

Report to: Schools Forum

Date of Meeting(s): 28th January 2016

Subject: School Funding Formula (SFF) 2016/17 – Schools Block

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Summary: To update Schools Forum on the DSG allocation and confirm the approach taken with regard to the submission of the final pro forma

Recommendation(s): For Schools Forum to note the contents of the report

Implications:

*What are the **financial** implications?* n/a

*What are the **staffing** implications?* n/a

Risks: n/a

Please list any appendices:-

Appendix number or letter	Description
A	Pro-Forma
B	School Budget Allocations 16/17

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides details of the Final Schools Block DSG Allocation for 2016/17 and an updated budget position for each school. The allocations are based on the pro forma data based on a ratio of 1:1.30 as approved by the lead member and set out in the papers at Schools Forum in October 2015. This report now takes into account the actual October 2015 pupil census data. The pupil numbers used in the October submission were based on information from the Local Authority's Admissions Team.

2. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Allocation 2016/17

- 2.1 Based on the revised census data taken in October 2015 the Department for Education (DfE) issued out the DSG allocations on 17 December 2015.

Summary of Total Funding for Schools Block 2016/17

	Total
Allocation for Schools block	194,921,469

Centrally Retained

Licences*	-	206,033
Schools Forum	-	35,503
Admissions	-	137,500
Falling Rolls	-	100,000
Growth Fund	-	250,000

Total Funding for Schools Block

194,192,433

*The DfE have agreed to purchase and manage a single national licence for all state funded schools in England with the following Agencies:

- Copyright Licensing Agency
- Music Publishers Association
- Newspapers Licensing Authority
- Education Recording Agency
- Motion Picture Licensing Company
- Filmbank Distributors Limited
- Christian copyright Licensing International
- Mechanical Copyright Protection Society
- Performing Rights Society
- Phonographic Performance Limited

- 2.2 Further to the notice of the 2016/17 DSG allocations, the DfE also re-issued the schools funding pro-forma tool with revised pupil numbers for each individual school per factor. These figures are fixed in the pro-forma and cannot be amended.
- 2.3 The methodology referred to in paragraph 1.1 has been applied to the proforma containing the updated October 2015 pupil numbers (Appendix A) and submitted back to the DfE. The DfE will now check and validate the return. Once we have received confirmation that the return has been accepted we can then issue the final detailed allocations. The impact of this for each school is illustrated in (Appendix B) and compares the 2016/17 post MFG budget for each school with the equivalent 2015/16 post MFG budget. As such the budgets shown are after the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) of 1.5% has been applied but before de-delegation. The

MFG protects against any significant year on year turbulence from the application of the factors on an equivalent per pupil basis but does not protect against reduced pupil numbers.

- 2.4 The appendix also details the year on year change in pupil numbers for each school. Please note that the DfE re-issued tool contained updated information in relation to the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) published in September 2015. Individual Schools will see some shifts between bandings.
- 2.5 For 2016/17 schools facing financial difficulty meeting need or managing reduced budgets due to formula changes are able to access supplementary funding. A separate report will be discussed later on the agenda.

3. National Update

- 3.1 The government will introduce the first ever national funding formula for schools, high needs and early years. There will be a transitional phase to help smooth the implementation of the new schools formula. The government will launch a detailed consultation in 2016 and will implement the new formulae from 2017-18.
- 3.2 When details are announced we suggest that the funding sub group arranges a meeting to discuss and form a co-ordinated response to the consultation. We are aware that figures have been circulated from work undertaken by the f40 group. We would stress that this is only one group's attempt at an alternative formula before any official consultation process.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 Forum members to note the contents of the report.