

<b>Report Title</b>	Sutton Tuition and Reintegration Service Review
<b>Meeting</b>	Schools Forum
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## 1. Summary

- 1.1. Sutton Tuition and Reintegration Service in partnership with the Local Authority have commissioned a review of the pupil referral unit for children with complex medical needs known as the 'Drapers Centre'.
- 1.2. The service is currently experiencing difficulties in managing the demand for placements in the Drapers Centre and there are significant difficulties in reintegrating pupils back into suitable long term educational placements.
- 1.3. The aim of the review was to:
  - examine the role and remit of the STARS located at the Drapers Centre
  - consider pathways into the Centre (admission pathways)
  - consider pathways out of the Centre (reintegration back into mainstream schools)
  - identify ways of improving pathways in and out of the Centre.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. To agree the recommendation of the review whereby a funding mechanism for STARS provision is created as follows: (page 10 of the review document in Appendix A)

To introduce a funding mechanism to be overseen by STARS where schools are charged to the value of £6,700 per pupil (equivalent value of top-up funds for STARS places) for the spaces that they use.

- The amount will be on a pro rata basis for short-term/long-term places.
- The amount will be on a pro rata basis for full-time/part-time places.

The funds for placements at STARS will be used to create a Family Support Service which includes:

- commissioning CAMHS services
- commissioning Counselling services
- commissioning Education Psychology services

- providing capacity to support family and school liaison work.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1. See Appendix A which sets out the background to the review, the main recommendations and an outline of the implementation plan (which is still to be agreed).
- 3.2. In order to progress the implementation plan agreement is needed on the funding arrangements for the provision that are proposed in the review as set out above.

### **4. Influence on the Council's Corporate Core Values and Objectives**

- 4.1. One of the core values is partnership working. Setting the budget for the Dedicated Schools Grant, and considering related issues, is an important part of the budget process that fully involves schools as partners and particularly recognises the important role of the Schools' Forum.

### **5. Appendix**

<b>Appendix Letter</b>	<b>Appendix Title</b>
A	Final Report of the Review of Sutton Tuition and Reintegration Service (STARS), 6 November, 2023