High Needs funding, and should be reviewed and updated on an annual basis. Areas covered in the document include:

- Funding arrangements for elements 1 and 2;
- Place funding;
- Top Ups;
- Inclusive Practice Fund;
- Exceptional Need;
- Hospital Education;
- Outreach Service;
- SEN Support Services.

The following paragraphs outline changes to funding arrangements that are included in the document.

##### **2.2 Section 4 - Place funding for Resourced Provision and Alternative Provision bases**

From April 2018 Resourced Provision and Alternative Provision bases will receive £6,000 for each place (previously £10,000). To offset this there will no longer be a pupil deduction from the main school budget. Where the pupil is not on the school roll the Local Authority will continue to deduct from the school the pupil led funding elements of their school formula budget, and the Local Authority will in turn transfer £4,000 to the Base. This adjustment will be based on termly information at census date. The amount deducted from the main school and transferred to the Base will be proportionate to the how the place is occupied (i.e. 3 days per week etc.).

##### **2.3 Section 8 - Surplus Places**

It is intended that from April 2019 top-ups and PFA/EHCP payments will be adjusted for surplus places in Special Schools and Resourced Provision. Where there are surplus places at the end of an academic year 50% of the surplus place value will be taken into account in calculating the payment of the final term top-up.

## **2.4 Section 10 - Exclusions**

As described in Section 10, when a pupil is excluded from a mainstream maintained school, the local authority must deduct from the school's budget in-year the amount within the formula relating to the age and personal circumstances of that pupil, pro rata to the number of complete weeks remaining in the financial year from the 'relevant date'.

Where a mainstream maintained school admits a pupil who has previously been permanently excluded, then the authority must increase the school's budget in-year. The increase must be at least the amount of the deduction taken off the excluding school, multiplied by the number of complete weeks remaining in the financial year, and divided by the number of complete weeks remaining in the financial year from the 'relevant date'.

These arrangements for exclusions also apply to Academies who have provision in their funding agreements allowing adjustments to their budgets.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 That the Forum notes the report.

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