

**SCHOOLS FORUM – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**High Needs – Continuing Funding Arrangements**

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to advise School Forum Members of one situation where officers have decided to extend previously advised funding arrangements until the end of the Summer term 2017 prior to the setting of the 2017-18 high needs block allocation. These will be reviewed on the setting of the 2017-18 high needs block allocation once the final allocation is notified to the Council in December. The allocation will then be discussed at the Schools Forum in March 2017.

2. **BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT**

School Forum members may recall that at its December 2014 meeting they agreed two years protected funding for the ASD provision at Cambridge Park. The original intention was that this would run until the end of the 2016-17 academic year. Post the Forum decision the provision was able to open earlier than anticipated and consequently the two year old funding ends in March 2017.

Officers have decided to roll the funding forward another term, at the same rate, and the level of future funding for the provision will be picked up during the allocation of the 2017-18 High Needs Block. This move will result in the funding alignment on an academic year basis for Cambridge Park.

3. **RECOMMENDATION**

There are no specific recommendations arising from the report and Schools Forum are asked to note the report

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