

Schools Forum Report – Three Towers Alternative Provision Academy 2021/2022

Report to: Schools Forum

Date of Meeting(s): 19th November 2020

Subject: Three Towers Alternative Provision Academy – Top up funding academic year 2021/22

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Summary: To provide forum members with information on the agreement with Three Towers for top up funding for the Academic Year 2021/22.

Recommendation(s): For Schools Forum to note the contents of the report and the agreed funding for TTAPA.

Implications:

What are the financial implications? Contained within report

What are the staffing implications? n/a

Risks: n/a

Please list any appendices:- N/A

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 In July 2020, Schools Forum considered proposals in respect of the top up funding for the Three Towers Alternative Provision Academy going forward.

1.2 Due to the tight timescales it was agreed that the top up value should remain the same in 2020/21, however, an additional lump sum of £232,000 was approved to support TTAPA in the academic year. Forum requested that an agreement be reached on top up funding for 2021/22 onwards by December 2020.

1.3 The purpose of this report is to provide Schools Forum with information on the agreement reached with Three Towers on the future top up funding.

2. AGREED POSITION

2.1 A meeting was held on 13th October 2020 with Rowan Learning Trust/TTAPA and LA representatives in order to discuss the top up funding options with a view to reaching agreement.

2.2 Further to the meeting the following has been agreed between the LA and TTAPA:

- Top up funding value for 2021/22 will be £7,224 (currently £6,025).
- Funding will no longer be based on the maximum 189 places (193 less 4 KS1 places), but instead will be based on the maximum number recorded on the previous year's termly censuses. In 2019/20 this maximum number was 181 (Summer Term census).
- It is agreed that for the next 2 academic years a minimum baseline of 181 is adopted due to the impact of COVID-19 on numbers.
- Going forward an annual inflationary increase will be applied to the top up value equivalent to the average schools block funding increase for Secondary Schools. In the first year, any increase associated with the Pay and Pension Grants will be removed as this will be paid as a separate element to TTAPA.

2.3 Based on the numbers above (£7,224 for 181 places) this equates to £1,307,544 per annum, which is an increase on the current top up value of £168,819.

3. ACTIONS

3.1 To note the information included regarding the agreed top up funding and the additional cost to the High Needs block.

