

**SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM**  
**10<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

---

**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.

**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

Contact for further information  
Coral Miller (Interim Group Accountant, ECS)  
(01753 477209)  
[coral.miller@slough.gov.uk](mailto:coral.miller@slough.gov.uk)