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LONDON BOROUGH

Schools Funding Forum 23rd March 2021

ITEM 4

Subject Heading:

**Local Authority Dedicated Schools
Grant Management Plan**

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Eligibility to vote:

All members

SUMMARY

This item reports progress by the Local Authority on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum notes the current progress on the DSG Management Plan and how the LA intends to proceed with this.

REPORT DETAIL

The requirement to complete a DSG Management Plan

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) conditions of grant 2020 requires that any LA with an overall deficit on its DSG account at the end of the 2019 to 2020 financial year, or whose DSG surplus has substantially reduced during the year, must be able to present a plan to the Department for Education (DfE) for managing their future DSG spend. LAs will be required to share this information with their stakeholders, such as schools forums, parent and carer forum, local head teacher boards or groups.

This is the first year that all LAs with a deficit on the DSG have been required to produce such a plan. Previously LAs with a deficit of greater than 1% were required to produce a deficit recovery plan but there was no standard format.

At the end of the 2019-20 financial year, Havering had a deficit of £1.13m on the DSG and is therefore required to produce a DSG Management Plan.

Progress report

An update on progress with the plan will be presented to the meeting by Amar Barot, Strategic Finance Manager for Children's Services, for discussion.