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NOTICE OF MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

Date & Time

Monday, 24 March 2014 at 9.00 a.m.

Venue at

**Committee Room 2, Watling House, High Street North,
Dunstable**

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the SCHOOLS FORUM:

School
Members:

Anne Bell, Headteacher, Willow Nursery School
David Brandon-Bravo, Headteacher, Parkfields Middle School
Paul Burrett, Headteacher, Studham CofE Lower School and Pre-School
Shirley-Anne Crosbie OBE, Headteacher, The Chiltern School
James Davis, Governor, Leighton Middle School
Angie Hardy, Headteacher, Clipstone Brook Lower School
Richard Holland, Governor, Harlington Upper School
Sue Howley MBE, Governor, Greenleas Lower School
Sharon Ingham, Headteacher, Hadrian Academy
Jim Parker, Headteacher, Manshead Upper School
John Street, Academy Middle School Representative
Stephen Tiktin, Governor, Beaudesert Lower School
Rob Watson, Headteacher Stratton Upper School

Non
School
Members

Mr M Foster, Trade Union representative
Mrs Cl Leggatt, PVI Early Years Providers Representative
Mrs M Morris, Catholic Diocese Representative
Mrs S Mortimer, Assistant Principal for Community and Academic Learning,
Central Bedfordshire College
Sarah Stevens, Church of England Diocese Representative

Observer: Cllr M A G Versallion, Executive Member for Children's Services

Please note that there will be a pre-meeting starting **half an hour before** the Forum meeting to enable technical aspects of the reports to be discussed with officers before the Forum meeting begins.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitute members.

2. **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

To receive any announcements from the Chairman and any matters of communication.

3. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any declarations of interest.

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 January 2014 and to receive an update on any matters arising from these.

Updates

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5	DfE capital allocations 2014/15 to 2016/17 To advise the Forum of the total Department for Education capital allocations to schools and the Council for 2014/15 and for 2014/15 – 2016/17 for Basic Need and to invite the Forum to note the Council level allocations.	* 19 - 22
6	Report on Activity during 2013 of Early Years Reference Group To note the update on the activity of the Early Years Reference Group.	* 23 - 26
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9 **Funding For Specialist Provisions 2014/2015**

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The report outlines how specialist provisions have been funded historically and in 2013/2014, and proposes an adjustment to the Top Up element from 2014/2015 onwards.

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10	Response to request for further information regarding the issue of rent as it affects Central Bedfordshire Maintained Schools. To receive the requested update on the issue of rent as it affects Central Bedfordshire Maintained Schools, as detailed on the Summary sheet.	
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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **SCHOOLS FORUM** held at Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Monday, 20 January 2014

PRESENT

Richard Holland (Chairman)
Jim Parker (Vice-Chairman)

School Members:	Anne Bell	Headteacher, Willow Nursery School
	David Brandon-Bravo	Headteacher, Parkfields Middle School
	Paul Burrett	Headteacher, Studham CofE Lower School and Pre-School
	Shirley-Anne Crosbie OBE	Headteacher, The Chiltern School
	James Davis	Governor, Leighton Middle School
	Angie Hardy	Headteacher, Clipstone Brook Lower School
	Sue Howley MBE	Governor, Greenleas Lower School
	Sharon Ingham	Headteacher, Hadrian Academy
	John Street	Academy Middle School Representative
	Stephen Tiktin	Governor, Beaudesert Lower School
Non-School Members:	Caroll Leggatt	PVI Early Years Providers Representative
Observer:	Cllr M AG Versallion	Executive Member for Children's Services
Apologies for Absence:	Mr M Foster Sarah Stevens Rob Watson	
Substitutes:	Mrs J Harper in place of Rob Watson, Stratton Upper School	
Officers in Attendance:	Mrs M Clampitt Ms D Hill Miss H Redding	Committee Services Officer Senior Finance Manager - Children's Services Assistant Director School Improvement

CBSF/13/18 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Jane Harper, Deputy Head teacher Stratton Upper School, who was substituting for Rob Watson.

The Chairman also confirmed that Sarah Mortimer would be the new Post-16 Education Representative on the Forum.

CBSF/13/19 **Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Central Bedfordshire Schools Forum held on 14 October 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the correction of the spelling of Carol Leggett's name with the removal of an additional 'l'.

Clarification was sought for when the report on Rent would be brought to the Forum. Officers confirmed a date would be set and it added to the work programme.

The Forum noted that there would now be a rolling work programme in place of the once a year Outline Forward Programme.

CBSF/13/20 **Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and 2014/15 Funding Allocations**

The Forum considered a report which provided an update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and 2014/15 Funding Allocations, and to approve the DSG Admissions allocation for 2014/15. From 2013/14, the DSG would be split into three notional blocks: Early Years, High Needs and Schools.

The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations defined the local authority education budgets for the 2013/14 financial year only. The Regulations provided simplified local formulae, greater delegation to schools and new arrangements for funding pupils with high needs.

The Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) was set at negative 1.5% **per pupil** for 2013/14.

It was noted that the Chief Finance Officer (CFO), annually signed two statements: the Actual deployment (out-turn) and Budgeted Allocation of the DSG, which confirmed it had been fully deployed in support of the School's Budget in accordance with the condition of the grant and the School Finance Regulations.

DSG Budget Allocation 2013/14

The final DSG for 2013/14 is £178.842m. This is based on:

- Schools Block: 34,747 (fte number of pupils October 2012) multiplied by £4,144.47 per pupil
- Early Years Block: 2,241 (fte number of pupils January 2013) multiplied by £2,421 per pupil and will be updated again in April 2014 for 7/12ths of the January 2014 pupil numbers to cover the period September 2013 to March 2014.

- High Needs Block: This is calculated in Pre 16 and Post 16 (ages 16 to 24). The post 16 combines three previous budgets, SEN Block Grant, Specialist placements funding and the cost of high needs student in Further Education (FE) with effect from August 2013.

The Forum also noted that the floor protection for 3 year olds had been reduced by £48k from the 2012/13 funding and would be completely removed in 2014/15.

At the Schools Forum meeting held on 24 January 2013, the Forum noted that the Early Intervention Grant had been merged into the DSG, for the early education places for 2 year olds from lower income households. (minute no. CBSF/12/82 refers)

The breakdown of DSG as detailed in the table at paragraph 14 were as follows:

Schools: £144.062k

Early Years: £11,478k

High Needs: £23,302k

Direct payments to Academies included Early Years = £267k and High Needs = £2.967k. As at 31 December 2013 there had been 47 Academy conversions.

Paragraph 15 of the report provided a breakdown of the £16.4m centrally retained DSG.

Growth Fund 2013/14

The Growth Fund is for significant pre 16 growth in schools. Funds are available to both maintained schools and academies. Where a school has elected to expand they are not eligible for the Growth Fund.

The amount for 2013/14 was set at £800k and has been overspent by £22.6k. The Growth Fund Panel will be meeting on 21 January 2014 and a breakdown of the expenditure as at 31 December 2013 was detailed in paragraph 18. The Forum approved an increase to the budget of £200k making the total Fund £1m for 2014/15.

2014/15 Centrally Retained DSG Budget Allocations

The Forum noted that the 2014/15 budget for Admissions remains at the 2013/14 level of £260k. The Admissions Team offers a buy back service to own admission authority schools and Academies, which enables the historic budget level to be maintained whilst funding 6 team members and the recruitment of an additional team member to deal with the schools who have changed their age ranges.

School Funding Settlement 2014/15

The Forum noted the following information:

- The distribution of DSG for 2014/15 will continue on the current 'spend plus' methodology
- Underlying schools budget will remain as flat cash per pupil for 2014/15
- Central Bedfordshire pupil numbers have increased by 401 pupils
- The EFA have ensured that LAs with falling pupil numbers will not lose more than 2% of its budget in cash terms. This does not apply to Central Bedfordshire
- The Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) was set at negative 1.5% **per pupil** for 2014/15
- High Needs Block will be adjusted following LA submissions, due December 2013, following a review of places
- Early Years Block will be updated during 2014/15 for January 2014 and for 7/12 of January 2015 pupil numbers (to cover the September 2014 to March 2015)
- Early learning places for two year olds from lower income households became a statutory entitlement for 2013 at 20% and from 2014 at 40%. Funding has been allocated to extend the programme for 2014/15
- 10 December 2012 – DECC announced that all stated funded schools in England to be withdrawn from participating in the CRC Energy Efficient Scheme from April 2014. The DSG will have a deduction for 2014/15 to compensate the Exchequer for the loss of revenue resulting from this change. The charge will be on a pro-rata basis by size of block.
- Paragraph 29 contained a table detailing the DSG revenue allocation for 2014/15 by school block.
- Central Bedfordshire's indicative allocation of £181.972m will be reduced to the centralised licences arranged by the DfE for the following agencies to purchase a single national licence for all state-funded schools:
 - Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA)
 - Music Publisher Association (MPA)
 - Newspaper Licensing Authority (NLA)
 - Education Recording Agency (ERA)
 - Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC)
 - Filmbank Distribution Ltd
- Capital funding to provide extra places needed for the growing population (2015 to 2017) and to implement the universal infant free school meals entitlement, improving school kitchens and dining facilities where needed was announced.
- Further information will be provided once available to explain the Basic Needs allocations which are based on LA validated planning data. The DfE reserves the right to abate any overpayment made.
- Free school lunches from September 2014:
 - Every child in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state funded schools
 - Disadvantaged students at sixth form colleges and further education colleges
 - Funding will be delivered through LAs for maintained schools, based on the number of infant pupils they have.

- Academies will receive funding through the Academies Capital maintenance Fund (ACMF), which allows Academies to bid for improvement works.
- LAs to determine how best to target its share of the funding for expanding and improving facilities at individual schools.
- Further information to follow
- Paragraph 34 contained a table which illustrated the capital allocations announced to date.

Pupil Premium Grant

The Pupil Premium Grant for 2014/15 had been increased:

- Primary FSM 'Ever 6' pupils £1300
- Secondary FM 'Ever 6' pupils £935
- Service Children £300

From April 2014 LAC, children adopted from care or those who left care with a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) or under a Residence Order (RO) £1900. Further information will follow.

Education Services Grant (ESG)

The Forum noted the following:

- The grant will be allocated to local authorities on a per-pupil basis, as in 2014/15.
- The ESG General Funding Rate is:
 - £113.17 per pupil in mainstreamed schools
 - £424.38 per pupil in PRUS
 - £480.97 per pupil in Special Schools
- 2014/15 General Funding pot will be calculated using the October census pot.
- 2014/15 initial allocation for CBC will be £2.2m, with quarterly adjustments throughout the 2014/15 financial year to account for Academies opening since October 2013
- A flat rate of £15 per pupil will be allocated to LAs for the statutory duties not transferred to academies. The flat rate is multiplied by the number of pupils aged 3 to 19 for all maintained schools and academies equalling £592k in the Retained Duties funding pot.
- Mainstream Academies will receive a set minimum of £140 per pupil
- Alternative Provisions will receive a set minimum of £525 per pupil
- Special Academies will receive a set minimum of £595 per pupil.

RESOLVED

1. That the update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2013/14 be noted.
2. That the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation for Admissions to be set at £260k for 2014/15, be agreed.

The vote was unanimous.

3. That the Education Funding Agency (EFA) funding announcement for 2014/15 be noted.

CBSF/13/21 **Use of centrally retained Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) in 2013/2014**

Prior to discussion three Forum members declared interests:

Richard Holland is the Chair of HAST

David Brandon Bravo is the CEO of HAST

Shirley Ann Crosbie is a member of the EYSS and has a granddaughter who uses the VI unit.

The Forum received and considered a report which outlined how the centrally retained DSG had been used in 2013/14 and recommended uses of the centrally retained High Needs Block for 2014/15. The High Needs Block is not ring-fenced and can be moved within the three DSG blocks, with School Forum agreement.

The budget agreed for 2013/14 had been £12,332,619 as at April 2013. Allowing for adjustments made through the year the budget was £12,770,463 as at December 2013.

Early Years Children with Disabilities retained panel and support function (£23,970)

The DSG funding for this had been commissioned through a contact to the Ivel Valley and The Chiltern Area. The support provided to the children is coordinated through one individual and the salary element has been increased to £26,011 resulting in a small increase. The budget will cover two people plus on costs. It was proposed that the budget be moved from the top up element of DSG as the core budget had supplemented the DSG for 2013/14.

Advisory Support Teachers retained within the Psychology and Advisory Support Team (£113,680)

There are two staff who meet the needs of children with SEN and Disabilities within the Early Years setting. The Budget has been supplemented by core budget and therefore requires an increase of £7,531 to cover the actual costs in 2014/15.

Visual Impairment Service (£218,120)

The contract for the Visual Impairment Service has been awarded to HAST from January 2014 for £252,576 and will be included in the "Commissioned Services" budget, paragraph 29 of the report. Three months of the contract were paid from the 2013/14 budget and it is anticipated that the budget will underspend by £10k.

Due to an increase in the number of young children with severe visual impairments, HAST has reviewed the support requirements needed whilst the children are in the school system and have increased the staffing levels.

Other functions supported by the High Needs Block

Support for high needs children in Early Years:

The children with high needs, who do not yet have a statement, requiring additional support receive support paid for from this budget. Due to the number of children requiring this service, the spend to date has been the following:

Base budget £169,800 (including in year increase of £19,800)
The current commitment will total £174,676 resulting in an overspend of £4,876. The anticipated overspend for the 2013/14 year is £10k should the anticipated requests be approved at Panel. It has been requested that the budget be increased to £190,000 for 2014/15.

Therapies:

The service is commissioned on an individual child basis and it is anticipated that the £70k budget will be spend by the end of the financial year. The spend to date had been £48,936.

Statements:

Statements are a needs led budget area and the budget reduces as statements are made. It is anticipated that the £449,900 budget will be underspent by £158,900 which will be redistributed to schools in 2014. It was noted that the budget would not be reduced due to changes to the SEN code of practice and Childrens & Families.

Academy Statements:

Statements are a needs led budget area and the budget reduces as statements are made. The budget is £2,967,238 of which £2,094,641 had been allocated by November 2013. It was noted that the budget would not be reduced due to changes to the SEN code of practice and Childrens & Families.

High Cost Pupils:

Support is provided for the additional exceptional needs of the most complex pupils in special schools. The budget for this service is £199,900 and to date £166,098 has been allocated and it is anticipated that more pupils will require additional support before the end of the financial year.

Pre 16 Out of County Placements:

It was noted that currently there were 13 pupils who were 16 years of age or under placed out of Authority by education, 2 by Social Care and 1 by Health, where DSG funds the education element. 4 of the children transferred into the Post 16 provision in September 2013. These children have been placed out of county as there needs cannot be met locally. The budget for this area is

£1,689,330 and has historically helped fund the Post 16 funding for High Needs pupils.

Additional Pupil Support:

Support is provided to children who are undergoing assessments and at risk of permanent exclusion. The support provided is through specialist agencies and is a needs led budget. The budget is £219,050 and the spend to date has been £140,000 with earmarked funding of £15,000 for new requests to be appointed at Panel and also £20,000 for an Independent Hospital facilities. There will be an underspend of approximately £44,050 which will offset the overspend in high needs children in early years.

High needs Post 16:

All provision for pupils who are post 16 and high needs college placements (previously funded by the YPLA) is provided and paid for by the Council since April 2013. This area includes the out of county placements of which there are 9 pupils, 4 pupils transferred from pre-16 provision so only 2 terms of costs were required and 4 pupils left school at the end of the summer term so only 1 term of provision was funded. It is forecast the budget will be overspent by £296,294 and this will be offset by the underspend in the out of county pre 16 support.

Access and Inclusion:

The budget for providing management and advice and process for exclusions and elective home education is £95,660 for 2013/14. The budget will be reduced in 2014/15 due to the service being bought back by Academy schools. Also the post for providing the advice is part time. It is estimated the budget will be underspent by £18,955 in 2013/14.

Virtual School management and delivery:

The budget cost for the Virtual School for Looked After Children was £160,000 for 2013/14. The budget will be increased to £200,000 for 2014/15 due to the requirement for a permanent Virtual School Head teacher. The remainder of the budget remains unchanged.

PRU:

The budget of £408,942 supported the running costs of the PRU for excluded pupils until August 2013. This amount now becomes the 'commissioned service' budget for the AP Free school – Academy of Central Bedfordshire for 2014/15.

Commissioned Services:

The budget of £1,417,480 is composed of the following commissioned services:

£145,632	for the peripatetic and management element of the Hearing Impaired Service commissioned through HAST
£270,548	For the Early Years Children with Disabilities Service commissioned through Ivel Valley and Chiltern Area Special Schools
£444,539	For the Medical Needs Service commissioned through HAST
£556,761	For the alternative to the PRU provision being commissioned through the Academy of Central Bedfordshire

From April 2014, the funding for Jigsaw Centre Provision of £414,645 will be centrally held and not delegated to Hawthorn Park.

The Forum noted that all High Needs teaching and support services will be commissioned out to school based providers. The Forum were asked to give a view on all commissioned services contracts, which were identified to Schools through Central Essential.

There is an anticipated overspend in the Commissioned Services budget of £92k due to a calculation error for supply cover for the Medical needs Service and the increased number of pupils medically signed off from school requiring the service. The overspend will be covered by an underspend in the **Other Authority Top-Up payments (Pre-16)**. Clarification is being sought from the EFA regarding whether the service can be included in the high needs return as Alternative Provision.

It was noted that an increase from 5 hours to 6 hours a week teaching hours for each pupil with a statement of SEN has required additional resources to be sought to allow the Council to fulfill its statutory duty. HAST is working with the Council to determine better ways of working for service delivery. £90k will be required from the Top Up budget to the Commissioned Services budget to cover the actual supply costs.

It was also noted that for 2014/15 £50k would be moved from the Top Up budget to the Commissioned Services budget to meet the expected demand for staff to work with children with hearing impairments.

Other Authority Top Up payments (Pre-16):

This budget was formerly known as recoupment. The budget of £2,011,360 funds the mainstream statements in other Local Authority Schools and the top up element of the statement for pupils placed in other Local Authorities' special schools. In 2013, the total expenditure had been unknown when the report was presented to the Schools Forum at their meeting on 24 January 2013. Since that time and following additional funds from the DfE and reduction of

central overheads by the Council there has been an underspend of £967,478. The main source of the underspend was the recalculation of overheads.

SEN Contingency:

£275,670 budget pays for the Outreach services and will be renamed accordingly for 2014/15.

DSG Contribution to Central Overheads:

The budget began 2013 at £1,567,280 and was reduced during the year by £848,434 to £718,846 having taken into account the reduction of centrally retained services and the increase in commissioned services. The reduction was added to the Top Up budget.

The difference of £1,164,600 between the High Needs Block allocation in 2013/14 and the forecast will be transferred to the Schools Block and be redistributed to maintained schools and academies as a one off basis via the AWPU for 2014/15.

The DfE will finalise the High Needs Block in March 2014, which will provide information regarding the Pre 16 and Post 16 allocations and to finalise the proposed figures for 2014/15. Distribution of the High Needs Block settlement will be centrally retained until the following issues have been resolved with the EFA:

- The resource implications of changes in SEND provision through the implementation of the Children and Families Bill in 2014 is determined;
- The funding mechanism for the Academy of Central Bedfordshire to be clarified by the EFA;
- Whether Medical Services can continue to be identified as Alternative Provision as they were previously, and so count as £8k per place;
- The impact of Post 16 changes are known;
- How the EFA plans to top slice Local Authorities and whether that will impact on the initial settlement;
- How the EFA plans to apply growth in 2014/15.

The Forum were advised that any unspent settlement would be redistributed to schools in 2015/16.

The Forum requested that due to the complexity of the report, that a High Needs Technical Group should meet to review the information prior to the next report being brought before the Forum in January 2015.

RESOLVED

- 1. That how the centrally retained High Needs Block has been used in 2013/14 to support high needs provision be noted.**
- 2. That the allocation of the High Needs Block for 2014/15 be supported.**

- 3. That the proposed redistribution of unspent DSG for 2013/14 be supported.**

CBSF/13/22 Schools Forum Budget

The Forum received and considered a report which provided an update on the Schools Forum Budget for 2013/14.

The Senior Finance Officer confirmed that at the date of the meeting the remaining balance for the year was £1,544. It was noted that any unspent budget would be carried forward to the next year. It was proposed that the budget for 2014/15 would be £3,000, with the continued membership of F40.

Members of the Forum were reminded that they could submit travel claims for attending the Forum meetings.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Schools Forum Budget position statement as at 31 December 2013, be noted.**
- 2. That the 2014/15 budget for servicing the School Forum be set at 2013/14 level of £3,000, with the continued membership of F40.**

CBSF/13/23 Dedicated Schools Grant Contingency Budget

The Forum received a report which provided an update on the use of the Schools Contingency Budgets for 2013/14. It was noted that the Dedicated Schools Grant had been split into three notional blocks: Schools, High Needs and Early Years for 2013/14. Each block would hold its own contingency budget.

Schools Contingency

At the Schools Forum meeting held on 22 October 2012 (minute no. CBSF/12/62 refers) it was agreed that £100k would be de-delegated back to the Local Authority for the purpose of School Contingencies for 2013/14.

The Schools Contingency budget at 31 December 2013 had a surplus of £635,347. It was noted that the £100k for de-delegation had to be removed from the budget before any reallocation of surplus could be considered. The DfE had confirmed that the de-delegated funding was ringfenced.

It was noted that of the £635,347, £100k would be ringfenced for de-delegation, and approximately £500k would be available for redistribution to all maintained schools.

High Needs Contingency

At the Schools Forum meeting held on 21 January 2013 (minute no. CBSF/12/81 refers) had agreed that the SEN Contingency would continue to fund the extended role of a school such as commissioned work for Outreach and other services. The High Needs Contingency allowing for known commitments would be fully spent by the end of this financial year.

It was agreed by the Forum during the discussion of the Use of centrally retained Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) in 2013/2014 (minute no. CBSF/13/21 refers) that the High Needs Contingency budget would be renamed Outreach Service and reported as part of the annual report.

Early Years Contingency

The Early Years Contingency budget at 31 December 2013 had a surplus of £297,051. A report will be brought to the 24 March 2014 meeting to explain the spend to date.

It was noted that there had been a carry forward from 2012/13 of £296k which would be transferred to the Schools Block and redistributed to maintained schools.

The Senior Finance Officer provided the Forum with a breakdown of the AWPU and how it would be impacted with the redistribution of funds, with a one year additional payment identified on the budgets to be sent to schools. The additional payment amount will be £56.

RESOLVED

That the Dedicated School Grant (DSG) Contingency spend to 31 December 2013, be noted.

CBSF/13/24 School Finance Update

The Forum considered a report which provide an update on the Licence Deficit Schools and the Schools Finance Risk Register.

Central Bedfordshire had 89 maintained schools and 47 Academies as at 31 December 2013.

There were 2 schools with an agreed license deficit with a total value of £37k.

It was categorisation of schools in the risk register was carried out in December 2013 and determined the following:-

No Rating – 64 schools
Green – 16 schools
Amber – 7 schools
Red – 2 schools

The Forum noted that red and amber schools will receive a visit from the School Finance Adviser during the Autumn Term. All schools will be sent a letter advising of their RAG category and the use of criteria following the School Forum update.

RESOLVED

1. that the update on the License Deficit Schools be noted.
2. that the update on the Schools Finance Risk Register be noted.

CBSF/13/25 Proposed Meeting Dates 2014/15

The Forum considered the proposed meeting dates for the municipal year 2014/15 and agreed them as follows:

- 23 June 2014 – 6.00pm – Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford
- 15 Sept 2014 – 6.00pm – Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford
- 24 Nov 2014 – 9.00am – Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable
- 26 Jan 2015 – 9.00am – Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable
- 09 Mar 2015 – 6.00pm – Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

The Forum noted that the last meeting for the 2013/14 municipal year would be held on:

- 24 March 2014 – 9.00am – Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable.

AGREED

The Schools Forums meeting dates for the 2014/15 municipal year.

CBSF/13/26 Schools Forums: operational and good practice guide

The Forum received the Schools Forum: operational and good practice guide and noted that the criteria listed in Table 2 was the requirements for the Forum with regards to reports and consultations.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 6.00 p.m. and concluded at 8.30 p.m.)

Chairman

Dated

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Meeting: Schools Forum
Date: 24 March 2014
Subject: DfE capital allocations 2014/15 to 2016/17
Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services
Summary: To advise the Forum of the total Department for Education capital allocations to schools and the Council for 2014/15 and for 2014/15 – 2016/17 for Basic Need and to invite the Forum to note the Council level allocations

Contact Officer: Rob Parsons

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

Reason for urgency
(if appropriate)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Forum is invited to :

- (i) note the overall Department for Education allocations for 2014/15 and for 2014/15 to 2016/17 for Basic Need.**

Background

1. In December 2013, the Department for Education set out its capital allocation to Local Authorities for the next financial year 2014/15 to support the delivery of the Universal Infant Free School Meal entitlement which will commence in September 2014. This announcement also provided funding for VA schools. The December announcement of the Department for Education also set out its capital allocation to Local Authorities for Basic Need for 2014/15 to 2016/17.
2. The Council has since announced the allocations of Universal Infant Free School Meals capital that it will make to each eligible LA maintained school utilising the same DfE methodology used to calculate the Local Authority level allocation. This approach has also been adopted by both RC and CofE dioceses for VA schools.
3. The DfE announcement of the Basic Need allocation for the next three years, previously only single year allocations, has been made in response to concerns from Local Authorities and will provide the Council with greater certainty in its planning of the New School Places Programme to meet the demand for statutory school places.
4. As a result of changing DfE methodology for determining basic need allocations there is a decrease on the 2014/15 allocation, for 15/16 and 16/17. The changing methodology has impacted Local Authorities in different ways with the biggest reduction for one Local Authority equating to 80% reduction over previous years.

5. In January 2014, the Department for Education set out its capital allocations to Local Authorities for the next financial year 2014/15 for Strategic Capital Maintenance, Devolved Formula Capital and for the Locally Co-Ordinated Voluntary Aided Programme (LCVAP).
6. A breakdown of the allocations to Central Bedfordshire, including schools DFC is set out at **Appendix A**.
7. In terms of the grant allocation for Strategic Capital Maintenance in 14/15, this reflects a further reduction on the 13/14 allocation, adjusted to reflect the anticipated numbers of pupils within the area who will, as at 31st March 2015, be expected to be accommodated in Academies. This also applies to LCVAP. The grant funding therefore relates only to LA maintained schools. Academies will have access to separate centrally held funding through the EFA.
8. For 2014/15, based upon the highest priority maintenance needs of schools from previous and updated condition surveys, a draft Strategic Maintenance programme has now been drawn up set against the category D1, D2, C1 and C2 works which can be afforded within the available grant allocation and uncommitted budget from 13/14, with a focus on essential health and safety elements, the external fabric of the buildings and on heating systems i.e. the need to keep the property watertight and warm.
9. Council maintained schools identified with potential works have been contacted and further inspections and surveys will now be undertaken to confirm the scope and fine tune the potential cost of identified works to be delivered in 14/15. The allocation of LCVAP to specific projects at VA schools has also been agreed with the RC and CofE dioceses.
10. The LA strategic capital maintenance programme will continue also to focus on carbon reduction and energy efficiency projects in Community, Voluntary Controlled, Foundation and Trust schools.

Recommendations

The Forum is invited to:

- (i) note the overall Department for Education allocations

Appendices:

Appendix A – Schools Capital Allocations

Schools Capital Allocations 2014/15 (and 14/15 Basic Need)

Central Bedfordshire: 823

	2014/15 Capital Grant (£)	2015/16 Capital Grant (£)	2016/17 Capital Grant (£)
Devolved Formula capital			
LA Maintained (Community, Foundation, Voluntary Controlled)	478,780		
Voluntary Aided schools	96,710		
LA Level Allocations			
LA Maintained Strategic Maintenance	2,532,478		
VA Capital Maintenance (LCVAP)	386,564		
LA Universal Infant Free School Meals	523,590		
VA Universal Infant Free School Meals	64,158		
Basic Need	9,140,616	5,892,340	6,186,957

DFC calculations: These remain at 2011/12 levels, i.e.

Lump sum/school - £4,000 + £11.25/pupil (primary), £16.88/pupil (secondary), £33.75/pupil (special/PRU)

The DFC allocations are provisional, and the allocations to local authorities for their schools and to the EFA for academies are based on the published lists (in November 2013) of open academies and those due to open on, or before, 1 April 2014. Final DFC allocations for financial year 2014 to 2015, taking into account all academies open at the beginning of April 2014, will be published later in that month.

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Meeting: Schools Forum
Date: 24 March 2014
Subject: Report on Activity during 2013 of Early Years Reference Group
Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services
Summary: To note the update on the activity of the Early Years Reference Group

Contact Officer: Sue Tyler Head of Child Poverty and Early Intervention
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The forum note the report on the activity of the Early Years Reference Group
2. To agree in principle the use of Contingency to increase the base rate

1. The Early Years reference Group met on three occasions during 2013.

Two Year Olds

2. The Two Year Old Initiative was a main agenda item at each meeting. The original target had been set at 449 places for the 20% most deprived two year olds from September 2013. This number was to increase in September 2014 to 889 places for the 40% most deprived children. The attendance is for 15 hours per week in term time. Considerable work had been carried out during 2012 and 2013 to ensure sufficient places. However it became clear during the latter part of 2013 that identifying the appropriate children would prove an even greater challenge. The group were told that the Department for Education had sent out letters on two occasions with time-limited data which could be used by the council to identify and make contact with families. On the first occasion the Department identified 182 families with children and on the second 282. This clearly fell somewhat short of the 449 children in the target group.
3. The criteria for the first 20% were set nationally and included families accessing Income Support, Income based Job Seekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit where the family income was no more than £16,190 p.a., the disability element of Working Tax Credit, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 and the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit. In addition Children who were LAC or on Child Protection Plans were also able to access the free offer.

4. In preparation for the further rollout of the offer in September 2014 the Early Years Reference Group agreed the extension of the criteria in line with government recommendations to cover in addition to the above criteria, those which enable eligibility for Free School Meals namely: Working Tax Credit (with the income level below £16,190), Income related Employment and Support Allowance, Disability Living allowance, children who have a statement of education need or an education, health and care plan, children who have left care through special guardianship, adoption or residence orders. It was agreed that these additional criteria would be introduced with effect from Jan 2014 in order to increase the numbers of two year olds accessing the offer.
5. Reports were given to the group of the considerable publicity which has been Undertaken including, leaflet drops in appropriate areas, posters everywhere, side of bus advertising, and radio advertsising. Referrals have been extended from being received just via Childrens Centres, to include health visitors and self-referrals. Groups are now being incentivised to refer children.

Early Years Funding

6. No changes to the overall funding formula was discussed at the group during 2013. However minor changes to early years funding levels were noted. During 2013 there was a one off payment of an additional 10p per child/hour in the base rate paid, due to a carried forward sum available. Prior to this rates had been static since the introduction of the formula, and the proposed funding for 2014/15 enabled an increase of 5p per hour, which the Early Years Reference Group will be asked to approve at its forthcoming meeting, along with a change in emphasis in the Social Deprivation payment, for the highest level of need from 20p perchild/hour to 40p per child/hour. At this stage of the financial year it is anticipated that there may be a carried forward contingency sum which would enable a an additional 5p per hour to be put onto the base rate for PVI's. The Schools Forum is asked to agree in principle to this increase if there is a contingency. The proposal will also be put to the Early Years Reference Group at its meeting in March.

This would bring the rates to:

Type	Base Rate per Hour	
	Non - Flexible	Flexible
Nursery School	£3.35	£3.40
Primary School	£3.35	£3.40
PVI	£3.70	£3.85

Social deprivation

Three levels using the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) January 2013 data

- 40p per hour for the 0-30% most disadvantaged (increased by 20p in 2014/15)
- 15p per hour for 31-60% disadvantaged and (increased by 5p from 2014/15)
- 0p per hour for remaining 61-100%.

The social deprivation element is based upon the level of disadvantage where a child lives (postcode) and follows the child to the setting they attend.

Quality

The quality factor applies to PVI's only and is at three levels:

- 20p per hour to qualified teacher (QTS) and early years graduate with early years professional status (EYP)
- 15p per hour to an early years graduate without EYP and
- 10p per hour to a level 4

It should be noted that Nursery and Lower Schools are paid a substantial Lump Sum which is not paid to PVIs, and Rates costs are also covered for Maintained Settings.

Recommendation:

The Schools Forum is requested to approve in principle the use of the Contingency Fund to enable an additional 5p per funded hours to be added to the rates paid to the PVIs, once the level of the carried forward contingency is established.

More Great Childcare and More Affordable Childcare

7. These government documents were consulted on during the course of the year, and then guidance published. There was considerable national controversy around proposals to reduce ratios, although these were eventually dropped after vigorous debates within the coalition government. In the main there were not substantive changes required to the local funding agreement in Central Bedfordshire as localised rules had not been introduced as part of the funding framework. The most major change was that Childminders could provide funded hours as long as they had good or outstanding Ofsted grades, regardless of being qualified or in a network which were the former national criteria.
8. The Group approved the local agreement which was updated in line with the new national framework to cover two, three and four year olds. This included Settings which require improvement only being able to take two year olds if there are no places in good or outstanding settings in the local area.
9. The group discussed and expressed concern about the appropriateness of school settings for two year olds in some cases.

Tribal

10. The Group received reports that during 2013 the Tribal database and collection system went live. This enabled groups to complete their census and headcount data on line. It was latterly also used to calculate the payments due.

Setting Support

11. The Group approved the Support Strategy which provides for intensive support for settings who Require Improvement or are Inadequate.

12 Two Year Old Conference

The Group received a report on the very successful provider conference which had taken place in February 2013 as part of the programme around the extension of the Two Year Old offer.

Childcare Funding Panel

13. The Childcare Funding Panel met on three occasions in 2013.
Over the year it approved funding in the following categories:

Inclusion: £45,436
New Childcare Places: £76,800 (including places for 2 year olds)
Quality Improvements: £44,214
Sustainability: £117,611
Capital for Two year old Expansion: £210,000

Appendices:

None

Meeting: Schools Forum
Date: 24 March 2014
Subject: Dedicated School Grant Contingency Budget
Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services
Summary: To provide an update on the use of the School Contingency Budgets for 2013/14.

Contact Officer: Dawn Hill, Priory House, Shefford
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To note the Dedicated School Grant (DSG) Contingency spend to 28th February 2014.

Background

1. From 2013/14 the Dedicated School Grant is split into three notional blocks; Schools, High Needs and Early Years with each block holding its own contingency budget.

School Block

2. The Schools Specific Contingency Budget falls under Schedule 2 (Part 5) of The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2013; 'Classes or descriptions of planned expenditure prescribed for the purposes of the Schools budget of a Local Authority which may be deducted from it to determine the Individual Schools Budget (ISB)'. Part 5 relates to items that may be removed from Maintained Schools' Budget Shares by way of de-delegation. De-delegation is not an option for Academies, special schools, nurseries or PRUs.
3. Expenditure on the Schools Specific Contingency is central expenditure deducted for the purpose of ensuring that monies are available to enable an increase in a school's budget share after it has been allocated and where it subsequently becomes apparent that a governing body have incurred expenditure which it would be unreasonable to expect them to meet from the school's budget share which may include expenditure in relation to:
 - Schools in financial difficulty
 - The writing off of deficits of schools which are discontinued, excluding any associated costs and overheads
 - New, amalgamating or closing schools, or
 - Other expenditure where the circumstances were unforeseen when initially

determining the school's budget share

High Needs Block

4. Contingencies are held centrally to fund Outreach work and the writing off of deficits of special schools which are discontinued. It was agreed at the School Forum meeting of the 20th January 2013 that for 2014/15 this budget would be renamed 'Outreach Service' and included within the update on the use of centrally retained DSG within the High Needs Block.

Early Years Block

5. Early Years provision is funded based on predicted total number of hours attendance of registered pupils. The LA must review the budget share when further information on actual hours of attendance is available, in accordance with Part 3 of The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2013. The Early Years Contingency budget has been set aside to fund the headcount adjustment that is allowable within the regulations.

School Contingency

6. It was agreed at the School Forum meeting of the 22nd October 2012 that £100k would be de-delegated back to the LA for the purpose of School Contingencies for 2013/14.
7. The following table sets out the expenditure to 28th February 2013:

	BUDGET	SPEND	BALANCE
	£	£	£
Carry Forward from 2012/13	778,963		
Budget Allocation 2013/14	100,000		
Adjustment Academy Recoupment 12/13		24,163	
Adjustment Academy Recoupment 13/14		(75,911)	
Age Range Funding		(261,236)	
Rent Adjustment		(29,050)	
DSG Adjustment		17,282	
Total School Contingency	878,963	(324,752)	554,211

8. It was agreed at the School Forum meeting of the 20th March 2013 that £500k of the 2013/14 balance would be added to the Individual School Budgets (ISB) for 2014/15 and redistributed to all schools via the pupil's basic entitlement (AWPU).

High Needs Contingency

9. It was agreed at the School Forum meeting of the 21st January 2013 that SEN Contingency will continue to fund the extended role of a school such as commissioned work for Outreach and other services. Chiltern, Ivel Valley and Oak Bank are currently commissioned to carry out an Outreach role.

10 The following table sets out the expenditure to 28th February 2014.

	BUDGE T £	SPEND £	BALANCE £
Carry Forward from 2012/13	72,858		
Budget Allocation 2013/14	275,670		
Closing School		(53)	
Outreach		(193,243)	
Total SEN Contingency	348,528	(193,296)	155,232

Early Years Contingency

11. The following table sets out the expenditure to 28th February 2014:

	BUDGE T £	SPEND £	BALANCE £
Budget Allocation 2013/14	352,450		
January 2013 census adjustment		44,200	
May 2013 census adjustment		(182,549)	
October 2013 census adjustment		82,950	
Total Early Years Contingency	352,450	(55,399)	297,051

Appendices:

None

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Meeting: Schools Forum

Date: 24 March 2014

Subject: School Forum Budget

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children’s Services

Summary: To provide an update on the use of the School Forum Budget for 2013/14.

Contact Officer: Dawn Hill, Priory House, Shefford

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To note the School Forum spend to 28th February 2014.

Background

1. The School Forum Budget falls under Schedule 2 of The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2013. ‘Classes or descriptions of planned expenditure prescribed for the purposes of the Schools budget of a Local Authority which may be deducted from it to determine the Individual Schools Budget’ – ‘establishment and maintenance of, and consultation with, Schools Forums’. Any deduction must not exceed the amount deducted for the previous funding period.
2. A budget of £3,000 for 2013/14 has been set for costs associated with the operation of the Forum, with the continued membership of the F40 group and £2,000 delegated to the Chairman of the Schools Forum to fund the commissioning of consultancy and administration support. The level of the budget will be reviewed annually.

Expenditure 2013/14

3. The following table sets out the expenditure to 28th February 2014.

	BUDGET £	SPEND £	BALANCE £
Budget Allocation 2013/14	3,000		
Venue Hire/Refreshments		(456)	
F40 Subscription		(1,000)	
Total	3,000	(1,456)	1,544

Appendices:
None

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Meeting: Schools Forum
Date: 24 March 2014
Subject: Funding For Specialist Provisions 2014/2015
Report of: Edwina Grant, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services
Summary: The report outlines how specialist provisions have been funded historically and in 2013/2014, and proposes an adjustment to the Top Up element from 2014/2015 onwards.

Advising Officer: Edwina Grant, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services
Contact Officer: Helen Redding, Assistant Director School Improvement
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Schools Forum is asked to:

- 1. Note how the provisions were funded prior to 2013 and in 2013/2014**
- 2. Give a view on the future allocation of their top up funding**

Background

1. Prior to April 2013, Specialist SEN Provisions in Mainstream Schools were funded on an amount per the number of places commissioned. Additionally these schools received the Age Weighted pupil Unit (AWPU).
2. From April 2013, the change in School Finance Regulations meant that Specialist SEN Provisions received a base level funding of £10,000 per place on the basis of the agreed number of places. The Top-up funding above this level was agreed at the same level as Specialist Provisions had been funded historically and as agreed at their set-up. The Top-up element is paid by the commissioning Local Authority.
3. Due to the High Needs Block being approved later than the date by which schools' budgets were published, in 2013/2014 all schools with specialist provisions did receive the pupil led element (AWPU) at the new rate from the Schools' Block. This is not possible in 2014/2015.

Schools with Specialist provisions

4. **ASD Provisions:**

- Ramsey Manor Lower School (6 places)
- St Swithuns Lower School (8 places)
- Arnold Middle School (6 places)
- Biggleswade Academy (8 places)
- Streetfield Middle School (6 places)
- Manshead Upper School (6 places plus 2 post 16)
- Samuel Whitbread Upper School (6 places plus 2 post 16)

BESD Provisions

- Lancot Lower School (6 places)
- Silsoe Lower School (6 places)

Hearing Impaired Provisions

- Toddington St Georges Lower School (8 places)
- Parkfields Middle School (8 places)
- Harlington Upper School (2 places plus 2 post 16)

NB Resources Language Provisions are funded on the top up element only

Financial Information

5. Prior to 2013 schools received a different AWPU value for each Year Group. In 2013/2014 the Pupil Element value was approved at one value for Primary, and then different values at Ks3 and KS4, as agreed by School Forum following the responses to the Consultation carried out in Autumn 2012. This information is set out below.

Year Group	AWPU 2012/2013	Pupil element 2013/2014
Year R	£2,523	£2,908
Year 1	£2,509	£2,908
Year 2	£2,595	£2,908
Year 3	£2,411	£2,908
Year 4	£2,415	£2,908
Year 5	£3,088	£2,908
Year 6	£3,095	£2,908
Year 7	£3,402	£4,170
Year 8	£3,411	£4,170
Year 9	£3,779	£4,170
Year 10	£4,426	£4,879
Year 11	£4,756	£4,879

6. The average amount received as AWPU by schools prior to April 2013 was:

Primary: £2,662
 KS3: £3,531
 KS4 £4,591
 Average of all Year Groups: £3,201

7. The Top-up value received by schools in 2013/2014 is:

ASD and BESD Provisions: £6,967

HI Provisions: £12,538

8. Officers have considered 2 options:

Option 1

An equal increase in Top-up is agreed for all provisions based on the average amount of AWPU prior to 2013. The average amount would be £3,201, thus increasing the Top-up element as set out below:

Revised Top-up

ASD and BESD provisions: £10,168

HI Provisions: £15,739

Option 2

A differential increase in Top-up dependent on the key stage of the pupil attending the provisions. This could create significant challenges as pupils move between Key Stages within a financial year, therefore values would change in year.

Revised Top-up

ASD and BESD Provisions

Primary: £9,629

KS3: £10,498

KS4: £11,558

HI Provisions

Primary: £15,200

KS3: £16,069

KS4: £17,129

9. Option 1 would be a simpler model which would not change year on year dependent on the age of the pupils in the provision. Option 2 will be much more complicated to administer as pupils move across Key Stages within middle and upper schools. The staffing needs of the provisions does not change with the ages of the pupils.
10. Schools with Hearing Impaired Provisions would need to retain the agreed amount from the figure to be paid to HAST as the Provider either:
- £3,201 per HI pupil in that school if Option 1 was implemented, or
 - Primary: £2,662, KS3: £3,531, KS4 £4,591 if Option 2 was implemented.
11. If Option 1 was agreed the increase in Top-up required would be £262,482 (minus any places commissioned by other local Authorities)
If Option 2 was agreed the increase in Top-up required would depend on the mix of ages of pupils at the time. Based on current pupils, the increase in Top-up required would be £262,861 (minus any places commissioned by other Local Authorities), but this differential would change dependent on the mix of pupils.
12. Other Local Authorities would need to be informed of the increase to the Top-up and the rationale for this.

13. The Council is yet to receive the High Needs Block allocation, but as set out in the Schools Forum Paper on Centrally Retained High Needs Block in January, the retention of centrally retained High needs Block in 2014/2015 while the outstanding issues are resolved will support this recommendation.

Recommendation

Option 1 is recommended as the best option as it ensures that schools with specialist provisions continue to receive on average the same levels of funding as previous years and is consistent with the aim of achieving a simpler funding formula. This will support those schools in ensuring that the provision supports the access of the pupils to the whole school. It is in line with approaches being taken by other Local Authorities.

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Work Programme for Central Bedfordshire Schools Forum

Ref	Issue for Decision	Intended Decision	Indicative Meeting Date	Documents which may be considered	Contact Officer (method of comment and closing date)
1.	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	To receive an update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	23 June 2014		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
2.	Schools Finance Update	To receive an update on the Schools Finance.	23 June 2014		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
3.	Scheme for Financing Schools	To receive an update.	23 June 2014		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
4.	School Contingency and Forum Budget	To receive an update	23 June 2014		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
5.	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	To receive an update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	15 Sept 2014		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
6.	Schools Funding Arrangements	To receive an update	15 Sept 2014		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
7.	Schools Finance Update	To receive an update on the Schools Finance	15 Sept 2014		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
8.	School Contingency and Forum Budget	To receive an update	15 Sept 2014		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
9.	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	To receive an update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	24 Nov 2014		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer

Ref	Issue for Decision	Intended Decision	Indicative Meeting Date	Documents which may be considered	Contact Officer (method of comment and closing date)
10.	Schools Funding Arrangements	To receive an update	24 Nov 2014		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
11.	School Contingency and Forum Budget	To receive an update	24 Nov 2014		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
12.	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	To receive an update	26 Jan 2015		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
13.	School Funding Arrangements	To receive an update	26 Jan 2015		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
14.	Early Years Reference Group Report	To receive an update	26 Jan 2015		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
15.	SEN Review	To receive an update	26 Jan 2015		Helen Redding
16.	Pupil Referral Unit	Is this still required or will there be something about the free school	26 Jan 2015		Helen Redding
17.	School Finance Update	To receive an update	26 Jan 2015		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
18.	Scheme for Financing Schools	To receive an update	26 Jan 2015		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
19.	School Contingency and Forum Budget	To receive an update	26 Jan 2015		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer
20.	Dedicated School Grant (DSG)	To receive an update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).	9 March 2015		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer

Ref	Issue for Decision	Intended Decision	Indicative Meeting Date	Documents which may be considered	Contact Officer (method of comment and closing date)
21.	School Capital Programme	To receive an update	9 March 2015		Rob Parsons
22.	School Contingency and Forum Budget	To receive an update	9 March 2015		Dawn Hill, Senior Finance Officer

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