

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
17th January 2018
Directorate of Children Learning and Skills

Schools National Funding Formula 2018-19

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report provides Schools Forum (SF) with the outcomes from the consultation with maintained schools on the 2018-19 revenue funding options agreed at the December 2017 meeting.

Background

- 1.1 The December SF received the final deliberations of the 5 – 16 Task Group (the Task Group) in developing the 2018-19 budget as part of the two year transition to the 'hard' NFF from April 2020. It was decided that schools would be consulted on three funding options namely:

- Option 1: Retain the status quo
- Option 2: Move half-way towards the National Funding Formula (NFF)
- Option 3: Implement the NFF in full from 2018-19.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Schools' Forum:

- Notes the outcome from the consultation with all 44 maintained schools in that

Responses were received from 18 schools (41%)

- 1 school (6%) selected option 1
 - 14 schools (78%) selected option 2
 - 3 schools (16%) selected option 3.
- Recommends option 2 as the preferred revenue funding option for 2018-19 to be agreed by the council's Cabinet.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The next two financial years offer the opportunity to plan and prepare for the 'journey' towards the implementation of the 'hard' NFF in 2020-21. Accordingly through their meetings the Task Group considered in

detail the impact of a number of options leading to a consultation with schools on the final three agreed at the December SF meeting.

- 3.2 This report presents the responses from the consultation that ended on 9th January.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 SF is reminded of the revised budget preparation timetable presented to the December meeting and this report provides an update on the final stages for January as set out below:

Activity	Target Date/Completion
Build 2018-19 financial model	November
Schools Task Group meetings to consider consultation options	17 th , 23 rd November, 1 st December, 15 th January 2018
Consult schools	Week commencing 4 th December, ends 9 th January
ESFA publish initial 2018-19 DSG block	19 th December (2016)
Collate consultation responses, enter agreed option into APT and check affordability	16 th January
SF consulted on consultation outcome	17 th January
Submit final APT to DfE with agreed political ratification date if not already obtained	19 th January

As indicated in the above table the ESFA published the initial DSG blocks on 19th December for all local authorities and the Slough allocations are set out below.

- 4.2 The final DSG allocation released by the DfE is shown in the table below.

DSG Block	2018-19 £m
Schools	127.487*
Central Services	0.625
High Needs	22.724*
Early Years	15.304
Total	166.140

* Figures are before academy recoupment

- 4.3 Appendix A sets out the individual school budgets (ISB) reflecting the most recent APT issued to the council following the December DSG announcement.
- 4.4 It also shows that there is a sum of £342k still to be allocated to schools based on the updated APT and the schools DSG shown in para 4.2 as notified by the DfE/ESFA.
- 4.5 The Schools Task group met on 15th January to review financial modelling options to allocate the additional funding of £342k and the preferred option will be presented to this meeting.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

6.1 Monitoring Officer

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

6.2 Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Resources

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

6.3 Access Implications

There are no access implications.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 See paragraphs 1.1, 2 and 3 above.

Contact for further information

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Appendix A: ISB from December APT

Baylis Court School	4,368,490
Beechwood School	4,775,381
Castleview Primary School	1,923,935
Cippenham Infant School	1,090,351
Cippenham Primary School	3,144,949
Claycots School	6,353,894
Colnbrook Church of England Primary School	970,966
Ditton Park Academy	4,080,079
Eden Girls' School, Slough	2,664,804
Foxborough Primary School	1,444,390
Godolphin Infant School	1,369,820
Grove Academy	786,588
Herschel Grammar School	3,376,168
Holy Family Catholic Primary School	1,674,686
Iqra Slough Islamic Primary School	2,577,786
James Elliman Academy	2,804,048
Khalsa Primary School	1,615,411
Langley Grammar School	3,804,793
Langley Hall Primary Academy	2,860,344
Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy	3,038,547
Lynch Hill School Primary Academy	3,423,777
Marish Primary School	2,832,602
Montem Academy	3,763,916
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School	2,421,553
Parlaunt Park Primary Academy	2,426,636
Penn Wood Primary and Nursery School	3,170,927
Pippins School	746,235
Priory School	3,284,141
Ryvers School	2,499,262
Slough and Eton Church of England Business and Enterprise College	5,828,188
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	2,277,268
St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School	2,836,807
St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School	1,756,567
St Joseph's Catholic High School	3,965,495
St Mary's Church of England Primary School	2,360,184
The Godolphin Junior Academy	2,045,932
The Langley Academy	5,027,137
The Langley Academy Primary	1,301,460
The Westgate School	4,792,300
Upton Court Grammar School	3,687,037
Western House Academy	2,447,620
Wexham Court Primary School	2,601,696
Wexham School	4,256,472
Willow Primary School	1,765,839
Subtotal	126,244,483
Gap	342,085
Growth Fund	900,000
Total DSG Allocation	127,486,568