

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
5 March 2019

Directorate of Children Learning and Skills

Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) 2019-20

1 Purpose of Report

To advise the Forum of the updated funding figures for the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) in 2019-20.

Background

The DfE announced the funding for the four blocks of the 2019-20 DSG in December 2018. Funding for the CSSB has subsequently been updated and the cost of the copyright licenses has been confirmed.

2 Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)

2.1 Copyright Licenses

In December, Schools Forum agreed to move £124, 325 from the High Needs Block (HNB) to the CCSB to cover the cost of copyright licences. This was a provisional figure based on the 2018-19 cost. Confirmation has now been received for the cost of these licenses for 2019-20, the total of which is, £131,960.

• **Copyright Licences - £131,960**

Negotiated by the Secretary of State for all authorities, schools cannot opt out of these licences;

- Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA)
- Schools Printed Music Licence (SPML)
- Newspaper Licensing Authority (NLA)
- Education Recording Authority (ERA)
- Public Video Streaming Licence (PVSL)
- Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC)
- Phonographic Performance Limited (PPL)
- Performing Rights Society (PRS)
- Mechanical Copyright Protection Society (MCPS)
- Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI)

2.2 Budget

The Forum was previously informed of the provisional settlement for this block of funding as £636,804, requiring a budget transfer of £264,566 from the HNB. The settlement has subsequently been updated and the CSSB has increased to £654,000.

Based on the latest settlement, the CSSB element of the DSG will be insufficient to cover the expenditure required from this block. The shortfall is £255,005, £9,561 less than previously stated.

Please see **Appendix 1** for the final detail of this block.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Forum notes:

- the reduced budget transfer of **£255,005** required from the High Needs Block to the Central Schools Services Block.
- the cost of the 2019/20 Copyright Licences - **£131,960** (as negotiated by the Secretary of State)

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 Not applicable

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

5.1 The details for the 2019/20 CSS block can be found on the following link should further detailed information on the central block be required; please refer to the link below from the DfE website.

[Central Schools Services Block Technical Note](#)

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

Not applicable

Contact for further information

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Appendix 1

Central Services Schools Block 2019-20

Area	Service	Budget	Allocation	Variance	Contributions to balance CSSB
Contribution to Combined Budgets	LA Safeguarding Children's Board	30,000			
Historical Cmt sub total		30,000	78,000	48,000	
Servicing of Schools Forum		53,055			
Admissions		178,100			
Copyright Licences		131,960			Transfer from HNB 131,960
Education Welfare (Former ESG)		144,672			
Asset Management (Former ESG)		12,818			
Statutory & Regulatory (Former ESG) including Virtual School		358,400			
Ongoing Cmt Sub Total		879,005	576,000	-303,005	Transfer from HNB 123,045
Grand Total		909,005	654,000	-255,005	255,005