

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
17 MAY 2016
ALTERNATIVE PROVISION MODEL
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To explore the work taking place in Nottingham to support early intervention and provisions for pupils with challenging behaviour in schools.

2 Action required

The Committee is asked to:

- 2.1 Consider the work taking place to support early intervention and the provisions for pupils with challenging behaviour in schools.
- 2.2 Use the information received at the meeting to inform scrutiny of Alternative Provision in the City of Nottingham;
- 2.3 Identify any potential areas for further scrutiny for inclusion in the work programme.

3 Background information

- 3.1 The model of Alternative Provision involves the devolution of high needs funding to maintained schools and academies under a service level agreement in order to support early intervention and make provision for pupils with challenging behaviour in schools.
- 3.2 The intention is to put schools in charge of commissioning alternative provision to support pupils at risk of permanent exclusion in their schools. This approach is consistent with the national direction of travel as outlined in the White Paper and National Funding Formula and High Needs consultation.
- 3.3 Under these proposals, schools will have all the funding and make the choice of provision for their pupils. The Committee could focus on the following key points:
- Will the additional funding available to schools support early intervention and provide for the needs of pupils?
 - Can schools work together to develop good practice and shared resources?
 - Funding and resources to support links between primary and secondary to develop transition support.

- Will this produce better outcomes for pupils accessing quality education and provision through schools?
- Will there be more flexibility to avoid exclusion and speed of support?

4 List of attached information

4.1 None.

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

5.1 None.

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 None.

7 Wards affected

7.1 Citywide.

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