

## HIGH LEVEL NEEDS UPDATE

### Report of the Director of Education and Early Intervention

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#### 1. Purpose

To update the Forum on the elements of the High Level Needs Budget.

#### 2. Summary

- 2.1 Since the last meeting of the Forum a High Needs Group with officers and school representatives from the Forum has met. It was agreed that Forum would find it useful to have breakdown of the High Needs budgets and a brief description of the elements within it.
- 2.2 It was also considered that a High Needs Group should meet two or three times a year to provide advice about the High Needs budget and information for the Forum.

#### 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Forum to note and consider the elements of the High Needs Budget.
- 3.2 Forum to approve a High Needs Group Meeting two to three times a year.
- 3.3 The Forum is asked to support a carry forward of the ENF underspend to 2014-2015.

#### 4. High Needs Budget

The attached annexes set out:

Annex 1: High Needs Budget 2014-15

Annex 2: Description of the Elements of the High Needs budget

#### 5. Exceptional Needs Budget

There is an underspend of £0.7 m from the 2013-14 ENF budget.

Forum is asked to support a carry-forward of the underspend to 2014-15. It is expected that the carry-forward funding would be used on a one-off basis within the existing ENF framework to support mainstream schools in providing for individual and groups of pupils with significant SEN. Its specific use would be discussed and agreed initially with the ENF Strategy Group and then with the County DSPL Group.

## **6. Conclusion**

Forum is asked to consider and agree the recommendations in this report.