

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
14th June 2016

New Centrally Held DSG 2017-18

(Directorate of Wellbeing)

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Schools' Forum of the DFE's proposal to create a new centrally held block budget and to inform the Forum of the request from the DFE for information relating to the centrally retained budgets.

2 RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only and Schools' Forum is asked to note this report.

3 BACKGROUND

Money from the Schools' Block is set aside to pay for services that the Council undertake on behalf of schools. This needs to be agreed/approved by the Schools' Forum each year.

4 PROPOSAL

- 5 From 2017-18 the DfE will create a Centrally Retained Block of money for the local authority. The main purpose for doing so is to reflect the on-going duties/services local authorities perform for both maintained schools and academies.

The new block will bring together the 2 funding streams listed below:

- a) DSG centrally retained, and
- b) ESG retained duties

This will be distributed using a simple per pupil formula.

6 REQUEST FROM THE DFE

The DFE has asked the council to itemise the Combined Budget Item and the Capital Expenditure Revenue Accounts (CERA) as presented in the statutory S251 return required by the DFE. The council completed and returned this report on 27th May 2016.

7 SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

Table of DSG Centrally Retained commitment for 2017-18				
Description	Budget £000	Definition in the S251 Return	DFE Request for Additional Information (with proof of commitment prior to 2013-14)	Assumption
School Forum costs	53	School Forum costs	No information requested	Assumed this will be allowed in 17-18
School admission	178	School Admission	No information requested	Assumed this will be allowed in 17-18
Capital Expenditure funded from Revenue (CERA)	149	CERA	Requested information to prove (with contracts etc) that the on- going commitment in 2013-14 is still applicable	No evidence is available for this, so the council can expect to lose this funding. Commitments are disallowed funding is set aside for different capital works each year.
School improvement support for early support, monitoring, challenge and intervention.	630	Combined budget	As above	Evidence being sought
Education, School improvement and raising standard – Leadership, management, business and administration support.	95	Combined budget	As above	As above
LA Safeguarding children board	30	Combined budget	As above	As above
Virtual head staffing costs for LAC education	100	Combined budget	As above	As above
Safeguarding training	49	Combined budget	As above	As above

This return also requires an end date to the commitment and will need to be signed by the Chief finance officer.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 None.

Method of Consultation

7.2 Not applicable.

Representations Received

7.3 Not applicable.

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