

SLOUGH SCHOOLS FORUM

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DATE & TIME: TUESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 2017 AT 8.00 AM
BEECHWOOD RESEARCH AND CONFERENCE CENTRE, LONG READINGS LANE, SLOUGH, BERKSHIRE, SL2 1QE

AGENDA

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10th January 2017

4. Education Support Grant De-delegated 2017-18

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report is to seek approval from the Maintained schools for de-delegated education support services specifically for Maintained schools.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Slough Borough Council recommends that the Education Support Grant which has now been transferred into the Schools' Block be retained by the Council to support Maintained schools activity.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The DfE in it's recent update on the school budget has announced that the council has retained statutory duties and general statutory duties specifically for Maintained schools. The council has calculated, for this year in the first instance, that the specific duties should be charged at £6 per unit (per pupil). The DfE requires that the Maintained schools approve the duties that the Council would like to deliver. This will be reviewed each year depending on DfE updates and LA maintained school needs.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None considered.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The funding will support the following educational activities provided by Slough Borough Council

Area	Budget
<p>Leadership, management, business and administrative support, Health and safety, internal audits and education computer systems. Funded from September 2017– March 2018 from the ESG transferred grant.</p> <p>See Appendix A for a breakdown of the cost per school.</p>	<p>£45,090</p>

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of this report.

Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Resources

6.2 The financial implications of the report are outlined in the supporting information.

Access Implications

6.3 There are no access implications.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 None.

Method of Consultation

7.2 Not applicable.

Representations Received

7.3 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None

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APPENDIX A

ESG De-delegation breakdown per school

AWPU NOR unit costs			Primary	Secondary	ESG TOTAL
			6219 £6	1296 £6 TU	
			NOR		ESG
8712252	Wexham Court Primary School	P	631		3,786
8712255	Penn Wood Primary and Nursery School	P	608		3,648
8712256	Claycots Primary	P	1375		8,250
8713070	St. Mary's C E Primary School	P	535		3,210
8713353	OUR LADY OF PEACE R.C.INFANT	P	617		3,702
8713357	Our Lady of Peace Junior	P			0
8713366	Khalsa Primary School	P	420		2,520
8713367	IQRA Slough Islamic Primary School	P	630		3,780
8715201	Priory School	P	798		4,788
8715202	Holy Family Catholic School	P	423		2,538
8715207	Pippins School	P	182		1,092
8714089	Wexham School	S	691		4,146
8714700	St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School	S	605		3,630
	TOTAL				45,090

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2. School block budget 2017-18

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to provide information on the draft school budgets and to consult with the Forum on the proposal to transfer £300k from the School block to the High Needs block in 2017-18.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Slough Borough Council recommends that the transfer should be supported by the School Forum.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Slough Borough Council are and has been for a number of years had increasing pressure from growth in the High needs block provision without any corresponding additional budget to cope with these pressure from the DFE.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The Slough Children Trust has explored other options.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 Please see Annex 1 for an update on the School Block budget changes.
- 5.2 Please see Annex 2 for the draft school budget and the impact on school budgets with the reduction of £300k for High needs provision.
- 5.3 Please see Annex 3 for information on the changes in the school funding formula. All rates are the same as last year except the AWPU has increased. This is because the number on roll has increased.

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7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted
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Method of Consultation
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Representations Received
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Background Papers
None

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Annex 1

For Information Only

School Forum – 10th January 2017

For the financial year 2017-18 there will be no changes to the formula.

The AWPU rates for 17-18 has increase from 16 – 17 due to additional funding from increased number of children. **See Annex 3 table.**

Changes in December 2016 APT (School block budget)

1. New schools to be funded from existing DSG from day 1. Therefore Grove Academy (SASH2) is being funded from September 2017 on existing DSG.
2. IDACI – changes are minimal please see the table in Annex 3.
3. Prior attainment minimal impact see table in Annex 3.
4. ESG split in 2 parts, one for LA duties for all schools and one for maintained schools only. The DFE has reduced this funding by £10k to £420k. There is an extract from the operational guide that explains this further below.

Extract from DFE.

For 2017 to 2018, the general funding rate is ending and funding previously allocated through the ESG retained duties rate (£15) will be transferred into the schools block. Local authorities will be able to fund central services previously funded within the retained duties rate (for all schools), with the agreement of schools forum. They will be able to fund services previously funded within the general duties rate (for maintained schools only) from maintained school budgets shares with the agreement of maintained school members of the Schools Forum.

Please see Annex 2 for draft budget in 2017-18.

The Task Group will meet after this meeting to discuss variances etc in more detail and updates will be communicated at the next School Forum meeting.

The LA will be requesting an additional School Forum meeting in February to discuss the Early years funding formula and the annual consultation of the high needs budget. Stage 2 consultation which has proposed changes for school budgets in 2018-19 will be discussed in detail at the March School Forum.

Additional information can be view see the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/authority-proforma-tool-apt-information-for-local-authorities>

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ANNEX 2

Outstanding 1. increase in numbers for the Grove school from 180 to 210 FTE.

2017-18 Draft School budget options

Some costs like lump sum etc are outside the pupil led factors
Pupil led factors cannot be reduced by more than -1.5% (MFG guarantee)

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Budget for each Op

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Schools	Budget for each Op				Variance					NOR				
	A	B	C	D	B-A	C-B	C-B % Change	D-C	D-B %	A	B	C	(B-C)	
	2015-16 Final	2016-17 Final	2017-18 Draft	2017-18 "topslice" for High needs						15-16	16-17	17-18	Variance	
132089 8715204 Castleview School	1,866,763	1,918,101	1,979,068	1,975,004	51,338	60,967	3.18%	-4,064	2.97%	542	564	551	-13	
10995 8712194 Cippenham Infant School	1,047,589	1,090,072	1,084,098	1,078,977	42,483	-5,974	-0.55%	-5,121	-1.02%	269	270	265	-5	
110035 8715200 Cippenham Primary School	2,715,486	2,958,062	3,193,266	3,177,477	242,575	235,204	7.95%	-15,788	7.42%	709	775	817	42	
110036 8712256 Claycots Primary	4,530,481	5,245,971	5,837,536	5,810,965	715,490	591,566	11.28%	-26,571	10.77%	1,042	1196	1375	179	
110039 8712003 Colnbrook C.E. Primary School	842,461	879,124	900,068	896,628	36,663	20,944	2.38%	-3,440	1.99%	168	187	178	-9	
134778 8712004 Foxborough Primary School	1,509,723	1,632,112	1,625,517	1,618,888	122,389	-6,595	-0.40%	-6,628	-0.81%	337	356	343	-13	
135099 8712196 Godolphin Infant School	1,497,064	1,510,897	1,445,763	1,445,763	13,834	-65,135	-4.31%	0	-4.31%	343	356	336	-20	
110090 8715202 Holy Family Catholic School	1,578,759	1,595,056	1,637,162	1,637,162	16,298	42,106	2.64%	0	2.64%	424	423	423	0	
110095 8713367 IQRA Slough Islamic Primary School	2,633,828	2,739,694	2,639,622	2,627,448	105,867	-100,072	-3.65%	-12,175	-4.10%	622	625	630	5	
110076 8712002 James Elliman Academy	2,590,476	2,692,363	2,980,153	2,966,317	101,887	287,790	10.69%	-13,836	10.18%	630	647	716	69	
110078 8713366 Khalsa Primary School	1,621,687	1,600,092	1,630,830	1,622,713	-21,595	30,738	1.92%	-8,116	1.41%	421	416	420	4	
110087 8712000 Langley Hall Primary Academy	2,763,519	2,852,974	2,877,891	2,863,919	89,454	24,917	0.87%	-13,972	0.38%	728	729	723	-6	
139333 8715208 Lynch Hill School	3,186,835	3,368,640	3,394,430	3,378,429	181,806	25,790	0.77%	-16,001	0.29%	805	836	828	-8	
139567 8713365 Marish Primary School	2,437,139	2,511,790	2,770,374	2,757,369	74,650	258,585	10.29%	-13,006	9.78%	596	627	673	46	
139943 8712005 Montem Academy	3,498,116	3,802,996	3,669,925	3,669,925	304,880	-133,071	-3.50%	0	-3.50%	736	803	790	-13	
140335 8713357 Our Lady of Peace Junior	1,314,422	1,316,460	0	0	2,038	-1,316,460	-100.00%	0	-100.00%	354	340	0	-340	
140857 8713353 Our Lady of Peace RC Infant	1,124,916	1,132,353	2,516,674	2,516,674	7,437	1,384,321	122.25%	0	122.25%	267	269	617	348	
140994 8712007 Parlaunt Park Primary Academy	2,524,300	2,544,093	2,506,530	2,495,070	19,793	-37,563	-1.48%	-11,460	-1.93%	605	601	593	-8	
138066 8712255 Penn Wood Primary and Nursery School	2,837,633	2,974,941	3,046,317	3,046,317	137,308	71,376	2.40%	0	2.40%	553	582	608	26	
138731 8715207 Pippins School	703,895	760,373	766,472	766,472	56,478	6,099	0.80%	0	0.80%	177	185	182	-3	
138319 8715201 Priory School	2,799,701	2,936,318	3,231,283	3,215,861	136,617	294,964	10.05%	-15,421	9.52%	725	796	798	2	
138166 8715209 Ryvers School	2,115,395	2,225,057	2,377,056	2,365,461	109,662	151,999	6.83%	-11,595	6.31%	541	578	600	22	
138659 8714005 St Anthony's Catholic Primary	2,077,198	2,196,729	2,323,754	2,312,971	119,531	127,025	5.78%	-10,783	5.29%	502	531	558	27	
137259 8714004 St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School	1,549,227	1,620,474	1,688,129	1,680,380	71,247	67,655	4.18%	-7,749	3.70%	378	403	401	-2	
137287 8713070 St. Mary's C E Primary School	2,144,289	2,300,219	2,306,196	2,295,857	155,929	5,978	0.26%	-10,339	-0.19%	503	538	535	-3	
136521 8712221 The Godolphin Junior School	1,683,603	1,783,780	1,918,425	1,910,038	100,178	134,645	7.55%	-8,387	7.08%	377	415	434	19	
135631 8712006 Western House Academy	2,303,912	2,408,928	2,488,250	2,480,084	105,016	79,323	3.29%	-8,167	2.95%	591	613	618	5	
136951 8712252 Wexham Court Primary School	2,386,772	2,708,439	2,664,355	2,652,161	321,667	-44,084	-1.63%	-12,194	-2.08%	599	628	631	3	
141009 8712001 Willow Primary School	1,653,884	1,711,198	1,920,062	1,911,327	57,314	208,863	12.21%	-8,735	11.70%	394	401	452	51	
8712008 The Langley Academy Primary	0	551,742	832,027	832,027	551,742	280,285	50.80%	0	50.80%	0	89	222.08	133	
8714008 Grove Academy	0	0	482,492	480,463	0	482,492	#DIV/0!	-2,029	#DIV/0!	0	0	105	105	
	61,539,073	65,569,048	68,733,726	68,488,150	0	4,029,975	3,164,678		-245,576		14,938	15,779	16,422	643
109943 8714082 Baylis Court School	4,589,165	4,570,047	4,416,864	4,416,864	-19,118	-153,183	-3.35%	0	-3.35%	783	780	767	-13	
130372 8714085 Beechwood School	5,171,581	5,116,072	4,939,588	4,921,812	-55,509	-176,484	-3.45%	-17,775	-3.80%	753	749	740	-9	
110040 8714002 Ditton Park Academy	963,834	1,840,952	3,306,224	3,305,557	877,117	1,465,272	79.59%	-667	79.56%	207	316	574	257	
8714003 Eden Secondary School	0	1,080,252	1,629,532	1,629,532	1,080,252	549,281	50.85%	0	50.85%	0	153	328	175	
110089 8715407 Herschel Grammar School	3,122,020	3,180,151	3,187,671	3,187,671	58,132	7,520	0.24%	0	0.24%	626	637	651	14	
110084 8715405 Langley Grammar School	3,603,639	3,663,689	3,587,747	3,587,747	60,050	-75,942	-2.07%	0	-2.07%	756	765	764	-1	
139198 8714001 Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy	555,489	969,548	1,685,871	1,685,871	414,059	716,323	73.88%	0	73.88%	117	155	282	127	
138013 8714510 Slough & Eton C of E Business & Enterprise College	5,886,606	5,850,633	5,829,820	5,829,820	-35,973	-20,813	-0	0	-0.36%	863	888	875	-13	

137010	8714700	St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School	2,922,675	2,851,753	2,831,336	2,816,804			-70,922	-20,418	-0.72%	-14,532	-1.23%	625	612	605	-7
138192	8714006	St Joseph's Catholic High School	3,733,716	3,756,583	3,841,103	3,841,103			22,867	84,520	2.25%	0	2.25%	653	662	689	27
137726	8716905	The Langley Academy	5,089,497	5,034,830	4,991,519	4,970,069			-54,667	-43,311	-0.86%	-21,450	-1.29%	896	897	893	-4
136420	8715409	The Westgate School	4,965,761	4,954,042	4,855,020	4,855,020			-11,719	-99,022	-2.00%	0	-2.00%	875	892	874	-18
138012	8715408	Upton Court Grammar School	3,693,139	3,598,195	3,597,173	3,597,173			-94,945	-1,022	-0.03%	0	-0.03%	737	715	729	14
140156	8714089	Wexham School	5,441,763	4,935,677	4,620,825	4,620,825			-506,086	-314,852	-6.38%	0	-6.38%	787	751	691	-60
			49,738,884	51,402,423	53,320,292	53,265,868	0	1,663,539	1,917,869			-54,424		8,678	8,973	9,461	488
			111,277,957	116,971,471	122,054,018	121,754,018	0	5,693,514	5,082,547			-300,000	0	23,616	24,752	25,883	1,131
							300,000						1,136				
																	-0

Funding given from the DFE for
Various- non funding pupils.

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**Annex 3
Proforma Table**

Description	201617		Pupil NOR		Total
	AWPu rate				
Primary (Years R-6)	£3,089.19		15,734.92		£48,608,196
Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£3,815.00		5,687.54		£21,697,965
Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£3,876.78		3,282.00		£12,723,592
TOTAL			£24,704.46		£83,029,753
Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Primary NOR	Secondary NOR	Sub Total
FSM6 % Primary	£1,335.32		3,535.09		£4,720,485
FSM6 % Secondary		£1,893.24		2,386.59	£4,518,383
IDACI Band 1			4,756.08	2,465.76	£0
IDACI Band 2	£873.13	£1,809.41	1,353.47	805.28	£2,638,836
IDACI Band 3	£1,088.60	£2,201.47	608.35	471.69	£1,700,662
IDACI Band 4	£1,312.28	£2,337.13	5.02	29.92	£76,515
IDACI Band 5	£1,473.60	£2,781.61	1.58	3.00	£10,673
IDACI Band 6			0.00	0.00	£0
TOTAL			6724.50	3775.65	£13,665,554
Description	Weighting	Amount per pupil		Sub Total	
N/A	100.00%				
Low Attainment % old FSP 73		£1,044.54	£4,833.30	£5,048,575	
Secondary pupils not achieving (KS2 level 4 English or Maths)		£2,395.55	£1,639.59	£3,927,720	
				£8,976,295	
				£105,671,602	

Lump sum	P	100,000	
	S	150,000	
			5,100,000

No of schools maintained	44
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Description	2017/18		Pupil NOR		Total
	AWPu rate				
	£3,206.26		16,422.08		£52,653,458
	£3,959.57		5,925.67		£23,463,105
	£4,023.70		3,535.00		£14,223,780
			£25,882.75		£90,340,343
Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Primary NOR	Secondary NOR	Sub Total
	£1,335.32		3,475.61		£4,641,060
		£1,893.24		2,542.52	£4,813,596
			4,939.04	2,649.81	£0
	£873.13	£1,809.41	1,409.28	874.91	£2,813,555
	£1,088.60	£2,201.47	627.30	451.97	£1,677,877
	£1,312.28	£2,337.13	1.00	57.16	£134,903
	£1,473.60	£2,781.61	8.95	23.57	£78,751
			1.29	3.99	£0
			6986.86	4061.41	£14,159,742
Description	Weighting	Amount per pupil		Sub Total	
	100.00%				
		£1,044.54	£5,143.75	£5,372,853	
		£2,395.55	£1,684.57	£4,035,472	
				£9,408,324	
				£113,908,409	

Lump sum	P	100,000	
	S	150,000	
			5,100,000

2 schools merged into 1 and new Grove (sash2) sch	44
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Description	201516		Pupil NOR		Total
	AWPu rate				
	£3,179.91		14,938.00		£47,501,496
	£3,879.49		5,422.92		£21,038,164
	£4,636.31		3,255.00		£15,091,189
			£23,615.92		£83,630,849
Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Primary NOR	Secondary NOR	Sub Total
	£1,019.33		3,542.92		£3,611,405
		£1,445.22		2,236.90	£3,232,813
			4,008.07	2,035.97	£0
			2,794.62	1,516.60	£0
	£635.28	£1,316.51	2,803.11	1,744.78	£4,077,780
	£800.44	£1,618.73	1,174.49	691.23	£2,059,024
	£964.91	£1,718.48	359.06	229.91	£741,556
	£1,083.53	£2,045.30	0.00	24.03	£49,149
			11139.35	6242.52	£13,771,726
Description	Weighting	Amount per pupil		Sub Total	
	100.00%				
		£1,065.86	£4,479.49	£4,774,509	
		£2,444.44	£1,626.13	£3,974,977	
				£8,749,486	
				£106,152,061	

Lump sum	P	55,000	
	S	55,000	
			2,310,000

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SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
10th January 2017

2017-18 Budget Process Update
(Directorate of Wellbeing)

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Schools' Forum is being informed of budget process for 2017-18 and the DSG block allocation.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To make schools aware of the total schools budget for Slough and when maintained schools should expect their 17-18 budget share.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1.1 For information.

Description	Allocation £M	Comment
School block budget	£ 123.79	Fixed
Early years budget	£ 15.20	Provisional
High needs budget	£ 22.13 (this includes a increase in growth allowance of £310k and academy place funding which the DFE will recoup from our High needs block.)	The Academy place budget has increased from £3.69m to £4.23m. This is a reduction in our "top up" budget of £540k. The DFE has increased our funding by £310k, therefore the net deduction is £230k. Other additions are transfer of responsibility for Post 16 which will be passported to 6 th form providers. I assuming more places means more children therefore a immediate pressure next year.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 N/A

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The table below shows the remaining significant dates in the 2016-17 budget process.

Date	Item	Notes
20/01/17	Final School budget Proforma to be returned to the DfE	This will be the final formula as ratified by Slough Borough Council
23/02/17	Send School Budgets (5 to 16 years old) to schools, Early year, 6 th form funding and High Needs indicative budgets to Schools.	Indicative budgets for 6 th form funding is likely to be adjusted in November. High needs and Early years budgets will be adjusted from July 2017.
23/03/17	PVIs	
23/03/17	Send High Needs budgets to Special Schools	

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Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Resources

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- 6.3 There are no access implications.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 None.

Method of Consultation

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Slough Schools Forum January 10th 2017

Special Educational Needs Resource Bases in mainstream schools

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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2. BACKGROUND

2.1.1 At the end of July 2016 Cambridge Education published a review of RBs at mainstream schools in Slough. This review had been jointly commissioned by Slough Borough Council and Slough Children's Services Trust.

2.1.2 The terms of reference for the review were drawn up in response to concerns expressed by some head teachers that the banding system for the allocation of funding for SEN Resource Bases no longer adequately reflects the complexities of need of the children placed therein and should be revised. Due to staff changes within the SBC SEND team the process for annually reviewing the SLA with each school also fell into abeyance, reducing opportunities to address issues about the resource base designation, admissions criteria and the number of pupil places purchased by the Local Authority.

2.1.3 The summary findings were shared with all schools at the end of last academic year and an external project manager (Monica Quinn) appointed in late August to work with each school to develop proposals for implementation of the aspects of the review (including future needs/capacity) that related to the individual school

2.1.4 This work also led to the creation of a series of draft templates (shared with schools in November 2016) in relation to designations, Service Level Agreement or Contract, model job descriptions and admissions processes.

2.1.5 During the review and the subsequent project development, as well as part of the process for admissions to RB places for September 2016, significant concerns were articulated about the overall quantity of RB places and their distribution across the geography of Slough, with a few RBs having spare places and many others being asked (and agreeing) to admit pupils significantly in addition to their commissioned places.

2.1.6 In November 2016, the DfE required information to be submitted as part of their Place Change Notification process. This related only to RBs at Academies and Free Schools and to Post 16 places at GFE Colleges. The numbers submitted by Slough for RBs for Sept 2017 are set out in the table

below, which also shows the proposed RB places at maintained schools. There is no guarantee that the DfE will agree to these proposals. We should have their response before the end of January 2017.

Academy	Sept 2015 commissioned places	Sept 2017 commissioned places
Castleview	15	22
Godolphin Infants	9	10
Godolphin Junior	12	8
Langley	5	5
Ryvers	8	8
Marish	18	30
Westgate	15	15
St Ethelberts	N/A	5
Colnbrook	12	0
Foxborough	8	8
Slough & Eton	15	15
Ditton Park	0	4
Maintained		
St Ethelberts	10	N/A
Priory	50	60
Wexham	18	18
	196	208

2.1.7 There was no opportunity to involve and consult Schools Forum prior to submitting these figures in line with the DfE deadline of November 25th. Future forward agenda for the Schools Forum should include this consultation item for the October meeting for as long as the Place Change Notification process (or its equivalent) continues to exist.

3. NEXT STEPS

The contractual agreements and admissions arrangements for all RBs will be finalised with schools by the end of this term so that they are implemented from the start of the new financial year.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Summary Review Published July 2016

7. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Not applicable at this stage, but all proposals relating to the new contractual agreements and the restoration of admissions processes will be subject to detailed finance and legal advice

8. CONSULTATION

All schools with RBs have been involved in these processes and the summary of the review was shared with all schools

9 RECOMMENDATION

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Schools Forum Membership October 2016

School	Type of School	Governor (G) / Headteacher (H/T)	Elected by	Term of office ends
Academies (9 members)				
Special Schools / PRUs (2 members)				
Haybrook College	Special School/PRU	Helen Huntley (H/T)	Academies	31st July 2017
Littledown	Special School/PRU	Jo Matthews (H/T)	Academies	30th November 2018
Primary Academies (3 members)				
Lynch Hill Primary School	Academy	Gillian Coffey (H/T) Substitute Nicky Willis	Academies	31st July 2017
Baylis Court Trust MAT / Godolphin Infant School	Academy / MAT	Jon Reekie (G)	Academies	30th November 2018
Cippenham Primary School	Academy	Nicky Willis (H/T)	Academies	31st July 2017
Secondary Academies (4 members)				
Herschel Grammar	Academy Selective	Jo Rockall	Academies	31st July 2017
Langley Grammar	Academy Selective	John Constable (H/T)	Academies	31st July 2017
Slough & Eton C of E Business and Enterprise College	Academy	Paul McAteer (H/T)	Academies	31st July 2017
Upton Court Grammar School	Academy	Eddie Neighbour (VP)	Academies	30th November 2018
Maintained Schools (6 members)				
Primary (4 members)				
Holy Family Primary School	Voluntary Aided	Maggie Waller(G)		31st July 2017
Wexham Court Primary School	Community	Navroop Mehat (H/T)	Primary Heads	31st July 2017
VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
Penn Wood School	Community	Carol Pearce (G)	Governors	30th September 2017
Secondary (2 members)				
VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
St Bernard's Grammar School	Voluntary Aided	Angela Mellish	SASH	31st January 2018
Special Maintained (1 member)				
Arbour Vale School	Special	Debbie Richards (H/T)		31st July 2017
Nursery Maintained (1 member)				
Baylis Court Nursery	Nursery	Philip Gregory		31st July 2017
Non-school members (3 members)				
16-19 Provider (1 Member)				
16 - 19 Provider	16-19 Provider	Richard Kirkham (representing Kate Webb)	EBC	31st August 2019 tbc
PVI Provider (1 Member)				
PVI Provider	PVI Provider	Sally Eaton	Early Years	31st March 2018
Children's Centres (1 Member)				
Slough Children's Centres	Children's Centres	Rachel Cartwright	Cambridge Education	31st July 2017
Total Membership:				20 Members

Observer:

Schools Forum membership as of October 2016

Education Funding Agency (statutory
observer status)
Kathleen Higgins - Beechwood

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School Census Data - 6th Oct 2016										
			% overall school population			NOR academies excluding nursery and special	18734	64.43%	64%	
Total NOR in Academies + Free Schools	18869	62.89%								
Total NOR in Primary Academies + Free Schools	9761					NOR maintained schools secondary and primary only (excl.nursery and special)	10341	35.56%	36%	
Total NOR in Secondary Academies + Free Schools	8973									
Total NOR in Standalone Nursery Academies	0					Total m/t and academies primary and secondary	29075			
Total NOR in Special + AP Academies	135									
Total NOR in Maintained Schools	11135	37.11%				Assuming remain with 20 members then m/t and academies' total = 15 (total excluding nursery, special and 3 non school members)				
Total NOR in Maintained Primary	7827									
Total NOR in Maintained Secondary	2514					64% of 15 = 9.6 academy members and 38% of 15 =5.4 members (10 academy and 5 maintained)				
Total NOR is Maintained Nursery	500									
Total NOR in Maintained Special	294					Currently have: 9 academy members (1 special, 1 PRU, 3 primary and 4 secondary) and 6 maintained members (2 secondary and 4 primary including one vacancy in each i.e 1 secondary and 3 primary in situ)				
e data above is based at numbers on roll as at 6th Oct 2016						Would need to recruit 1 academy member and 1 maintained				
Academies as of Dec 1st 2016						NOR academies excluding nursery and special	20587	70.80%	71%	
St Joseph's	813					NOR maintained schools secondary and primary only (excl.nursery and special)	8488	29.19%	29%	
St Anthony's	591									
St Ethelbert's	449					Total m/t and academies primary and secondary	29075			
Total primary	1040					Assuming remain with 20 members then m/t and academies' total = 15 (total excluding nursery, special and 3 non school members)				
Total	1853					71% of 15 = 10.65 academy members and 29% of 15 = 4.35 members (11 academy and 4 maintained)				
						Currently have: 9 academy members (1 special, 1 PRU, 3 primary and 4 secondary) and 6 maintained members (2 secondary and 4 primary including one vacancy in each i.e 1 secondary and 3 primary in situ)				
						Would need to recruit 2 academy members and 0 maintained and delete maintained vacancies				
						Primary m/t now 6787 (80% of m/t total)				
						Secondary m/t now 1701 (20% of total m/t)				
						Current split = 25% / 75%				

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Issue and Decision	Schools Forum date	Schools Forum agenda item no.	School Forum Minute
<p>Changes to Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations 2014</p> <p>A number of changes were noted including: Schools Forum is now required to discuss places being commissioned by the LA and others in special schools, resource units and AP as well as arrangements for paying top ups; funding for each Alternative Provision place will increase from £8,000 to £10,000 per annum. It was agreed that a brief response to the consultation would be sent voicing concern about the overall funding pressures on the DSG and the impact on these overall on schools' budgets.</p>	17/09/2014	5	353
<p>Centrally Held DSG Underspend</p> <p>It was agreed that: £60,000 from 2013-14 DSG underspend be allocated to the Slough Learning Partnership to cover operating costs and contingency until the end of August 2015 and £100,000 be allocated to enable the Slough Learning Partnership to deliver a range of additional school improvement services during 2014-15. The proposals regarding allocation to the High Needs Block and Schools Block were deferred until the blocks are agreed at a future meeting.</p>	17/09/2014	6	354
<p>PFI</p> <p>It was noted that SBC had been accepted as one of only 4 LAs taking part in the DfE pilot to identify potential savings in PFI contracts.</p>	17/09/2014	8	351
<p>Schools Funding levels - letter to Secretary of State</p> <p>Members noted a response from David Laws MP to the letter sent to the Secretary of State.</p>	12/11/2014	3	361
<p>St Joseph's update</p> <p>An update was provided on the Schools Forum 2012 grant from headroom to support St Joseph's finance and development plan and financial stability over 3 to 5 years. It was noted that the school had been able to return £400,000 in 2013 and has utilised the remaining funding as was originally intended.</p>	12/11/2014	3	361
<p>Amendment to previous minutes</p> <p>It was noted that the reference in the previous minutes to the increase in value of an Alternative Provision place is an increase to 'base funding'.</p>	12/11/2014	3	361
<p>Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring</p> <p>It was agreed that a review of the Balance Control Mechanism would take place when the Schools Forum considers the Scheme for Financing Schools for 15/16.</p>	12/11/2014	4	362
<p>Budget process / formula</p> <p>Schools Forum agreed: the introduction of a 'reception uplift' in 2015/16; the introduction of capping at 3% in 2015/16 and that the existing formula factors should remain for 2015/16.</p>	12/11/2014	5	363
<p>Growth Fund 2015/16</p> <p>Schools Forum agreed to create a Growth Fund for 2015/16. It was agreed that the fund should be based on full AWPU for the relevant part of the year for 2015/16.</p>	10/12/2014	6	374
<p>Centrally Retained DSG Underspend</p> <p>The principle of distributing the final underspend by numbers on roll was re-affirmed.</p>	10/12/2014	7	375
<p>De-delegated Budgets: SEBDOS (formerly known as the Behaviour Support Service) and Trades Union)</p> <p>With regard to the budget for SEBDOS (previously known as Behaviour Support), the relevant maintained schools' members of the Schools Forum voted to approve de-delegation in both phases at the unit costs proposed.</p> <p>Decision regarding de-delegation of the Trades Union budget was deferred until January 2015.</p>	10/12/2014	8	376
<p>Membership</p>			

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Maggie Stacey had stood down from Schools Forum and thanks was given for her long service and valuable contributions. Schools Forum also thanked Mary Sparrow, who is leaving Slough, for her valuable contributions to the Forum. It was agreed that academy proprietors be asked to fill the three academy member vacancies and Schools Forum suggested a primary member and two secondary members in order to maintain an appropriate phase balance. A replacement maintained secondary school member is also to be found.	10/12/2014	9	377
Membership			
Angela Mellish (St Bernard's Grammar School) was welcomed to the Schools Forum as the new maintained secondary school member.	14/01/2015	1	382
Minutes of previous meeting 10th December 2014			
It was reported that confirmation had been given by the LA (Joseph Holmes) that no monies would be top-sliced from the DSG in future without a request to Schools Forum and its subsequent approval.	14/01/2015	3	384
It was noted that Louise Lund was no longer a member of Schools Forum as she is no longer in a PVI setting and therefore not eligible and that a replacement was being sought.	14/01/2015	3	384
Centrally Retained DSG Underspend			
Schools Forum agreed that the £998k underspend be redistributed to schools but not that the pensions deficit owed be netted off; schools to be notified of their pensions liability and billed separately from any underspend payment.	14/01/2015	5	386
Centrally Retained DSG 2015/16			
The centrally retained DSG 15/16 budget figure for Cambridge Education was agreed. Further detail is to be brought back to Schools Forum of the allocation of the individual strands of funding and the associated justification for spend. LA retained element: the bottom line figure of £241,034 was agreed. A report will be brought to the March Schools Forum of 14/15 anticipated spend and what the budgets are likely to be spent on in 2015/16. This will be a matter for final decision in March. The £241,034 to be held in reserve pending the further report in March.	14/01/2015	6	387
2015/16 Budget Process			
Schools Forum noted the 2015-16 formula factors and timetable (factors and budget pro-forma are predicated on the recommendations of the Schools Forum 5-16 formula Task and Finish group). To be submitted to the DfE following Council ratification.	14/01/2015	7	388
2015-16 DSG Schools Block and de-delegation of Trade Union support budget			
Schools Forum noted the Schools Block budget for 2015-16. De-delegation of Trade Union support: the 3 maintained primary schools' members present voted unanimously in favour of de-delegation at the current unit cost. Both secondary maintained schools members present voted in favour of de-delegation at the current unit cost.	14/01/2015	8	389
2015-16 DSG Blocks (High Needs Block)			
Schools Forum agreed to carry forward £600,000 from 2014/15.	14/01/2015	9	390
Membership			
Sally Eaton attended the meeting as an observer, with a view to taking on the role of member representing the PVIs. Maggie Waller thanked Jean Cameron for her valuable contributions and support to both the Schools Forum and the Early Years Task and Finish Group over many years as this was her last meeting. A new member to represent Children's Centres is being sought (<i>since meeting advised: Emma Slaughter, Interim Head of Children's Centres</i>).	25/03/2015	1	396
PFI			
It was noted that the £500,000 previously removed from the DSG in 2014/15 in respect of PFI had been returned and would be distributed to all schools and academies imminently. The £500,000 for 2015/16, removed in error, will also be returned.	25/03/2015	3	398
Commissioning of Places in Special Settings			
It was noted that an annual review of places should take place (report to Schools Forum)	25/03/2015	4	399

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Early Years			
Schools Forum agreed the 2015/16 Early Years centrally held budgets and noted the summary of the Early Years block budget.2015/16 including forecast growth.	25/03/2015	6	401
Membership			
John Constable is to write to academy proprietors regarding the three membership vacancies, following a review of the January 2015 census.	25/03/2015	12	407
Membership			
New members, Emma Slaughter (new Children's Centres' member) and Sally Eaton (new PVI member), were welcomed to the meeting.	06/05/2015	1	408
Schools Forum suggested Eddie Neighbour and Jo Matthews as potential members for academy proprietors to consider.	06/05/2015	3	410
School Improvement Budget 2015-16 Update from Cambridge Education			
The revised funding for 15/16 was noted as £932,905 which is a reduction of £310k. It was agreed that Schools Forum, at the July meeting, will consider the business cases put forward and decide which of the the priorities identified will be funded from the £310k.	06/05/2015	4	411
PFI 2015/16			
It was noted that the £500,000 (part of SBC's PFI contribution for 15/16) that was not added to the DSG in 15/16 and given to schools would be returned to schools. Appendix A noted that the £500k will be part of the future budgets whatever decisions are made. Beverley Pennekett (EFA) advised that once schools have their budgets they cannot be re-determined in-year and if such an adjustment is required in-year to the Schools Budget an application can be made to the Minister to dis-apply this regulation. It was agreed that a joint letter would go from the LA and the Schools Forum seeking to re-distribute this year and to distribute based on numbers on roll .	06/05/2015	5	412
PFI School Improvement Savings			
Schools Forum was asked to consider using £200k of the savings identified in the centrally-retained budgets for School Improvement (minute 411 above) to contribute to SBC's funding of the School's PFI scheme in 2015-16. It was agreed that this proposal would come back to the Schools Forum meeting in July along with any other proposals (supported by a business case) for consideration and decision. Note the 2 PFI reports are both noted here as item 5 as one had been omitted from the agenda list.	06/05/2015	5	413
Growth Fund Out-Turn 2014 - 15			
Schools Forum agreed to carry forward an additional £88,000 to the Growth Fund for 2015 - 16. It was confirmed that the 2015 - 16 total Growth Fund was now approximately £1.25 million.	06/05/2015	6	414
High Needs Block			
Schools Forum noted the detail of the High Needs Block centrally retained budgets for SBC and Cambridge Education, as set out in the two appendices to the report.	06/05/2015	7	415
2014/15 EarlyYears Block Carry Forward			
Schools Forum noted that the Early Years DSG is currently forecast to be under-spent by £1,492,487 and approved the carry forward of this sum to ensure compliance with statutory duties through the spending outlined in Appendix A of the report.	23/09/2015	4	424
Centrally Retained Budgets Out Turn			
Schools Forum agreed that the 14-15 underspend of £60,010 in the Schools Block be carried forward into the Growth Fund in order to reduce the 16-17 budget topslice for growth. Schools Forum agreed that the Early Years block underspend 2014-15 of £6,597 should remain within Early Years. Schools Forum noted that the High Needs Block underspend will be used to fund expected growth in High Needs places and top ups in 2016-17 plus any outstanding prior commitments. For Cambridge Education underspend it was agreed that proposals would be brought to Schools Forum at the next meeting. It was noted that the Early Years element had already been agreed in item 4 of the agenda (above).	23/09/2015	6	426
School Improvement Underspend			

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<p>Schools Forum agreed to allocate £35,000 of these savings to support Our Lady of Peace Infant and Nursery School and Our Lady of Peace Junior School in amalgamating to establish an all-through primary school.</p> <p>Schools Forum agreed to allocate an initial £70,000 to support the Headteachers' collaborative request regarding Recruitment and Retention.</p> <p>Schools Forum did not agree to support the use of £200,000 of the School Improvement savings to contribute to the Council's funding of its contribution to the schools' PFI scheme.</p> <p>It was agreed that, following the allocations above, the remaining balance of the underspend would be considered at the next meeting alongside the Cambridge Education underspend (see agenda item 6 above).</p>	23/09/2015	7	427
Schools Forum Self Assessment Review and Updated Constitution			
<p>Schools Forum supported the suggested changes in the self-assessment review (Appendix A).</p> <p>Schools Forum noted the updated Constitution (Appendix B) and commended this to the LA for approval.</p>	23/09/2015	8	428
Review of Scheme for Financing Schools			
<p>Schools Forum agreed two amendments to the Scheme for Financing Schools:</p> <p>Schools should make a register of business and other interests publicly available e.g. on a publicly accessible website (2.9 of Scheme)</p> <p>New wording to clarify borrowing by schools, for example, in relation to financial leases (3.6 of Scheme)</p> <p>Schools Forum requested that the wording of the proposed change regarding the revenue Balance Control Mechanism be clarified and brought to the next meeting (4.2 of Scheme).</p>	23/09/2015	9	429
Minutes of previous meeting 23rd September 2015			
<p>It was noted that the LA Democratic Services have confirmed that no further formal approval is required of the Schools Forum Constitution, following its approval by the Schools Forum at the 23rd September meeting.</p>	06/10/2015	3	439
Schools and Early Years Finance regulations 2015 - DfE Consultation			
<p>The LA is to respond to the DfE consultation and it was agreed that the response would be shared with the Chair and that Schools Forum would also respond. The Chair will circulate to members of the Forum for input.</p>	06/10/2015	4	440
School Improvement Underspend			
<p>Final decisions were made to allocate the remaining balance of the £308,000 2015/16 underspend in the centrally retained school improvement budget. Following allocations agreed at the 23rd September meeting - see above - to support teacher recruitment and Our Lady of Peace amalgamation, a further £13,000 was agreed to offset the £26,000 commitment of secondary Headteachers to recruitment research.</p> <p>It was agreed that the remaining £190,000 will be transferred to the High Needs Block to contribute to the easing of anticipated pressures on expenditure.</p> <p>From the final Cambridge Education School Improvement underspend for 2014-15 of £210,000, it was agreed to support the LA proposal for an allocation of £20,000 to fund a piece of work to scope out future school improvement options.</p> <p>Funding of £35,000 was also agreed for a project with Rising Stars focussed on boosting performance for Year 6 pupils, related to the new testing requirements.</p> <p>Further proposals for the remaining £155,000 balance will be brought to Schools Forum in December.</p>	06/10/2015	5	441
Minutes of previous meeting 6th October 2015			
<p>Item 439: Jon Reekie (Baylis Court MAT/Godolphin Infant), Eddie Neighbour (Upton Court) and Jo Matthews (Littledown) now elected as academy members and resignation of Hardeep Singh (Khalsa Primary) noted.</p> <p>Item 441: Confirmed that the £190,000 to be transferred to the High Needs Block was a one off transfer from under spend, not a permanent arrangement.</p>	09/12/2015	3	449
Growth Fund 2016			
<p>Agreed 2016-17 DSG top slice for Growth Fund, increased by £250k, to £1.1 million.</p> <p>Growth Fund criteria, to be brought to January Schools Forum; to include funding for permanent expansion, emergency bulge classes, additional places in primary school classes and secondary places above PAN where requested by LA.</p>	09/12/2015	6	452
Centrally Retained items Schools Block			
<p>Agreed £933k proposed for 2016-17 for Cambridge Education contractual school improvement work; balance of the £1.2m to be discussed at January Schools Forum. LA centrally retained budget of £230k agreed in part: Schools Forum (£53k) and CERA (£149k). Balance to be brought back to Schools Forum in January.</p>	09/12/2015	7	453

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De-delegated items 2016-17			
The de-delegation of the proposed budget for the behaviour support service (SEBDOS) was agreed by primary and secondary maintained schools. Trades Union budget de-delegation was deferred pending further clarification from the LA.	09/12/2015	9	454
Review of SEBD Outreach Funding Methodology			
Schools Forum supported the change in funding methodology proposed by SEBDOS.	09/12/2015	8	455
Split site criteria review			
The proposed revised split site criteria was agreed.	09/12/2015	10	456
Minutes of previous meeting 9th December 2015			
Membership: It was agreed that the terms of office of Maggie Waller, Phillip Gregory and Gillian Coffey were extended until August 2016, pending the next review of membership following academy conversions.	12/01/2016	3	464
£70k for supporting recruitment (previously agreed): the LA agreed that the funding should be transferred.	12/01/2016	3	464
De-delegation of Trades Union budget: it was agreed that the vote on the de-delegation of the Trades Union support budget would take place by email as soon as possible.	12/01/2016	3	464
Funding Formula changes for 2016-17			
Following the LA consultation regarding the Fair Funding formula budget for 2016-17, 3 options are to go to Cabinet on 18th January with the recommendation that the Council approves Option 3 (changes to AWPU and increase of lump sum).	12/01/2016	4	465
Funding Formula 2016-17 IDACI consultation			
Noted changes to IDACI notified by DfE in late December. Postcodes have been re-banded based on 2015 IMD figures rather than 2010, resulting in 50% of children in Slough no longer living in 'officially deprived' postcodes. LA has tried to keep same level of funding in deprivation factor which has led to changes: increasing the Free School Meal rate by 31%; using IDACI band 2 and increasing the band value 2 by 37% and band 3 to 5 by 36%.	12/01/2016	5	466
2016/17 Budget Timetable			
DSG block allocation noted including £118.7 million for the Schools Block. Schools will receive budgets (5 to 16) and indicative early years and high needs budgets on 25th February 2016.	12/01/2016	6	467
School Improvement: Cambridge Education Centrally Retained underspend from 2014-15 and LA Centrally Retained budget for 2016/17			
Cambridge Education 2014-15 underspend confirmed at £232k and the following one off allocations agreed: £20k previously allocated to school improvement; £35k previously allocated for Rising Stars Maths booster programme; £70k for longer term KS2 Maths project in 5-7 schools; £35k to support LAC; £73k to be returned to schools on one off basis in 2016-17 via Schools Block. Centrally retained SBC Combined Budget for 2016-17 is £148,646, made up of £28,400 (school improvement and raising standards) and £120,246 previously within the Cambridge Education budget. £ 100,000 was agreed for the Virtual Head statutory function; £ 48,646 to support strengthening of safeguarding support was agreed in principle subject to provision of further detail at March Schools Forum meeting. Both are one-off as decisions can only be made annually by Schools Forum. The £190k previously agreed from the 2015/16 underspend for supporting the High Needs Block was re-affirmed; this is a permanent reduction in retained DSG.	12/01/2016	7	468
Centrally Retained DSG Items for Early Years 2016/17			
LA proposed similar level to 2015-16 for centrally retained DSG for Early Years for 2016/17. This was agreed.	12/01/2016	8	469
Growth Fund			
2016-17 Growth Fund confirmed as £1.1million to be funded from the Schools Block budget. Carry forward from 2015-16 estimated as £150k (total demand currently forecast at £1.25 million). List of criteria for Growth Fund to be brought back to the March Schools Forum meeting for formal agreement.	12/01/2016	9	470
LA Scheme for Financing Schools			
An updated Scheme for Financing Schools to be placed on SBC website in February 2016. Noted that previous LA proposal to amend the Balance Control Mechanism was withdrawn.	12/01/2016	10	471
Minutes of previous meeting 12th January 2016			
Noted that, following the January meeting, the de-delegation of the Trades Union budget had been agreed by email by relevant Schools Forum members.	08/03/2016	3	479

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Cabinet had agreed the proposed Option 3 for the 5- 16 formula changes at its meeting on 18th January 2016.	08/03/2016	3	479
High Needs Block Proposal 2016/17			
Schools Forum was consulted on the High Needs Block and noted the total funding as £21.59 million.	08/03/2016	5	481
Early Years Budget 2016/17			
Schools Forum was consulted on the Early Years Block 2016/17: £11.367m including £150k for Early Years Pupil Premium for 3 and 4 year olds. The proposed sustainability factor was noted and it was agreed that the criteria would be amended to include a reference to education / early years' professional input when considering nursery schools for this funding.	08/03/2016	6	482
Update on DfE proposals for National Funding Formula			
DfE published a consultation on the proposed National Funding Formula : 7 March 2016 to 17 April. Schools Forum to draft response and schools to be encouraged to respond individually.	08/03/2016	7	483
Growth Fund			
The Growth Fund criteria for 2016/17, as set out in report, were approved.	08/03/2016	8	484
Children's Services Trust			
£47k funding for strengthening safeguarding training in schools, agreed in January 2016 in principle, was agreed pending further development and clarification of the details which would be discussed at SSEF and at phase groups. Options re LAC Pupil Premium also to go through phase groups for consultation.	08/03/2016	13	485
A.O.B. School Improvement Arrangements (centrally retained)			
Agreed that some of the centrally retained funding previously agreed by Schools Forum could be used by the LA to fund two days a week ongoing support for developing school improvement options.	08/03/2016	AOB / 13	490
Chair and Vice Chair			
Maggie Waller was re-elected as Chair and John Constable was re-elected as Vice-Chair.	14/06/2016	5	496
Growth Fund			
It was agreed that the £187k underspend from 2015 /16 could be carried forward into the Growth Fund 2016-17.	14/06/2016	7	498
It was noted that the 2016-17 Growth Fund is £1.287 million, including this carry forward and the current estimated demand is £1.169 million.			
Use of Centrally Retained DSG 2016 /17			
It was endorsed in principle that unspent funds from previously agreed centrally retained DSG, be used to support: Schools Portal; peer review/challenge in consultation with neighbouring LAs and (see also next item) school support fund for use by Slough Teaching Schools Alliance to promote school-to-school support, approx £75k per year for two years.	14/06/2016	8	499
Slough Teaching School Alliance)			
In addition to the agreement above in respect of school to school support, Schools Forum endorsed the transfer of the Slough Learning Partnership's (SLP's) funding reserves (which includes some historic grants from DSG underspend) from SLP to the Slough Teaching Schol Alliance to fund staffing costs for two years.	14/06/2016	9	500
PFI Proposal			
The LA request to use £500k from the DSG Schools Block to fund the PFI affordability gap, currently paid by SBC, was not agreed.	14/06/2016	11	502
Membership Update			
Kathleen Higgins attending as an observer now that Beechwood is an academy	13/10/2016	4	511
PFI Proposal			
Clarification of factor and SBC contribution to affordability gap deferred to December	13/10/2016	5	510
High Needs Block			
Significant pressure on High Needs Block with overspend in range of 800k. Range of recovery options being considered by SBC	13/10/2016	7	514
PFI Update			
£500k PFI contribution raised by the new finance officer (section 151). It was flagged up that the council may need to make a further request for contribution from the DSG. Other savings will be explored across the council but if a further request is made a full consultation will be employed with schools.	06/12/2016	5	524
High Needs Block			

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Overspend has been reduced to £300k at the current time. Figure can still fluctuate. Detailed recovery plan will be drafted.	06/12/2016	6	525
Centrally Retained			
Recommendaiton agreed to retain £723,598	06/12/2016	7	526
Education Support Grant			
School improvement and statutory services noted and Schools Forum agreed the transfer of the £430k from ESG to centrally retained. Total supported functions amount to £1.036 million. Includes bridging post between STSA and SBC	06/12/2016	8	527
De-delegated items			
Behaviour Support Services (SEBDOS) approved but 5k for trade union activity NOT approved	06/12/2016	10	529
Growth Fund 2017-18			
£900k centrally retained support for primary and secondary 2017/18 approved.	06/12/2016	11	530

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