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**Meeting:** Schools Forum  
**Date:** 19 Sept 2011  
**Subject:** Reallocation of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) following discontinuation of the Dyslexia Provision based at Priory Middle School  
**Report of:** Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services  
**Summary:** To make a request for the reallocation of DSG to support Out of Authority placements

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Contact Officer: Helen Redding  
Public/Exempt: Public  
Wards Affected: All  
Function of: Council  
Reason for urgency (if appropriate): N/A

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. To propose that the £33,810 saving of Direct Schools Grant (DSG) be reallocated to support Special Educational Needs (SEN) Out of Authority placements in 2011/12.**
- 2. To propose that the £57,960 be allocated to the Out of Authority Placement Budget in 2012/13**

#### **Background**

1. On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 the Executive made the decision following a statutory consultation to which there was one response to discontinue the dyslexia provision at Priory Middle School from 1 September 2011
2. Discontinuation of the Dyslexia Provision will deliver a full year saving of £57,960. In 2011/2012 it will deliver a saving of £33,810.
3. The Executive report proposed that the Schools Forum should be asked to consider the recommendation that this should be used to release Council budgets that are funding special educational needs provision that could be funded by Direct Schools Grant for which there is a budget pressure.

#### **Update**

4. The Local Authority currently makes a contribution of £820,000 to supplement the DSG in the SEN Out of Authority placement budget, which can be funded by DSG, plus Health and Social Care contributions.

5. There is currently £1,129,581 of DSG in this budget, and £198,573 of YPLA contribution towards pupils in post 16 provision. All health contributions are agreed as a result of a Continuing Care Assessment.
5. Pupils are only placed in out of Authority independent special schools if we are unable to meet their needs locally, or if the Council has been directed to do so by an SEN Tribunal. As of 1 September 2011 we have 18 pupils in Out of Authority independent special schools. We did not place any children in Out of Authority independent special schools in the academic year 2010/2011, and successfully brought 3 pupils back to our own local provision in that period.

### **Next Steps**

6. That the Schools Forum consider and agree to the recommendations listed above.