

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Education, Councillor Peter Fortune has made the following executive decision:

EDUCATION PORTFOLIO BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16

Reference Report:

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Decision:

That the 2015/16 budget projection for the Education Portfolio be endorsed.

That the request to release £19k grant funding for Early Years carried forward from 2014/15 be agreed.

That the request to release £46k grant funding for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities carried forward from 2014/15 be agreed.

That the request to release £11k carried forward from 2014/15 to support a review of school place planning be agreed.

That the request to release £77k carried forward from 2014/15 to support a review of the Youth Offending Service be agreed.

Reasons:

The Schools' Budget, funded from Dedicated Schools' Grant and specific grants was projected to be in an overspend position of £774k, which would be set against unspent Dedicated Schools Grant carried forward from previous years. The controllable part of the Non-Schools' Budget, funded from Council Tax, Revenue Support and specific grants was projected to be in an overspend position of £468k, which included £328k overspend in the Adult Education Service.

On 10th June 2015, the Council's Executive approved a number of carry forward requests for funding to be transferred into contingency for 2015/16, including £19k of the Early Years Grant to purchase the Capita Provider Portal in preparation for the implementation of the Early Years Pupil Premium and £46k of the SEN Preparation for Employment Grant to support the provision of internships and other preparation for employment measures to young people with complex special educational needs and disabilities. It was requested that £77k of the Youth Offending Service Strategic Review be carried forward to fund the work required to address issues identified during the recent inspection of the Youth Offending Service, and that £11k from the underspend in Education be carried forward to fund a one-off review of place planning for schools which would be supplemented by £30k from Dedicated Schools Grant and Capital funding.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Education Budget Sub-Committee on 30th June 2015 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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