

**SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM**  
**5<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Directorate of Children, Learning and Skills**

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**Growth Fund 2017-18: Update**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To ask that Schools' Forum note the current projected outturn for the Growth Fund 2017-18 and note the latest estimates for 2018-19.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Schools' Forum note the contents of this report.

**3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The prescribed methodology for calculating revenue funding for schools means that growing schools are not fully funded for the extra pupils attending the school. The reason for this shortfall in funding is due to the lag in the period from pupils starting until they appear on the School Census and funding is allocated at a later date. To support schools through this period of lag in funding while they are expanding the LA requests an annual sum of money through Schools' Forum called the "Growth Fund".
- 3.2 The methodology for qualification and allocation of the Growth Fund is reviewed and agreed by Schools' Forum on an annual basis, usually in January. Schools' Forum is asked to consider the financial impact on schools of expansion and agree an affordable level of additional revenue support.

**4. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 A report was presented to Schools' Forum in January 2018 seeking approval for the criteria by which funding would be allocated in 2018-19. The table below briefly summarises these criteria:

Criterion	
School permanently expands at the request of the LA	The number of primary schools qualifying under this criterion is reducing each year, while more secondary schools are beginning to qualify.
School opens a bulge class at the request of the LA	4 bulge classes opened in 2017-18, the likelihood of needing bulge classes in 2018-19 has reduced recently. Over the last 2 years Schools' Forum has agreed to provide some additional funding in the second year of a bulge class.
School admits pupils above their PAN at the request of the LA	This is a 'last resort' option that may be considered when a handful of places are required and a bulge class offering 30 places would not be value for money.
New school opens	New schools may require additional support to ensure viability when first opened.

### Projected Outturns

- 4.2 The projected outturn for 2017-18 is shown in Appendix A. The outturn figure is £85K. This is unchanged from the figure presented to Schools' Forum in January 2018 once the agreed £90K contribution towards underwriting costs for Grove Academy is deducted.
- 4.3 Contingency sums were removed from the table before being presented to Schools' Forum in January. This reflected our confidence at the time that net movement into the town was slowing.
- 4.4 The projected requirements for 2018-19 are shown as Appendix B.
- 4.5 There are a number of changes to the table presented to Schools' Forum in January 2018 which overall increase the projected outturn figure. The changes are:
- James Elliman has been removed as its admission number will reduce to 90 from September 2018 and will no longer be growing.
  - Wexham School has published an admission number of 240 but based on current application data is only planning to offer 6 classes, assuming admissions will be below 180. It has been assumed that funding for 0.5 of a class will be allocated instead of funding for 2.5 classes.
  - As agreed in January funding will be provided to bulge classes in their second year. The figure shown is only an estimate as the funding calculation is based on the pupil growth in each class between the October 2017 Census and October 2018 Census.

- The number of contingency classes has been reduced from 4 to 2 based on recent application data.

## **5 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

### **5.1 Borough Solicitor**

Local Authorities are under a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places in their area, ensure fair access to educational opportunity and promote the fulfilment of every child's educational potential.

### **5.2 Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Resources**

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

### **5.3 Access Implications**

There are no access implications.

## **6 CONSULTATION**

### Principal Groups Consulted

None

### Method of Consultation

### Representations Received

### Background Papers

None

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## 2017-18 Growth Fund Outturn (£)

## Appendix A

Date: June 2018

<b>Primary AWPU (2017-18)</b>	<b>3,183.13</b>
Pupils per Class	30
Full Year Growth Funding Per Class	95,493.90
All schools (Sep 17 - Mar 18)	55,704.78
Academies (Apr 18 - Aug 18)	39,789.13

<b>Secondary AWPU (2017-18 average)</b>	<b>3,962.84</b>
Pupils per Class	30
Full Year Growth Funding Per Class	118,885.20
All schools (Sep 17 - Mar 18)	69,349.70
Academies (Apr 18 - Aug 18)	49,535.50

<b>17-18 BUDGET (excluding funding claimed from the ESFA for academies)</b>	
CARRY FORWARD 2016-17 (agreed by School's Finance)	296,609
TOP SLICE FROM 2017-18 SCHOOL BLOCK (agreed by Schools' Forum)	900,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1,196,609</b>

## EXPENDITURE 2017-18

						Current Funding Model	Not funded from the Growth Fund			
						SBC Sept 2017 - March 2018	April 2018- August 2018			
School		Status	New Pupils	No. of Classes	Remaining years			TOTAL COMMITMENT		
PRIMARY	Claycots School	Non-Academy	150	5	1 / 2 / 5	278,524		278,524		
	Godolphin Junior School	Academy	30	1	1	55,705	39,789	95,494		
	Montem Primary School	Academy	30	1	1	55,705	39,789	95,494		
	Penn Wood Primary and Nursery School	Non-Academy	30	1	1	55,705		55,705		
	Ryvers Primary School	Academy	30	1	1	55,705	39,789	95,494		
	St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	Academy	30	1	2	55,705	39,789	95,494		
	St Mary's CE Primary School	Non-Academy	30	1	3	55,705		55,705		
	James Elliman Primary School	Academy	30	1	4	55,705	39,789	95,494		
SECONDARY	Langley Grammar	Academy	30	1	5	69,350	49,536	118,885		
<b>Agreed Bulge Classes</b>										
	Priory School (year 5)	Non Academy	30	1	1	55,705	0	55,705		
	Grove Academy (year 1, 2 & 3 classes)	Academy / FS	90	3	1	167,114	119,367	286,482		
<b>Bulge Class year 2</b>										
	Marish Primary School	Academy	19	1	1	60,418		60,418		
<b>CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENTS</b>										
	New school set up costs: Grove Academy underwriting costs (50% up to maximum of £90K)	Academy / FS				90,000	0			
<b>Total</b>			<b>529</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>1,111,044</b>	<b>367,849</b>	<b>1,388,893</b>		
<b>UNDERSPEND (carry forward)</b>						<b>85,565</b>				

## 2018-19 Estimates for Growth Fund Allocation (£)

## Appendix B

Date: June 2018

<b>Primary AWPU (2018-19)</b>	<b>3,208.72</b>
Pupils per Class	30
Full Year Growth Funding Per Class	96,261.60
All schools (Sep 17 - Mar 18)	56,152.60
Academies (Apr 18 - Aug 18)	40,109.00

<b>Secondary AWPU (2018-19 average)</b>	<b>4,322.05</b>
Pupils per Class	30
Full Year Growth Funding Per Class	129,661.35
All schools (Sep 18 - Mar 19)	75,635.79
Academies (Apr 19 - Aug 19)	54,025.56

<b>18-19 BUDGET (excluding funding claimed from the ESFA for academies)</b>	
CARRY FORWARD 2017-18 (agreed by School's Forum)	85,565
TOP SLICE FROM 2018-19 SCHOOL BLOCK (agreed by Schools' Forum)	900,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>985,565</b>

## FORECAST EXPENDITURE 2018-19

						Current Funding Model	Not funded Growth Fund	
						SBC Sept 2018 - March 2019	April 2019- August 2019	TOTAL COMMITMENT
School	Status	New Pupils	No. of Classes	Remaining years				
PRIMARY	Claycots School	Non-Academy	60	2	1 / 4	112,305		112,305
	St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	Academy	30	1	1	56,153	40,109	96,262
	St Mary's CE Primary School	Non-Academy	30	1	2	56,153		56,153
SECONDARY	Langley Grammar	Academy	30	1	4	75,636	54,026	129,661
	The Westgate School	Academy	60	2	5	151,272	108,051	259,323
	Wexham School	Non-Academy	75	0.5	5	37,818		37,818
<b>Funding 2nd year of 2017-18 bulge classes (estimated growth Oct-17 to Oct-18)</b>								
	Priory School	Non-Academy	10	0	0	32,087		32,087
	Grove Academy	Academy	45	0	0	144,392		144,392
<b>CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENTS</b>								
	2 x Bulge classes	Academy	60	2	1	112,305	80,218	192,523
	Grove Academy - may fund up to 50% of underwriting costs	Academy / FS				?	0	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>400</b>	<b>9.5</b>		<b>778,120</b>	<b>282,404</b>	<b>1,060,524</b>
<b>ESTIMATED UNDERSPEND (FINANCIAL YR 18-19)</b>						<b>207,444</b>		

Historically Slough has always ended up with an underspend at year end from the Growth Fund budget. This reflects the cautious approach that is taken with contingency requirements. The preference is to have a working surplus rather than risk unexpected growth mid-year which requires an additional contribution from DSG. Wexham School have published a PAN of 240 but the Year 7 number will be less than 180.