

**WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL**

**SCHOOLS' FORUM – 11 JUNE 2018**

**REPORT BY STRATEGIC FINANCE MANAGER (SCHOOLS & EDUCATION FINANCE)**

**Year 7 Admissions above Planned Admission Numbers**

This report requests the Schools' Forum consider funding secondary schools which have agreed additional year 7 places in September 2018 above their planned admission number.

**FOR DECISION**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Westminster City Council has previously had a Growth Fund within the DSG. The main use of the growth fund was on putting bulge classes into primary schools however the fund could also be used for secondary schools and has been in the past (e.g. St Augustines High).
- 1.2 Four secondary schools have agreed additional year 7 places in September 2018 above their planned admission numbers.

**2. Schools admitting pupils above year 7 Planned Admission Numbers (PAN)**

- 2.1 The following four schools have offered places to year 7 pupils in September 2018 above their PAN. Offers made to bi-borough residents in brackets:
  - Westminster Academy 60 (26)
  - St Augustine's 12 (4)
  - St. Marylebone 18 (8)
  - Grey Coat Hospital 16 (5)
- 2.2 St Marylebone had a PAN of 180 in 2017 and over-offered by 18 and it is understood that this is considered a permanent expansion as their published policy for September 2018 states that they intend to admit 168.
- 2.3 St Augustine's who have an estimated 2017/18 carry forward balance of £757,805, as the other schools are academies their balances are unknown.
- 2.4 As the schools, and in particular Westminster Academy, have helped the Council find places for borough residents it would be possible to provide an allocation to reflect some of the additional costs they will incur in 2018/19

before they receive full pupil funding from April 2019. It is proposed to provide £1,000 funding for each bi-borough pupil offer above PAN. The allocations would therefore be as follows. Any funding agreed would come from 2017/18 DSG balances of £4.080m from the element set aside for schools (see separate paper for more details of the balance).

- Westminster Academy £26,000
- St Augustine's £ 4,000
- St. Marylebone £ 8,000
- Grey Coat Hospital £ 5,000

**Total £43,000**

### **3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Schools Forum are asked to consider the proposal to provide funding (totalling £43,000) to secondary schools who have offered places to bi-borough year 7 pupils in September 2018 above their PAN. This would be funded from the DSG balance of £4.080m

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#### **Background papers:**

None

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