



Schools Funding Forum 22nd September 2016 ITEM 9

Subject Heading:

Centrally retained DSG

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Eligibility to vote:

All members

SUMMARY

This item is to seek the approval of the Schools Funding Forum for the central retention of funding from the DSG to continue the support and services agreed in previous financial years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To agree the central retention of the budgets in 2017-18 as detailed below.

REPORT DETAIL

The operational guidelines on 2017-18 revenue funding set out the areas and activities for which DSG funding may be retained centrally.

Those budget areas are listed below together with the funding requested for 2017-18 against the funding agreed by the Schools Funding Forum for 2016-17.

Services	Budget 2016-17	Budget 2017-18
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Schools forum approval is not required (although they should be consulted)		
• High needs block provision	£19.5m	£21.8m
• Central licences negotiated by the Secretary of State	£161,580	£161,580 (estimate)

Schools forum approval is required on a line-by-line basis.		
• Early years block provision	£506,424	£tba
• Funding to enable all schools to meet the infant class size requirement	£25,000	£25,000
• Back-pay for equal pay claims	£0	£0
• Remission of boarding fees at maintained schools and academies	£0	£0
• Places in independent schools for non-SEN pupils	£0	£0

Schools forum approval is required on a line-by-line basis. The budget cannot exceed the value agreed in the previous funding period.		
• Admissions	£499,734	£499,734
• Servicing of schools forum	£43,250	£43,250

Schools forum approval is required on a line-by-line basis. The budget cannot exceed the value agreed in the previous funding period and no new commitments can be entered into.		
• Capital expenditure funded from revenue (i.e. no new projects can be charged to the central schools budget)	£87,490	£87,490
• Contribution to combined budgets	£200,000	£200,000
• Existing termination of employment costs (i.e. no new redundancy costs can be charged to the central schools budget)	£0	£0
• Prudential borrowing costs	£0	£0
• SEN transport costs	£0	£0

Schools forum approval is required on a line-by-line basis, including approval of the criteria for allocating funds to schools.

• Funding for significant pre-16 pupil growth, including new schools set up to meet basic need, whether maintained or academy	£2,700,000	See separate agenda item
• Funding for good or outstanding schools with falling rolls where growth in pupil numbers is expected within three years	£500,000	£500,000