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Schools Forum

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Subject: Financial arrangements to support the transfer of Sneyd pupils during the closure period.

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Purpose of the Report: To consult Schools Forum on technical financial arrangements affecting the 2010-11 Schools Budget.

Recommendations: To agree the proposal for money to follow pupils from Sneyd Community School with effect from September 2010.

Introduction

- 1.1 Cabinet took the decision to close Sneyd on 31 August 2012 at its meeting 13 January 2010. Included within the decision was a requirement for pupils to transfer to alternative schools at the end of their key stage.
- 1.2 In September 2010, the current Y9 pupils will therefore transfer to other secondary schools to complete Key Stage 4 of their education. In order to support these pupils, it will be necessary to allocate funding to the receiving schools with effect from September 2010.

2. Financial arrangements to support the transfer of Y9 pupils.

- 2.1 As the decision to close the school has now been taken, the closing school factor will be applied to the budget share of Sneyd in 2010-11. This factor will recover 7/12ths of the AWPU value for transferring Y9 pupils which will initially be retained within the 2010-11 School Specific Contingency.
- 2.2 Once the destination of the Y9 pupils is confirmed in September 2010, the retained element of the pupil funding will be released to the receiving schools.
- 2.3 The retention of this funding for Y9 pupils of £115k may cause a small breach of the Central Expenditure Limit. At the time of writing this report it is not possible to confirm a breach as work on the estimated amount of Dedicated Schools Grant for 2010-11 is still ongoing through the clearing and checking of census data.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Schools Forum are recommended to agree to the proposal for money to follow Y9 pupils transferring from Sneyd in September 2010.
- 3.2 Schools Forum are recommended to agree a potential breach to the 2010-11 Central Expenditure Limit, as a direct result of the retention of £115k in the school Specific Contingency for the current Y9 pupils in Sneyd, so that this funding can be allocated to receiving schools in the Autumn Term 2010.