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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Schools Forum**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2013**

**Report of the Strategic Director for  
Children and Younger Adults**

**Alternative Provision – Proposed Arrangements**

1. **Purpose of the Report**

To seek the views of the Schools Forum to the proposed funding arrangements for Alternative Provision for 2013-14.

2. **Information & Analysis**

Attached is a report due to be considered by the Council's Cabinet on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 regarding the funding arrangements of Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) from April 2013-14.

The key points to note are:

- A national £8,000 per place allocation;
- Additional top up funding to be based on current levels of spend/activity;
- Delegated responsibilities broadly in line with those of schools; and
- Delegated budgetary and other decision making responsibilities to rest with the two Management Committees.

Details of the proposed funding arrangements are set out in the enclosed Cabinet paper and Schools Forum is welcome to give its views on the proposals.

3. **Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: - prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity; environmental, financial, health, legal and human rights, personnel and property considerations.

4. **Background Papers**

DfE Guidance: Alternative Provision – Statutory Guidance for local authorities  
DfE publication – School Funding Reform: Next steps towards a fairer system  
Relevant papers held in CAYA Finance

5. **Strategic Director's Recommendation**

Forum's views on the proposed arrangements are welcomed.