

Appendix 1
HIGH NEEDS BLOCK

	BUDGET ALLOCATION 2023/24 £	SPEND as at 31/12/24 LEDGER REPORTS £	PREDICTED END OF YEAR OUTTURN £	VARIANCE FROM BUDGET £	% VARIANCE FROM BUDGET	VARIANCE REF IN REPORT	NOTES	Predicted Variance reported to SF on 11/12/23	Movement from Previous Report	Narrative
1 Out of Borough Placements										
Independent schools	10,371,000	8,591,724	10,508,998	137,998	1.3%	1	Lack of Provision in Borough has meant more Independent Placements are being made at approx 3 per week with slippage.	-403,574	541,572	
OLA Maintained & Academy Schools	1,823,000	-436,212	1,823,000	0	0.0%		OLA placements in OLA maintained and academy mainstream and special schools now reflects Phase transfers	0	0	
Alternative Providers	340,000	178,385	340,000	0	0.0%		This is for Pupils with EHCPs that attend NTAS and Targeted Provision which are tuition services	0	0	
Other associated costs	40,000	12,304	20,000	-20,000	-50.0%		Room hire for the support of Students receiving NTAS support while awaiting a school placement	0	-20,000	
	12,574,000	8,346,202	12,691,998	117,998				-403,574	521,572	
2 Pupil Top up & Place										
Mainstream Schools	13,421,400	0	14,371,305	949,905	7.1%	2		0	949,905	
Focus Provisions	3,499,533	0	3,698,058	198,525	5.7%	3		4,667	193,858	
Special Schools	20,016,800	0	20,014,622	-2,178	0.0%			0	-2,178	
Primary PRU	572,000	0	572,000	0	0.0%			0	0	
Secondary PRU	2,772,100	0	2,772,100	0	0.0%			0	0	
High Point Free Special School	1,397,267	0	1,411,000	13,733	1.0%			-11,667	25,400	
Elm Tree Free Special School	778,400	0	821,000	42,600	5.5%			0	42,600	
Early Years Private Providers	730,000	790,484	940,000	210,000	28.8%	4	This is offset by support from EYS funding	0	210,000	
Early Years Grant	-480,000	0.00	-480,000	0	0.0%			0	0	
Other Support	205,000	166,081.39	187,275	-17,725	-8.6%			0	-17,725	
Post 16 Colleges & Specialist Providers	3,058,700	295,325	3,058,700	0	0.0%			0	0	
Alternative AWPJU Prov	270,000	14,080	20,000	-250,000	-92.6%	5		0	-250,000	
Recoupment	-1,564,800	27,034	-1,564,800	0	0.0%		This is recoupment of top up for OLA pupils placed in Sandwell Schools. The increase is due to an increase in OLA pupils placed in Sandwell schools.	0	0	
	44,676,400	1,293,004	45,821,260	1,144,860				-7,000	1,151,860	
3 Albright Education Centre	1,608,600	-23,450	1,608,600	0	0.0%				0	
4 SEN Support Services	559,000	433,670	554,100	-4,900	-0.9%	6	Maternity Leave, staff turnover and reduced hours and other associated expenditure following COVID	-15,400	10,500	
5 Support for Inclusion										
Lace	419,000	372,788	390,747	-28,253	-6.7%	6	Full time Budgeted post but post holder reduced hours	-13,169	-15,084	
Inclusion Support	1,182,500	976,654	1,141,890	-40,610	-3.4%	6	Staff turnover	-5,500	-35,110	
Sensory Support Team	974,600	770,521	940,524	-34,076	-3.5%	6	Staff turnover	-16,500	-17,576	
CCD Team	544,500	509,075	576,086	31,586	5.8%	6	Staff turnover and Subscription to the National Autistic Society	36,100	-4,514	
Early Years Admin	765,600	544,038	669,660	-95,940	-12.5%	6	Staff turnover	-83,600	-12,340	
Preventing Primary Exclusions team	237,500	159,057	193,689	-43,811	-18.4%	6	Staff turnover	-33,400	-10,411	
SEMH Team	696,900	554,523	658,776	-38,124	-5.5%	6	Staff turnover	5,600	-43,724	
Fair Access Reintegration Officers	164,400	109,551	140,634	-23,766	-14.5%	6	Staff turnover	-11,400	-12,366	
	4,985,000	3,996,207	4,712,006	-272,994				-121,869	-151,125	
6 SEN Developments	1,928,956	355,576	724,800	-1,204,156	-62.4%	7	Initial Surplus on calculation of budgets was £1.228m and includes additional grant of £125K	-885,442	-318,714	
7 Other SEN Funding										
Central Recharges	508,500	0	508,500	0	0.0%		Corporate Recharges	0	0	
OT & Physio & SALT SLA	73,100	54,867	80,100	7,000	9.6%		SLA for the provision of OT physio and SALT	7,000	0	
Equal Pay other SS	50,400	0	50,400	0	0.0%		Last payment is 2025/26	0	0	
Mediation	30,000	18,377	30,000	0	0.0%		SEND mediation between Parents Carers and the LA	0	0	
Hospital Recoupment	30,000	8,741	30,000	0	0.0%		Payments to Private providers for education for young people in hospitals outside Sandwell.	0	0	
Medical Malpractice	15,000	0	0	-15,000	-100.0%		This is an Insurance policy that covers all schools	0	-15,000	
ITT Staff Contribution	25,000	0	30,000	5,000	20.0%		Forum previously agreed to fund 2 part time independent travel trainers	5,000	0	
Joint Commissioning Sensory Pilot	72,500	12,238	72,500	0	0.0%		This was agreed to continue following the pilot	0	0	
	804,500	94,223	801,500	-3,000				12,000	-15,000	
8 Exclusions & Reintegration	172,900	145,335	189,913	17,013	9.8%	8	Vacancies and payment for Temp Staff	-51,700	68,713	
TOTAL	67,309,356	14,640,767	67,104,176	-205,180	-0.3%			-1,472,985	1,267,805	
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