

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
6th December 2017

Directorate of Children Learning and Skills

HIGH NEEDS BLOCK

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides schools forum (SF) with:

- a request to review the current banding process for CYP within Slough with statements/EHCPs (0-25).
The report provides clarity on the process that should ensure that the review of banding is both equitable and transparent.

- An update on commissioned places for 18/19

1.2 Background

The HNB Sub group continue to support the monitoring of the HNB spend. The Top Up Banding accounts for a considerable percentage of this budget, the current Banding formula (appendix A) has not been reviewed since its initial conception in 2013.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

To reform the current top up banding model for Slough Borough Council and to confirm a new model for implementation in the financial year 2019/20.

The Task and Finish group – Banding Review - will consider the current Top Up Banding formula, analyse current and updated SEND spending formula, consider evidence from other areas and seek out best practice models. The group will adjust findings in accordance to the relevant government funding guidance on SEND.

The recommendations will then be presented to Schools Forum for wider consultation to confirm a revised and New Banding formula for SEND.

This group would initially commit to two meetings per half term (one every three weeks) to work on the draft timeline:

January '18 – July '18	achieve a new (proposed) model
September '18 – October '18	consultation on the proposal
October '18 – December '18	confirmation of the proposal in time for implementation for the new financial year

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

There have been numerous changes to the leadership of the SEND service since 2013 and although previous leads had suggested a review of Banding levels, this has never been carried out. The review of banding systems is common practice amongst local authorities.

As the SEND service is back with Slough Borough Council and under the directorate of Children, Learning and Skills and has a permanent Head of Service, supported by the HNB sub group we confirm we wish to conduct a review of Top Up Banding levels and ask schools forum to suggest and confirm membership of this Task and finish group: Banding Review.

4 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 COMMISSIONED PLACES 18/19

Each local authority was required to submit their high needs places for 2018-19 by Friday 17th November.

In October 2017, all Heads of Resource bases and Alternative Provision were contacted to ascertain the following:

- i) Number of places commissioned in 2017-18
- ii) Number of places utilised in 2017-18
- iii) Estimated number of places for 2018-19

Place returns submitted to the EFA (now ESFA) in November 2016 was inaccurate and no return was submitted in November 2015.

Responses

SBC received responses from 14 of the 17 providers who have an Alternative Provision and/or SEN place resource within their provision. A summary of the changes per provider are displayed in appendix 2.

Expected increases

Marish Academy Trust

Increase of SEN places from 30 to 45

Marish Academy Trust_ are due to receive an increase of 15 places for 18/19. This is due to a considerable increase of pupils accessing their resource base. At present there are 50 pupils accessing their RB provision.

Littledown School

Increase of SEN places from 33 to **38** and an increase of PRU places from 13 to **15**

There was an agreement in place that Littledown School would receive an extra 4-5 SEN places for 2017-18 pending extra capacity to the school. As capacity was not increased, Littledown School were not given extra places. There is expected increase in capacity for 2018-19 and so places for Littledown have been increased to reflect this.

The AP provision report (appendix 2) confirms that there is expected growth for Littledown School in 17/18 and 18/19 and it was agreed that Littledown School would receive an increase of 2 places for 18/19.

Haybrook College

Increase of PRU places from places from 92 to **112** places

The AP provision report confirms that there is expected growth for Haybrook College in 17/18 and 18/19 and it was agreed that Haybrook College would receive an increase of 20 places for 18/19.

Haybrook College are currently commissioned 70 SEN places and of this are utilising 67 places with a further 2 places for Slough pupils pending. Slough Borough Council feel at this time the 70 commissioned places is an appropriate number.

2019-2020

One of the outcomes from the High Needs sub-group is to identify a task and finish group to monitor and evaluate the resource bases within Slough. This invitation will be sent to all heads of resource and will map provision accordingly. This work will then complete in time to set up new service level agreements with providers as current SLAs are due to expire in March 2018.

The outcomes of the resource base task and finish group will help to ensure that there is absolute accuracy with our place returns for 2019-20.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

N/A

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

N/A

7 CONSULTATION

Special schools and schools with resource bases.

Appendix 1 Banding
APPENDIX A

As at April 2013 the agreed top up rates for the different bands in different settings are as follows:

BAND	SETTING	TOP UP FUNDING pa	TOTAL FUNDING approx.	NOTES
Band 1	Mainstream	Nil	£10,000	16 hours a week
Band 2	Mainstream	£2,000	£12,000	20 hours a week
Band 2A	Mainstream	£4,000	£14,000	25 hours a week
Band 3	Mainstream	£6,000	£16,000	30 hours a week
Band 4	Mainstream	£10,000	£20,000	40 hours a week
Band 5	Mainstream	£14,000	£24,000	50 hours a week
Band 6	Mainstream	£18,000	£28,000	60 hours a week
Band 2	Resource	£4,000	£14,000	
Band 3	Resource	£9,000	£19,000	
Band 4	Resource	£14,000	£24,000	
Band 5	Resource	£19,000	£29,000	
Band 6	Resource	£24,000	£34,000	
Band 2	Littledown School	£10,000	£20,000	
Band 3	Littledown School	£15,000	£25,000	
Band 4	Littledown School	£20,000	£30,000	
Band 5	Littledown School	£25,000	£35,000	
Band 6	Littledown School	£30,000	£40,000	
Band 7	Littledown School	£40,000	£50,000	
Band 8	Littledown School	£50,000	£60,000	
Band 2	Haybrook College	£6,000	£16,000	
Band 3	Haybrook College	£11,000	£21,000	
Band 4	Haybrook College	£16,000	£26,000	
Band 5	Haybrook College	£21,000	£31,000	

Band 6	Haybrook College	£26,000	£36,000	
Band 7	Haybrook College	£36,000	£46,000	
Band 8	Haybrook College	£46,000	£56,000	
Band 2	Arbour Vale School	£5,000	£15,000	
Band 3	Arbour Vale School	£10,000	£20,000	
Band 4	Arbour Vale School	£15,000	£25,000	
Band 5	Arbour Vale School	£20,000	£30,000	
Band 6	Arbour Vale School	£25,000	£35,000	
Band 7	Arbour Vale School	£35,000	£45,000	
Band 8	Arbour Vale School	£45,000	£55,000	

Please note that the top up values are different in different settings due to the per place funding available:

- Element 1 (approximately £4,000) and Element 2 (£6,000) in mainstream;
- £10,000 per commissioned place in resource bases but the mainstream school does not receive the Element 1 funding;
- £10,000 per commissioned place in special schools but economies of scale for both Millside and Arbour Vale in comparison to Littledown.

Appendix 2 – Places SEN + AP 18/19

Institution Name	Proposal for 18-19	SCHOOL / ACADEMIES								POST SCHOOL			
		Pre-16 Places				16-18 Places				Total Places for Schools / Academies	16-18 Places	19-25 Places	Total Places for Post Schools
		AP Places	Special Places	SEN Units and Resourced Provision Places	Total Pre-16 Places	Special Places	Mainstream Places	Total 16-18 Places	Post Schools Only		Post Schools Only		
BAYLIS COURT SCHOOL	no change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
BEECHWOOD SCHOOL	no change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
CASTLEVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL	no change	0.00	0.00	22.00	22.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
COLNBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	no change	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
FOXBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL	no change	0.00	0.00	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
GODOLPHIN INFANT SCHOOL	no change	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
HAYBROOK COLLEGE	Increase AP places from 92 to 112	92.00	0.00	70.00	162.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	162.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
LANGLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	no change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
LITLEDOWN SCHOOL	Increase of SEN places from 33 to 38 Increase of AP places from 13 to 15	13.00	33.00	0.00	46.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
MARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Increase from 30 to 45	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
RYVERS SCHOOL	no change	0.00	0.00	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
SLOUGH AND ETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE COLLEGE	no change	0.00	0.00	23.00	23.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
ST ETHELBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL	no change	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

THE GODOLPHIN JUNIOR ACADEMY	no change	0.00	0.00	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
THE LANGLEY ACADEMY	no change	0.00	0.00	6.00	6.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
THE WESTGATE SCHOOL	no change	0.00	0.00	13.00	13.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WINDSOR FOREST COLLEGES GROUP (EBC)	no change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00	39.00	66.00