

**Agenda Item
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Commissioning Unit

Report to High Needs Block –

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Report Title: High Needs Block Options Appraisal Appendix 1

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The purpose of this paper is to:

Outline actions already taken to manage pressures on the HNB

The following is a summary of actions taken to reduce pressure on the High Needs block from 2017 to 2019, and the financial implications of each action:

Financial Year	Action	Financial Impact
17-18	Reduced SEND advisory teacher staffing, changed staff roles and introduced skill mix	£275,000
17-18	Reduced contribution to Early Help	£120,000
17-18	Reduced Contribution to transport	£225,000
17-18	Reviewed contracts to commissioned services e.g. statement writer and SENDIASS	£6,0000
17-18	Introduced secondary contingency to support stay local agenda	Reduced special school places at secondary transfer - not costed

18-19	Reduced SEN Contingency payments and adjusted methodology	£100,000
18-19	Insourced visual impairment service delivery	£24,000
18-19	Reviewed oncosts for HNB funded staff	£130,000
18-19	Traded services for schools	£16,000
19-20	Reviewed independent school contracts for additional charges	£23,000
19-20	Reviewed college top up requests (cost avoidance)	Ongoing
19-20	Brought back to borough YP who was attending high cost placement	£174,000
19-20	Reviewed and ceased EHC plans for YP ready to move to alternative support locally	Ongoing £60,000
19-20	School place planning review	Ongoing

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