Schools Funding Forum 22nd February 2018 ITEM 7

Subject Heading:	Falling Rolls Criteria 2018-19
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Eligibility to vote:	All school members

SUMMARY

This report sets out the proposal for funding Good and Outstanding schools through the Falling Rolls Fund for financial year 2018-19.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum agrees the criteria for allocation of funding to schools in 2018-19 from the falling rolls fund.

REPORT DETAIL

The ESFA Operational guide and DfE funding regulations permit local authorities to hold a budget funded from the DSG to support Good and Outstanding schools that have falling rolls.

The relevant extract from the operational guidance is attached at Appendix A.

As in previous years, the Schools Funding Forum is required to agree the criteria for allocation of funding from the Falling Rolls Fund. This report requests a continuation of the current criteria into 2018-19.

The allocation in Havering is £0.4 million. In previous years this amount has been top sliced from the DSG Schools Budget along with funding for other areas such as a falling rolls fund, school admissions team etc. Under the new funding arrangements from 2018-19 the £0.4m remains part of the Schools Budget but is allocated to Havering by the ESFA as a separate sum.

The proposed formula is as follows:

(PAN x 85%) minus Yr R / Yr 7 pupil numbers (October census) x 90% AWPU

Plus

(PAN x 85%) minus Yr 1 / Yr 8 pupil numbers (October census) x 50% AWPU

Note:

The only change from 2017-18 is that in that year the AWPU proportion was 85% rather than 90%. The increase is proposed because of the reduction in the National Funding Formula AWPU rates.

This would provide additional funding to schools as follows:

Primary

School A £33,587 School B £25,413 School C £18,861 School D £5,944

Secondary

School A £310,957

Total £390,765