

## Schools Funding Forum 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018      ITEM 4

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	<b>Olive AP Academy – funding arrangements</b>
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<b>Eligibility to vote:</b>	<b>All members</b>

### SUMMARY

The Local Authority has received a request from Olive AP Academy to increase the total number of places commissioned by the LA on behalf of secondary schools and to introduce a two tier funding approach that would increase the funding allocated for a proportion of the places funded.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum considers the proposals from Olive AP Academy for additional funding:

### REPORT DETAIL

The current funding arrangements for Olive AP Academy are as follows:

KS	Places	Per place	Per pupil	Total charge	Total funding
KS3	24	£10,000	£8,000	£18,000	£432,000
KS4	40	£10,000	£8,000	£18,000	£720,000
Total	64				£1,152,000

A request has been received from the Olive Academy Trust (proposal attached) to increase the number of places to 74 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 and to 84 at a time to be agreed and also to introduce a two-tier funding arrangement which would increase the funding to Olive AP Academy for, depending on the options, 34 of the 64 places, 39 of the 74 places or 45 of the 84 places. The requested increase is shown in the table below. It should be noted that

these figures represent the minimum level of funding required by Olive, a reduction of up to 50% from Olive’s benchmarked funding based on other local authorities.

The higher funding rate would be in recognition of students with more complex needs in order that appropriate specialist provision can be provided for them. This is described in the attached paper.

Olive’s options for additional funding are as follows

	Option 1			Option 2			Option 3		
	Places	Funding per place £	Total funding £	Places	Funding per place £	Total funding £	Places	Funding per place £	Total funding £
Place funding	64	10,000	640,000	74	10,000	740,000	84	10,000	840,000
Top up band 1	20	8,000	240,000	35	8,000	280,000	39	8,000	312,000
Top up band 2	34	17,455	593,453	39	17,455	680,726	45	16,000	720,000
Total			1,473,453			1,700,726			1,872,000
Increase			321,453			548,726			720,000

Funding for all alternative provision is met from the LA’s allocation from the DSG High Needs Block and funding requests should be considered in the context of other AP provision and other known pressures particularly the need to fund provision for increasing numbers of children with SEND and increases in the complexity of need.

The High Needs Block would not be able to contain these costs in the foreseeable future and if the need for additional funding is agreed, consideration should be given to other funding sources.