

Item 9: Pupil Referral Unit Financial Position

1. Introduction

1.1 This report gives the 2018/19 final outturn position.

2. Background

2.1 The final outturn for the PRU in 2018/19 was a deficit position of **£68,193**. The final outturn reflects a significantly improved position from the expected outturn at the start of quarter 4. Actions taken by the PRU management reduced the deficit from a projected £106k down to £68k – an improvement of £38k.

2.2 Expenditure during 2018/19 was **£829,728**, including employee costs of £542,552.

2.3 Income achieved during 2018/19 was **£428,152**. The majority of income related to school top-up funding and payments for permanent exclusions.

2.4 Funding available in addition to income generated was **£359,959**. This included £294,898 place funding and a surplus brought forward from 2017/18 of £65,061.

3. Outlook for 2019/20

3.1 As well as the historic deficit of £68k outlined at section 2 above, the PRU anticipates an in-year deficit during 2019/20 of £232k. However, this position is prior to the implementation of changes that are expected to bring the PRU closer to a balanced position.

3.2 The management committee have been working closely with the LA, looking at the staffing structure, all non-pay expenditure and income.

3.3 To assist the PRU in reaching a balanced budget position, Schools' Forum may wish to consider financial support by funding the historic deficit of £68k from the High Needs DSG reserves.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Forum are asked to consider whether the historic deficit of £68k relating to the PRU should be written off against the DSG reserves balance

Please note: All Forum Members are eligible to vote on the proposal

