

Date of meeting:	15 th March 2018
Title of report:	RESIDENTIAL E3 TOP-UP FUNDING
Type of report: Delete as required	For discussion
Executive summary: Including reason for submission	Proposal to reduce the unit residential funding rate and the extended day rate.
Budget / Risk implications:	Potential saving of £253k
Recommendations:	To endorse the proposed saving outlined in section 3
Voting requirements:	None
Appendices: To be attached	None
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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To set out a potential saving from the E3 Top-up Funding for the Residential element of Special School funding.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Two special schools in North Yorkshire receive £1.5m in residential funding Element 3 Top-up funding. This is based on a 2012/13 unit amount of funding taken as the average of four special schools: Brompton Hall School, Welburn Hall School, Forest Moor School and Woodlands School.
- 2.2 The unit funding was based on an assessment of: boarding funding, structural repairs and maintenance costs, premises costs, fuel and water, meal costs and mini bus costs. The average amount in 2012/13 was £21,049 and which determined the funding rate per pupil of £22,000.

3.0 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The unit funding has been reviewed with the costs of Forest Moor School and Woodlands School removed from the calculation of the average unit funding in 2012/13. A revised average cost of Welburn Hall School and Brompton Hall School has been calculated at £17,655.
- 3.2 This figure, increased at 1% per annum for 6 years, increases to a revised, uplifted average of £18,606. It is this rate that is proposed for use in 2018/19; a similar calculation has been applied to the extended day rate and a revised figure of £6,202 is proposed (a reduction from £7,260).
- 3.3 The proposal would generate savings of £239,828 on residential funding (pending a wider review of residential provision within North Yorkshire) and a savings of £13,275 on the extended day rate – a total saving of £253,104. Some transitional protection would apply through the Minimum Funding Guarantee during 2018/19.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Members of the North Yorkshire Education Partnership are asked to note and comment on the proposal to reduce the residential unit funding and extended day rate outlined in section 3.

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