

SLOUGH SCHOOLS FORUM

SCHOOLS GROUP:

Maggie Waller (Chair), John Constable (Vice-Chair), Virginia Barrett, Rachel Cartwright, Gillian Coffey, Sally Eaton, Philip Gregory, Helen Huntley, Jo Matthews, Paul McAteer, Navroop Mehat, Angela Mellish, Eddie Neighbour, Carol Pearce, Jon Reekie, Debbie Richards, Jo Rockall, Kate Webb and Nicky Willis

OBSERVERS:

Kathleen Higgins

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Councillor Hussain, Sarah Forsyth, George Grant, Robert Hardy, Johnny Kyriacou, Coral Miller and Jo Moxon

DATE & TIME: THURSDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 2017 AT 8.00 AM
BEECHWOOD RESEARCH AND CONFERENCE CENTRE, LONG READINGS LANE, SLOUGH, BERKSHIRE, SL2 1QE

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Slough Schools Forum- Meeting held on Tuesday, 10th January, 2017

Present: Maggie Waller, Holy Family Primary School (Chair)
John Constable, Langley Grammar School (Vice-Chair)
Gillian Coffey, Lynch Hill Primary School
Sally Eaton, Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) providers - Early Years
Philip Gregory, Baylis Court Nursery School
Kathleen Higgins, Beechwood Secondary School
Helen Huntley, Haybrook College / PRU
Jo Matthews, Littledown School / PRU
Paul McAteer, Slough and Eton C of E Business and Enterprise College
Navroop Mehat, Wexham Court Primary School
Angela Mellish, St Bernard's Grammar School
Eddie Neighbour, Upton Court Grammar School
Carol Pearce, Penn Wood Primary School
Jon Reekie, Baylis Court Trust MAT / Godolphin Infant School
Jo Rockall, Herschel Grammar School
Nicky Willis, Cippenham Primary School

Observers: Kathleen Higgins, Beechwood Secondary School

Officers: George Grant, Robert Hardy, Johnny Kyriacou, Nabila Malik, Coral Miller and Jo Moxon

PART I

535. Apologies

Rachel Cartwright

536. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

537. Minutes and Matters Arising from previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Slough Schools Forum held on 6th December 2016 were approved as a correct record.

Matters arising

Item 513 –SBC staffing issues – Neil Wilcox reported that the recently appointed schools' accountant has resigned. Finance team will be assisting in filling this vacancy.

Item 524 – PFI Update: Neil Wilcox reported the Council's revenue budget position and the savings options under consideration to close the budget gap.

A wide range of potential savings were under consideration across the Council, including the £500,000 contribution to the affordability gap relating to schools PFI. Neil Wilcox stated that the Council was seeking to be open and transparent in flagging this matter. He confirmed that the SBC request for DSG to fund the PFI affordability gap has been deferred and SBC will pick up the £500k affordability gap cost in 2017-18 and may present new proposals for 2018-19. He provided assurances that there would be full consultation and clear information provided on the impact on schools and academies before any decisions. He also indicated that the Council would be looking at other options at potential savings.

Item 525 – High Needs Block and SEN Update: Nicky Willis asked for more information on health contribution information; this was clarified by Robert Hardy as related to the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Item 530 - 2017-18 Growth Fund Criteria: it was noted that this will now be on the 9th February 2017 Schools Forum agenda.

538. ESG De-delegation

Slough Borough Council presented an ESG paper in light of updated guidance by the DfE in December 2016. The requirement was for a justification of spending that would only be for Maintained schools. This would then require approval by Maintained school members of the forum. The Council presented a paper on centrally retained items that was approved in December 2016 by the Schools Forum. This paper represented a justification of spend to complement the previous paper. The amount being justified was approximately £45,000 (see appendix). There would be no increase in spending from the previous paper on centrally retained items but this paper made clear what the differences were and how money would be used specifically for maintained schools. The paper was voted on and approved by both primary and secondary Maintained schools' members of the Schools Forum present.

539. School block and update on changes with draft budget.

Coral Miller reported that Slough Borough Council have, for a number of years, had increasing pressure from growth in the High Needs block provision without any corresponding additional budget to cope with these pressures from the DfE.

Robert Hardy has explored other options from Slough Children Trust. It was confirmed that the request for the top slice was a one-off and not a permanent move of the £300k to the High Needs Block but no assurances could be given that future requests may not be made.

Paul McAteer had written to Edward Timpson, Minister of State for Vulnerable Children and Families regarding High Needs funding in Slough but had received no response at this time.

Schools Forum understands the pressures on the High Needs Block but was concerned about the unevenness of the impact on individual schools and concerned regarding ongoing reductions and the impact on standards.

The financial implications of the report are outlined in the supporting information that has been provided.

It was noted that the LA is not proposing any changes to the local funding formula for 2017 /18. However, there are changes at national level that have considerable adverse effects on schools' and academies' budgets. There was considerable discussion about the impact of the DfE changes to both IDACI and prior low attainment funding and the impact of new school places being funded from the DSG from the start, meaning over 350 places not funded by the DfE but top sliced from all schools.

It was noted that more schools are in Minimum Funding Guarantee which masks the impact of any losses but year on year this has real impact with some schools now in the fifth year of losing under MFG.

Angela Mellish asked that the LA make very clear to governors and schools how the top slices necessary have been calculated and clarifies the definition of the MFG.

The Task Group (5-6 formula) is to look at the budget implications in more detail.

It was suggested that there may be a business case to be put by SBC to ask for more funding for new school places as an LA with such a high growth rate.

Jo Rockall suggested that a letter should be submitted from the Schools Forum to the Secretary of State, Lord Nash, Ms Fiona McTaggart outlining the impact of the budget. Maggie Waller and John Constable will proceed with this letter.

Coral Miller will report at the next additional Schools Forum meeting which will be held on Thursday 9th February 2017 Venue is TBC

It was noted that Phase 2 of the National Funding Formula consultation had been published by the DfE and Schools Forum members stressed the importance of a full response and for all schools to respond individually in addition. The March Schools Forum would focus on this response and share its response with all schools.

540. Budget timeline for 2017 - 18

Coral Miller informed the Schools Forum of the budget process for 2017-18 and the DSG block allocation, setting out the total schools' budget for Slough and when Maintained schools should expect their 17-18 budget share.

Coral miller informed the Schools Forum:
Schools Block budget allocation of £123.79m - this is fixed
Early Years Block budget of £15.20m - this is provisional
High Needs Block budget of £22.13m

The report outlined the significant dates for the budget process. The budget timeline is similar to previous years, with indicative school budgets to be published around 23rd February 2017.

541. Resource Base Review update

The report was an information item requested at the December meeting of Schools Forum.

Robert Hardy reported that in November 2016, the DfE required information to be submitted as part of their Place Change Notification process. This related only to Resource Bases at Academies and Free Schools and to Post 16 places at GFE Colleges. The numbers were submitted by Slough for Resource Bases for September 2017. There is no guarantee that the DfE will agree to these proposals. The response is expected before the end of January 2017.

Robert reported that contractual agreements and admissions arrangements for all Resource Bases will be finalised with schools by the end of this term so that they are implemented from the start of the new financial year.

It was agreed that a report will come to Schools Forum in October each year regarding commissioned places.

Phil Gregory asked about Early Years places and it was confirmed that the recent review only looked at statutory provision and not Early Years.

542. School Improvement update on centrally retained items (Verbal)

Slough Borough Council reported back that all School Improvement services from Cambridge Education had come back under Council control from December 1st 2016. The system of Autumn Term Visits was inherited from Cambridge Education and would continue in the same format for this academic year. There are plans to change it for next year and this will be done in consultation with schools. The Council is drafting a School Improvement policy which will also go out for consultation to all schools. The Council is setting about recruiting the posts identified in the Schools Forum paper (centrally retained items) from December 2016.

Carol Pearce asked a question regarding school improvement and the government's expectations going forward that schools would be responsible for their own school improvement. Johnny Kyriacou responded that the Council was looking to embrace a different approach to school improvement more in line with the vision and expectations from the Regional Schools Commissioner and the DfE. This would involve developing and supporting the Slough Teaching Schools Alliance and school to school support. The Council would be looking to work with the STSA as active partners and wishes to use local leaders

John Constable confirmed that the role of the Teaching School is to link and not provide directly and there is a funding implication for schools to release staff hence the agreed £150k over two years to facilitate this.

543. Update from Task Groups: 5-16, HNB and Early Years (verbal)

5 – 16 formula Task Group to meet following Schools Forum meeting.

High Needs Group scheduled for 26th January

There has been no Early Years Task Group but there will be an item on the March Schools Forum meeting for proposals.

544. Schools Forum Membership update

Maggie Waller reported the analysis of membership carried out following the October census which showed 64% of pupils in Academies and 36% in Maintained schools. Further conversions in December 2017 have moved this figure to 71% Academies, 29% in Maintained schools.

The overall Forum membership to be maintained at 20, with 11 Academy members and 4 Maintained representatives; the two current maintained vacancies to be deleted, and two new members to be recruited from Academies.

It was agreed that the nominations for Academy members would be sought through the normal election procedure involving writing to academy proprietors. John Constable will take this forward.

Terms of office of some members end in summer 2017 and early 2018. A proposal was made and agreed to extend terms for a further 2-3 years where those members are willing to continue – this would require agreement of CoGs and Academy proprietors. John Constable will take this forward.

545. Academies Update (Verbal)

Johnny Kyriacou reported St Joseph's, St Anthony's and St Ethelbert's had converted to academies on 1st December 2016.

The LA was not aware of any further conversions ongoing.

It was noted that there are now 11 Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) across Slough. The map of the Academies and MATs in Slough to be updated by the LA and circulated.

546. 2016-17 Forward Agenda Plan and Key Decisions Log

The Key Decisions Log was noted and the Forward Plan was circulated hard copy and is to be added to the Schools Forum papers on the SBC website.

Next meeting: Thursday 9th February 2017, 8.00am at Beechwood Conference Centre

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday 9 th February	TBC	TBC
Tuesday 7 th March 2017	8am	Beechwood Conference Centre
Thursday 18 th May 2017	8am	Beechwood Conference Centre
Thursday 6 th July 2017	8am	Beechwood Conference Centre

(Note: The Meeting opened at Time Not Specified and closed at Time Not Specified)

Slough Schools Forum

16 January 2017

Rt Hon Justine Greening MP
Secretary of State for Education
Department for Education
Sanctuary Buildings
20 Great Smith Street
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Dear Ms Greening

We are writing on behalf of maintained schools and academies in Slough at the request of the Slough Schools Forum to raise urgent concerns, in particular regarding the lack of funding for new school places.

Draft budgets presented by the Local Authority to the Schools Forum for 2017/18 include several changes, not to the factors in the local formula itself, but to the flow of funding from central government as well as top slice proposals at local level.

All of these will impact adversely on schools' budgets. However, the issue of utmost concern relates to the funding of new school places.

Slough has frequently featured amongst the top ten Local Authorities in terms of the rapid growth in pupil numbers. As a Schools Forum, we have, year on year, created a Growth Fund of circa £1 - £1.5 million by top slicing the Schools Block element of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). Schools in both primary and secondary phases have made exceptional efforts to support the provision of school places by being willing to have bulge classes, provide additional places above PAN and by working collaboratively to open Free Schools.

For 2017/18 we understand that, quite apart from the DSG meeting the cost of the Growth Fund, a further 361 new school places in opening / growing free schools will not be funded by the DFE and are planned to become a liability for the existing DSG. This will take a further £1.75 million off the DSG and this will therefore come directly from the budgets of other schools in Slough.

One of the fundamental tenets of the Government's 'Fair Funding' proposals is the principle of equitable funding for every area and every child, including the provision of a 'Basic Entitlement' for every child in every school. There are significant numbers of pupils in Slough schools who are not being funded by central government - a position which is now untenable.

We therefore request that, in areas of ongoing high levels of pupil growth, the places in new schools be fully funded from day one and not subsidised from other children's entitlement.

The negative impact of this ongoing erosion of schools' budgets is very real. There are schools in Slough that have been on the minimum funding guarantee for five years and this, coupled with cost pressures identified by you at the DFE of between 10 and 12%, in a cash level environment, has already led to redundancies, contraction in curriculum breadth and larger class sizes. The impact of these are being felt in teaching and learning and in the ability to respond fully to the increasing needs and complexity of children and young people with SEND.

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These pressures are coupled with further proposals from the Local Authority to top slice the Schools Block to move money to the High Needs Block. This is to deal with historical overspends incurred prior to the Slough Children's Trust being put in place and to support the recovery of services to an acceptable standard.

As Slough was identified as a Local Authority causing enough concern to warrant the intervention of a Trust, then it should also be recognised by central government that it may well need extra financial support to address those concerns. We would welcome a clear explanation as to why requests by the LA for such support have been turned down – this refusal has led to the proposal to top slice the DSG which will have a negative impact on children and young people across Slough.

In addition to the issues raised above in terms of the overall DSG, we are also concerned about the impact of changes to IDACI and the reduction in social deprivation funding. Compared to 2015-16, over 3,500 children in Slough no longer receive deprivation funding following the adoption of the 2015 IDACI; the circumstances of these children have not changed, and the reality is that there are increasing numbers of new arrivals and vulnerable children and families in Slough who need early intervention and support.

Schools Forum genuinely believes that the situation in Slough will no longer be tenable into 2017/18. Children in schools in Slough achieve well and the schools are at the forefront of creative solutions to meeting the need for new school places and taking on the responsibilities of a school-led self-improving system. However, this creativity and innovation come at a cost – a cost not being met by central government.

Voicing our very real concerns in this letter arises from a genuine belief that the situation schools and academies face in Slough simply cannot continue. We ask that this letter is taken seriously as a formal request for the funding of the 361 new school places to be met and for the concerns raised in this letter to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Maggie Waller
Chair of Slough Schools Forum

John Constable
Vice-Chair of Schools Forum

To:

Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards, Department for Education
Lord Nash, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Education
Peter Lauener, Chief Executive and Accounting Officer, Education Funding Agency
Andrew McCully, Director General, Infrastructure and Funding

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Fiona Mactaggart, MP for Slough
Roger Parkin, Interim Chief Executive, Slough Borough Council
Jo Moxon, Interim Director of Children's Services, Slough Borough Council



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Edward Timpson MP
Minister of State for Vulnerable Children and Families

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Paul McAteer
Headteacher
Slough and Eton Church of England Business and Enterprise College

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Dear Paul,

23 January 2017

Thank you for email of 22 December, about Slough and East Berkshire Church of England Multi Academy Trust's request for additional high needs funding for Slough.

I understand your concerns with regard to high needs funding. I would like to assure you that the government is committed to making the funding system fairer, with funding transparently matched to schools' and children's needs. A fairer funding system will help to underpin the education system so that it can promote social mobility and social justice. Our plans for future changes to the funding arrangements include the introduction of national funding formulae for schools and high needs.

In chapter 4 of the government's response to Stage one of the consultation on high needs funding reforms, we confirmed £23 million of additional funding in 2016-17. This is to support local authorities in undertaking a strategic review of their high needs provision, or to implement outcomes if a review has already taken place. Slough's share is £76,885. Our response to Stage one, and proposals for Stage two, are available at: tinyurl.com/zj2whon. More Information about the High needs Strategic funding plan for 2016-17 is available at: tinyurl.com/jywtvw7.

We have also provided £92.5 million of additional funding for high needs in 2016-17, and have confirmed a further £130 million for 2017-18. Slough's share of the total of £222.5 million is £0.95 million. More information on the 2017-18 funding uplift can be found online at: tinyurl.com/zfbrup9.

As you are aware, we are currently consulting on proposals for a new national funding formula for schools and high needs, which will be implemented in 2018-19. Stage 2 of the consultation will run until 22 March, and we are keen to hear from as many schools, governors, local authorities and parents as possible. The live consultation, together with all relevant documents, is available online at the previously cited address.

I understand that Slough Borough Council now believes that the overspend on high needs in 2016-17 will be considerably less than £800,000, and is considering how best to proceed with it. I would suggest that you contact the Council for an update of their plans in this regard.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Kindest regards,



Edward Timpson MP
Minister of State for Vulnerable Children and Families

Schools Forum Membership February 2017

School	Type of School	Governor (G) / Headteacher (H/T)	Elected by	Term of office ends
Academies (11 members)				
Special Schools / PRUs (2 members)				
Haybrook College	Special School/PRU	Helen Huntley (H/T)	Academies	31st July 2017
Littledown	Special School/PRU	Jo Matthews (H/T)	Academies	30th November 2018
Primary Academies (3 members)				
Lynch Hill Primary School	Academy	Gillian Coffey (H/T) Substitute Nicky Willis	Academies	31st July 2017
Baylis Court Trust MAT / Godolphin Infant School	Academy / MAT	Jon Reekie (G)	Academies	30th November 2018
Cippenham Primary School	Academy	Nicky Willis (H/T)	Academies	31st July 2017
Secondary Academies (4 members)				
Herschel Grammar	Academy Selective	Jo Rockall	Academies	31st July 2017
Langley Grammar	Academy Selective	John Constable (H/T)	Academies	31st July 2017
Slough & Eton C of E Business and Enterprise College	Academy	Paul McAteer (H/T)	Academies	31st July 2017
Upton Court Grammar School	Academy	Eddie Neighbour (VP)	Academies	30th November 2018
Vacancies				
VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
Maintained Schools (4 members)				
Primary (3 members)				
Holy Family Primary School	Voluntary Aided	Maggie Waller(G)		31st July 2017
Wexham Court Primary School	Community	Navroop Mehat (H/T)	Primary Heads	31st July 2017
Penn Wood School	Community	Carol Pearce (G)	Governors	30th September 2017
Secondary (1 member)				
St Bernard's Grammar School	Voluntary Aided	Angela Mellish	SASH	31st January 2018
Special Maintained (1 member)				
Arbour Vale School	Special	Debbie Richards (H/T)		31st July 2017
Nursery Maintained (1 member)				
Baylis Court Nursery	Nursery	Philip Gregory		31st July 2017
Non-school members (3 members)				
16-19 Provider (1 Member)				
16 - 19 Provider	16-19 Provider	Richard Kirkham (representing Kate Webb)	EBC	31st August 2019 tbc
PVI Provider (1 Member)				
PVI Provider	PVI Provider	Sally Eaton	Early Years	31st March 2018
Children's Centres (1 Member)				
Slough Children's Centres	Children's Centres	Rachel Cartwright	Cambridge Education	31st July 2017
Total Membership:				20 Members

Observer:

Education Funding Agency (statutory
observer status)

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SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
9th February 2017

(Directorate of Children's Services)

Schools Block budget 2017-18

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to provide information on the draft school budget, that has been submitted to the Department of Education (DFE) by the deadline date of 20th January 2017. It still needs to be verified and checked by the DFE, hence this is still a draft budget.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Schools Forum to note.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To keep Schools Forum informed.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 N/A.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Please see Appendix A.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of this report.

Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Resources

- 6.2 The financial implications of the report are outlined in the supporting information.

Access Implications
6.3 There are no access implications.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted
7.1 None.

Method of Consultation
7.2 Not applicable.

Representations Received
7.3 Not applicable.

Background Papers
None

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APPENDIX A

2017-18 School block budget

Please note this is before de-delegated amount for maintained schools

AWPU (£)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Primary	3,179.91	3,089.19	3,156.24
Second - Key 3	3,879.49	3,815.00	3,897.80
Second - Key 4	4,636.31	3,876.78	3,960.93

Budget for each Op

Schools

	A	B	C
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
	Final	Final	Submitted 20.01.17 Amended
PRIMARY			
132089 8715204 Castleview School	1,866,763	1,918,101	1,960,332
109995 8712194 Cippenham Infant School	1,047,589	1,090,072	1,071,348
110035 8715200 Cippenham Primary School	2,715,486	2,958,062	3,160,978
110036 8712256 Claycots Primary	4,530,481	5,245,971	5,765,637
110039 8712003 Coinbrook C.E. Primary School	842,461	879,124	892,398
134778 8712004 Foxborough Primary School	1,509,723	1,632,112	1,609,553
135099 8712196 Godolphin Infant School	1,497,064	1,510,897	1,446,925
110090 8715202 Holy Family Catholic School	1,578,759	1,595,056	1,639,762
110095 8713367 IQRA Slough Islamic Primary School	2,633,828	2,739,694	2,640,756
110076 8712002 James Elliman Academy	2,590,476	2,692,363	2,947,506
110078 8713366 Khalsa Primary School	1,621,687	1,600,092	1,609,102
110087 8712000 Langley Hall Primary Academy	2,763,519	2,852,974	2,845,132
139333 8715208 Lynch Hill School	3,186,835	3,368,640	3,363,353
139567 8713365 Marish Primary School	2,437,139	2,511,790	2,741,426
139943 8712005 Montem Academy	3,498,116	3,802,996	3,677,616
140335 8713357 Our Lady of Peace Junior	1,314,422	1,316,460	0
140857 8713353 OUR LADY OF PEACE R.C.INFANT	1,124,916	1,132,353	2,517,303
140994 8712007 PARLAUNT PARK PRIMARY ACADEMY	2,524,300	2,544,093	2,479,030
138066 8712255 Penn Wood Primary and Nursery School	2,837,633	2,974,941	3,046,317
138731 8715207 Pippins School	703,895	760,373	763,743
138319 8715201 Priory School	2,799,701	2,936,318	3,192,238
138166 8715209 Ryvers School	2,115,395	2,225,057	2,333,505
138659 8714005 ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY	2,077,198	2,196,729	2,295,999
137259 8714004 St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School	1,549,227	1,620,474	1,668,254
137287 8713070 St. Mary's C E Primary School	2,144,289	2,300,219	2,279,436
136521 8712221 The Godolphin Junior School	1,683,603	1,783,780	1,905,890
135631 8712006 Western House Academy	2,303,912	2,408,928	2,469,342
136951 8712252 Wexham Court Primary School	2,386,772	2,708,439	2,632,793
141009 8712001 Willow Primary School	1,653,884	1,711,198	1,899,351
8712008 The Langley Academy Primary	0	551,742	896,263
8714008 Grove Academy		0	537,962
31 Primary total	61,539,073	65,569,048	68,289,251

Variance		
B-A	C-B	C-B % change
51,338	42,231	2.15%
42,483	-18,724	-1.75%
242,575	202,916	6.42%
715,490	519,666	9.01%
36,663	13,273	1.49%
122,389	-22,558	-1.40%
13,834	-63,972	-4.42%
16,298	44,706	2.73%
105,867	-98,938	-3.75%
101,887	255,143	8.66%
-21,595	9,010	0.56%
89,454	-7,842	-0.28%
181,806	-5,288	-0.16%
74,650	229,637	8.38%
304,880	-125,380	-3.41%
2,038	-1,316,460	
7,437	1,384,951	2.72%
19,793	-65,062	-2.62%
137,308	71,376	2.34%
56,478	3,370	0.44%
136,617	255,919	8.02%
109,662	108,448	4.65%
119,531	99,270	4.32%
71,247	47,780	2.86%
155,929	-20,782	-0.91%
100,178	122,110	6.41%
105,016	60,414	2.45%
321,667	-75,646	-2.87%
57,314	188,153	9.91%
551,742	344,521	38.44%
0	537,962	100.00%
4,029,975	2,720,202	

NOR			
A	B	C	(B-C)
15-16	16-17	17-18	Variance
542	564	551	-13
269	270	265	-5
709	775	817	42
1,042	1196	1375	179
168	187	178	-9
337	356	343	-13
343	356	336	-20
424	423	423	0
622	625	630	5
630	647	716	69
421	416	420	4
728	729	723	-6
805	836	828	-8
596	627	673	46
736	803	790	-13
354	340	0	-340
267	269	617	348
605	601	593	-8
553	582	608	26
177	185	182	-3
725	796	798	2
541	578	600	22
502	531	558	27
378	403	401	-2
503	538	535	-3
377	415	434	19
591	613	618	5
599	628	631	3
394	401	452	51
0	89	222.08	133
0	0	108	108
14,938	15,779	16,425	646

SECONDARY

109943	8714082	BAYLIS COURT SCHOOL	4,589,165	4,570,047	4,408,221	-19,118	-161,826	-3.67%	783	780	767	-13
130372	8714085	BEECHWOOD SCHOOL	5,171,581	5,116,072	4,893,580	-55,509	-222,492	-4.55%	753	749	740	-9
110040	8714002	Ditton Park Academy	963,834	1,840,952	3,284,128	877,117	1,443,176	43.94%	207	316.45	573.5	257
	8714003	Eden Secondary School	0	1,080,252	1,884,107	1,080,252	803,856	42.67%	0	153	327.5	175
110089	8715407	Herschel Grammar School	3,122,020	3,180,151	3,195,617	58,132	15,466	0.48%	626	637	651	14
110084	8715405	LANGLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	3,603,639	3,663,689	3,595,594	60,050	-68,095	-1.89%	756	765	764	-1
139198	8714001	Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy Slough & Eton C of E Business &	555,489	969,548	1,680,277	414,059	710,729	42.30%	117	155.17	281.67	127
138013	8714510	Enterprise College	5,886,606	5,850,633	5,836,242	-35,973	-14,390	-0.25%	863	888	875	-13
137010	8714700	St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School	2,922,675	2,851,753	2,802,244	-70,922	-49,509	-1.77%	625	612	605	-7
138192	8714006	St Joseph's Catholic High School	3,733,716	3,756,583	3,841,792	22,867	85,209	2.22%	653	662	689	27
137726	8716905	The Langley Academy	5,089,497	5,034,830	4,965,569	-54,667	-69,260	-1.39%	896	897	893	-4
136420	8715409	THE WESTGATE SCHOOL	4,965,761	4,954,042	4,859,682	-11,719	-94,360	-1.94%	875	892	874	-18
138012	8715408	Upton Court Grammar School	3,693,139	3,598,195	3,596,888	-94,945	-1,307	-0.04%	737	715	729	14
140156	8714089	Wexham School	5,441,763	4,935,677	4,620,825	-506,086	-314,852	-6.81%	787	751	691	-60
14	Secondary total		49,738,884	51,402,423	53,464,768	1,663,539	2,062,345		8,678	8,973	9,461	488
45			111,277,957	116,971,471	121,754,018	5,693,514	4,782,547		23,616	24,752	25,886	1,134
					<u>4,782,547</u>						<u>1,136</u>	

Funding given from the DFE for
Various- non funding pupils.

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SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
9th February 2017

Growth Fund 2017-18
(Directorate of Wellbeing)

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To ask that Schools' Forum review the allocation criteria for the Growth Fund and agree the criteria that will apply for 2017-18.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Growth Fund will fund the following additional places at both primary and secondary schools, if agreed in advance by the Slough:
- a) bulge classes including at new schools;
 - b) permanent expansions at maintained schools until a school is full in all year groups; and
 - c) new places in excess of Planned Admission Numbers (PAN).
- 2.2 That the updated allocation of Growth Funding for 2017-18 as shown on Appendix 1 is agreed.
- 2.3 That consideration is given to providing additional funding to maintained schools and academies if they open a bulge class after the October School Census.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The birth rate for Slough rose by 48% over the 9 year period from 2006-7 to 2015-16. Many primary schools opened or expanded over this period and 8 schools are still expanding with larger year groups working their way up through the school. In addition, inward migration to Slough continues to affect in-year admissions necessitating bulge classes and possibly larger classes going forward.
- 3.2 The population growth began impacting secondary schools a few years ago and a large scale growth in provision is now underway. While a number of new free schools have opened in recent years the first expansion of a secondary school requiring Growth Fund support is Langley Grammar in 2017 with further secondary schools due to expand from 2018. Grove Academy is expected to open for 2017 and has been asked by Slough to include 3 primary year bulge classes to meet local demand.

- 3.3 The prescribed methodology for calculating revenue funding for all schools means that growing schools are not fully funded for the extra pupils attending the school. The reason for this shortfall in funding is due to the lag in the period from pupils starting until they appear on the School Census and funding is allocated at a later date. To support schools through this period of lag in funding while they are expanding the LA requests a sum of money through Schools' Forum called the "Growth Fund".
- 3.4 The methodology for qualification and allocation of the Growth Fund is reviewed and agreed by Schools' Forum on an annual basis. Schools' Forum are asked to consider the financial impact on schools of expansion and agree an affordable level of additional revenue support.
- 3.5 The funding criteria outlined in Section 5 below is based on the criteria agreed by School's Forum in January 2016 and applied in 2016-17, any variations are indicated.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 All options for creating new places are being explored by Slough including:
- Bulge classes – classes of 30 pupils, opened to provide capacity for new arrivals and supported by the Growth Fund;
 - Permanent expansions –full form of entry added to an existing school by the LA. They require ongoing commitment from the Growth Fund to deal with the lag in revenue funding;
 - Increased class sizes or numbers above PAN – termly commitment from the Growth Fund where pupils are not recorded on the October School Census;
 - New Free Schools – initially funded by the EFA (no call on the Growth Fund). Bulge classes may be requested by the LA and will be treated the same any other bulge class.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Growth Fund is one of the centrally held budget areas that Schools' Forum has decision making powers over. DfE guidance for 2016-17 states that:

"The growth fund can be used only for the purposes of supporting growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need, to support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation and to meet the costs of new schools."

Level of Funding – Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)

- 5.2 The methodology for distributing funding is based on AWPU per pupil, reflecting the proportion of the year which is not funded within the school's budget share. For 2016-17 it was agreed to apply the 2015-16 AWPU level. The table below shows the AWPU levels for 2015-16 and the next 2 years. Added as an extra column is a recommendation to apply the 2017-18 AWPU rates but averaging the KS3 and KS4 rates for secondary schools for simplicity. The cost of using other AWPU rates is shown on Appendix A.

AWPU (£)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Recommended
Primary	3,179.91	3,089.19	3,156.24	3,156.24
Second - Key 3	3,879.49	3,815.00	3,897.80	3,929.37
Second - Key 4	4,636.31	3,876.78	3,960.93	

Bulge Classes

- 5.3 Bulge classes must be agreed in advance by the LA. Slough Schools Education Forum (SSEF) which has absorbed the function of the School Organisation Group (SOG) will be consulted before a proposed bulge class is agreed with the school. Attached as Appendix B is a table showing the requirements and proposed bulge classes for 2017-18 and projections for future years.
- 5.4 Slough's maintained schools receive Growth Funding for September until March and academies receive funded for September through until August. The different funding periods reflect the difference in financial years for each category of school: maintained schools receive their funding from April to March, while academies are funded from September to August.
- 5.5 An issue that has emerged recently is that the lag in receiving funding can be longer than 12 months if pupils are admitted after the October Census. If a bulge class were to open November 2016 for instance with 30 pupils, then an academy would not receive funding for this class until 22 months later while maintained schools would wait 17 months.
- 5.6 This issue could also apply when a school opens a bulge class in September 2016 with a small number on roll. It is rare that a new bulge class will be full as its purpose is to provide capacity for the rest of the academic year for new arrivals; if it were full then the authority would look to open a further bulge class. The bulge class will fill up throughout the year with many pupils starting after the October Census. In the second year after opening, an academy would only receive funding for the number on roll at the time of the October Census 2016. For a period of 10 months in the second year the school would absorb the full cost of the bulge class having received funding for a partial class.

- 5.7 Schools' Forum is asked to consider this issue and note that, as shown on Appendix B, most of the future bulge classes proposed by Slough will be at academies. One of the aims agreed by Schools Forum in May 2016 was that the Growth Fund would ensure "that schools are adequately funded for the extra pupils they admit."
- 5.8 **Affordability:** Any changes to current funding criteria will need to consider affordability. Providing additional funding beyond the current period will entail a commitment from the Growth Fund for a future year and possibly 2 years in the case of an academy. As future Growth Fund criteria can be subject to change and the number of new classes created by Slough is only an estimate, the level of future commitment should needs to be carefully managed.
- 5.9 Two possible options for providing additional funding are shown below. Note that agreeing one of these options would entail an unknown commitment from the Growth Fund in a future year each time a bulge class is opened.

Options	Description
1	Fund the difference in number of pupils between the first year School Census and the second year. For instance NOR Census 2016 = 10 NOR Census 2017 = 20 Fund (20 – 10) = 10 places
2	Fully fund the bulge class in the second year. For instance NOR Census 2016 = 10 Fund (30 – 10) = 20 places

- 5.9 This issue has been raised by Cippenham Primary (an academy) who opened 2 bulge classes in 2015-16 and has made Slough aware of the impact on their funding this year.

Expansion by a Form of Entry

- 5.10 The Growth Fund provides financial support for all the years a school incurs a shortfall in funding whilst going through a permanent expansion. Where a school grows from Reception up to year 6, they will receive funding for 7 years if they grow gradually by one class a year.

Larger Classes or Numbers in Excess of PAN

- 5.11 The Growth Fund will provide financial support for schools that admit pupils in excess of their PAN for each whole term that they make each additional place available at the request of Slough. For instance, where a school makes 96 places available into a year group instead of 90 at Slough's request, the school would be funded for 6 additional places for each full term the places are available.

- 5.12 Funding Mechanism - Schools will receive AWPU funding for 'the period' that they make each 'additional place' available at the request of Slough.

Additional Place – This is a school place that is over and above the PAN for that year group; it is also higher than the number of pupils in that year group as at the October Census for that academic year. This definition avoids double funding pupils, as schools will receive funding for the number on roll reported as part of this Census.

Funding will only be provided for pupils in year groups Reception up to Year 11.

The Period - This will be agreed in units of whole terms as a minimum except in the first term which may already have started. This will allow revenue funding to be provided near the start of each term and avoid the need for claw back.

Agreement – The funding is not retrospective and will only apply where it is agreed by Slough that funding will be provided in advance.

- 5.13 Academies - There is an issue with funding of academies between April and August as the Education Funding Agency (EFA) funds academies from April to August in arrears. The time to claim this funding is January each year at budget build time via the APT. Any decisions to create places after this date cannot be recouped from the EFA. Therefore the Growth Fund will also fund this period for academies.

- 5.14 Non-Academies - As currently happens with bulge classes, the Growth Fund will support non-academy schools from September to March, thereafter funding is provided via the next School Census in October. This is because non-academies (maintained schools) are funded April to March.

Future Requirements

- 5.13 It is worth noting that 2017-18 is expected to be a peak year for demand on the Growth Fund. The current forecast for 2018-19 (assuming no other criteria change) is that £800K will be required, this reduction is mainly due to 7 permanent primary expansions reaching year 6 in 2017-18 and no longer requiring any Growth Funding support.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 Local Authorities are under a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places in their area, ensure fair access to educational opportunity and promote the fulfilment of every child's educational potential.

Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Resources

- 6.2 The financial implications of the report are outlined in the supporting information.

Access Implications

- 6.3 There are no access implications.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7 School Organisation Group, Slough Schools Education Forum and all primary schools were consulted on the option of larger classes in late 2015. This was reported to Schools Forum previous reports.

Method of Consultation

Representations Received

Background Papers

None

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Appendix A

2017-18 Estimates for Growth Fund Allocation (£)

Assumption: Growth fund does **not** fund new free schools except where additional bulge classes are requested by the LA

Primary AWPU (2017-18)	3,183.13
Pupils per Class	30
Full Year Growth Funding per Class	95,493.90
All schools (Sep 15 - Mar 16)	55,704.78
Academies (Apr 15 - Aug 16)	39,789.13

Secondary AWPU (2017-18 average)	3,929.37
Pupils per Class	
Full Year Growth Funding per Class	117,881.10
All schools (Sep 15 - Mar 16)	68,763.98
Academies (Apr 15 - Aug 16)	49,117.13

17-18 BUDGET (excluding funding claimed from the DfE for academies)		
CARRY FORWARD 2016-17 (estimate) (to be agreed by Schools' Forum)	270,000	could increase by up to £30K
TOPSLICE FROM 2017-18 SCHOOL BLOCK (agreed by Schools' Forum)	900,000	
TOTAL BUDGET	1,170,000	

FORECAST EXPENDITURE 2017-18

	School	Status	New Pupils	No. of Classes	Period of funding	Current Funding Model	Budget Claim From DfE	TOTAL COMMITMENT
						SBC Sept 2017 - March 2018	April 2018- August 2018	
PRIMARY	Claycots School	Non-Academy	150	5	various	278,524		278,524
	Godolphin Junior School	Academy	30	1	1	55,705	39,789	95,494
	Penn Wood Primary and Nursery School	Non-Academy	30	1	1	55,705		55,705
	Priory School	Non-Academy	30	1	1	55,705		55,705
	Ryvers Primary School	Academy	30	1	1	55,705	39,789	95,494
	St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	Non-Academy	30	1	2	55,705		55,705
	St Mary's CE Primary School	Non-Academy	30	1	3	55,705		55,705
	James Elliman Primary School	Academy	30	1	4	55,705	39,789	95,494
	Grove Academy	Academy / FS	90	3	1	167,114	119,367	286,482
SECONDARY	Langley Grammar	Academy	30	1	5	68,764	49,117	117,881
CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENTS								
	James Elliman Primary School (year 4)	Academy	30	1	1	55,705	39,789	95,494
	Priory School (year 5)	Non-Academy	30	1	1	55,705	0	55,705
	Provisional academy class	Academy	30	1	1	55,705	39,789	95,494
	Provisional class or 15 x 'plus 2s'	50% Academy	30	1	1	55,705	19,895	75,599
Total			600	20		1,127,155	387,325	1,514,479

ESTIMATED UNDERSPEND (FINANCIAL YR 17-18)

42,845

Alternative AWPU Options

	Estimated Total cost	Difference
2015-16 AWPU	1,131,833	-4,679 Higher cost
2016-17 AWPU	1,094,459	32,696 Lower cost

Primary AWPU for 1 month (2017-18)	£265
Primary AWPU for 1 month (2017-18)	£327

Expected changes for 2018-19

- 1 Westgate School to expand by 2 classes
- 2 Wexham School to expand by 2.5 classes
- 3 7 primary expansions whose first intake was September 2011 will no longer qualify for growth funding
- 4 Some further primary bulge classes and/or 'plus 2s' may be required

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Appendix B Primary Bulge Classes - Possible Scenarios

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2016/17				+2s	+2s		+2s
2017/18	-1FE Foxborough	SASH2 +2s	SASH2 +2s	SASH2	James Elliman	Priory School	+2s
2018/19	-1FE James Elliman		Marish Primary			Priory School	
2019/20					Marish Primary	Marish Primary	
2020/21				Cippenham Primary	Cippenham Primary	1	
2021/22						1	

Very likely or
agreed

Under
discussion

Candidates
required

1. Current infant year groups will see the largest growth as more years to grow
2. Possibly open the 2018-19 year 5 class as a year 4 class in 2017-18, provides more capacity and gives school longer to work with pupils.
3. Junior forms of entry possibly preferred to high number of bulge classes
4. 2020-21 year 4 bulge may be required 2019-20

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SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
9th February 2017

(Directorate of Children's Services)

High Needs Block 2017-18

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consult with the Schools' Forum on the High Needs Block budget for 2017-18.

Background

The budget for the High Needs Block (HNB) within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) has been allocated in the same way as last year, no changes have been made to the centrally retained items. There has been an increase in the HNB from the Schools' Block of £300k; this funding has been allocated for "top up" funding within the HNB.

The High Needs budget is **£22.739m** for 2017-18 which is made up of the DFE contribution of **£22.130m**, the Council's contribution to PFI of **£309k** and an additional **£300k** from the Schools Block budgets. The Schools' Forum was consulted on this "topslice" at the January 2017 meeting.

Even with these additions and some additional funding from the DFE for 1718, the estimated budget built still shows a shortfall of nearly **£500k**. The Council is conducting financial reviews on the whole High Needs Block with the aim of achieving a balanced budget as soon as possible as part of a 3 year plan.

Please see Appendix A for 2017-18 indicative budget for the High Needs Block.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Schools' Forum review the High Needs budget and gives a view on the budget allocation for 2017-18

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The DFE requires an annual consultation between the Local Authority and the Schools' Forum on the High Needs Block Budget. The Local Authority is complying with its statutory obligation to consult with the Schools' Forum and obtain their views.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 Not applicable.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

5.1 The High Needs Block is one of three blocks within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer

6.1 The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of this report.

Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Resources

6.2 The financial implications of the report are outlined in the supporting information.

Access Implications

6.3 There are no access implications.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 None.

Method of Consultation

7.2 Not applicable.

Representations Received

7.3 Not applicable.

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APPENDIX A

High Needs Block Model (Indicative) 2017-18	No.	£	£
INCOME			
Estimated High Needs Block (Exc Academies Deductions)			17,896,000
Academies Place funding			4,234,000
Sub Total of DSG funding for 2017-18			22,130,000
Council Contribution (PFI)			309,542
School forum allocation for High needs block			300,000
Estimated HNB Total (Inc Acadmies deductions)			609,542
Total HNB(incluing Academies Deductions & SF)			22,739,542

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE			
Place funding - Resource Base	122	1,220,000	
PRU	105	1,050,000	
Special Academies	103	1,030,000	
Hospital Academies		120,000	
CCP & FE Places	66	396,000	
Total Academies Place funding		3,816,000	
Post 16 Academies - Resource	9	54,000	
Post 16 Academies - Mainstream - Resource	34	340,000	
Post 16 SEN Places	4	24,000	
Total Post 16 Place Funding		418,000	
Total Academies Funding Deductions			4,234,000
Special Schools			
Special Schools Places	256.00	2,560,000	2,560,000
Special Schools Top-up	354	5,429,000	5,429,000
Residential at Arbor vale		466,569	466,569
Post 16 Top ups - OOB		132,236	132,236
Contribution to PFI		493,431	493,431

Independent Schools			
Independent Special Schools		800,000	800,000
Resource and Special Units			
Resource Bases Places Early Years	20	200,000	
Resource Bases Places Mainstream Primary	56	560,000	
Resource Bases Places Mainstream Secondary	18	180,000	
Maintained Resource base sub total	94		940,000
Resource Bases Top Up Early Years	21	194,000	
Resource Bases Top Up Maintained Primary	58	688,000	
Resource Bases Top Up Maintained Secondary	26	239,000	
Resource Bases Top Up Academies Primary	121	1,015,000	
Resource Bases Top Up Academies Secondary	37	387,000	
Resource Base Top Up Total	263		2,523,000
Outborough Placements top-up		652,948	652,948
Alternative Provision / PRU			
Haybrook College PRU Top Up	92	490,000	

Littledown School PRU Top Up	13	169,000	
PRU Top up Total	105		659,000
Mainstream Schools			
Mainstream Pupils with Statements Top-up Nursery Maintained	6	36,000	
Mainstream Pupils with Statements Top-up Primary Maintained	82	402,000	
Mainstream Pupils with Statements Top-up Primary Academy	133	654,000	
Mainstream Pupils with Statements Top-up Secondary Maintained	21	100,000	
Mainstream Pupils with Statements Top-up Secondary Academy	148	556,000	
Mainstream Top Up Total	390		1,748,000
Outborough Placements mainstream top-up		0	
Centrally Managed Services (see Cent. Man. Sheet for details)			
Centrally Managed Services - Various SBC		1,072,670	
Controllable		1,360,745	
Sub Total of controllable centrally retained			2,433,415
Non Controllables		149,491	149,491
Total Expenditure			
			23,221,090
Estimated Overspend			481,548

APPENDIX B

Dedicated Schools Grant: High Needs Block Centrally retained 2017-18

Funding held for passing to schools and delivering services to settings for children.

Budget Code/Title	2017-18 Budget £	Description of the budget	Budget Manager
Support for Inclusion			
Speech and Language	251,770	Service commissioned from Arbour Vale School	Trust
Educ. Resources services	106,700	Provides direct educational support for Children looked after	Trust
Sensory impairment	470,000	Services to support pupils within schools with sensory needs	Trust
Education other than at school	130,995	Services to support Haybrook "Apollo" Provision.	Trust
Contribution to the SEN team	182,000	Contribution to support the work of the SEN team.	Trust
Financial support	55,000	Contribution to financial support for SEN allocation.	Trust\SBC
Behavioural Support	164,280	Services commissioned from Littledown school to support behavioural issues in schools.	Trust
Hard to Place Protocol	267,000	This is funding allocated to schools to support entry into school of those hard to place. This is a very useful arrangement to secure placements which are sustainable. The secondary Fair Access Protocol is currently under review with the primary to follow. This Protocol determines how funding is allocated to schools.	Tony Browne
Vulnerable Children	61,700	Support for vulnerable groups (attendance, school refusers, teenage pregnancy, teenage parents, gypsies, travellers and Roma, young people with medical needs, young carers, weaknesses with social and emotional competencies, developmental and learning difficulties) and assisting with closing the gap between their achievement and that of their peers. Funding is available within the Integrated Support Service	Tony Browne and Christine Edden

		and School Services and Access for this purpose. This funding contributes to staffing costs across the team with a clear remit of focusing time and resources on these areas.	
Early Years Inclusion	70,000	Funding for Advisory Teachers to cover early years private, voluntary and independent (PVI) sectors in identification, assessment, intervention, prevention support and advice.	Rachel Cartwright
Access to Education	42,600	This funding is predominantly for the School Access Officer who arranges education for hard to place and excluded pupils, including travellers, Roma, non-attenders, school refusers etc The Access Officer seeks to avoid the breakdown of pupil places in school, and acting as a broker to re-engage pupils at the same school or facilitate managed moves to other schools of parental preference. This funding also includes the monitoring and assessment of home education which is a statutory requirement, currently shared across the Attendance Team with commissioned support from a school.	Tony Browne
SEN Support Services			
Support for children with autism	185,730	This funding covers the cost of team members to provide outreach information, advice, guidance, support and training to all Slough schools supporting the inclusion of children and young people with autism as indicated in the service level agreement.	Christine Edden
Support for children with special educational needs	399,300	To fund SEN specialist teachers and early years specialist support workers. This area is undergoing changes at the moment as it moves towards providing a consultant model of support and challenge to address educational standards and closing the achievement gap. M461 (62,300) is to provide support for children with learning difficulties and disabilities through the Children's Centres provision, including family support. M462 (118,000) is support, advice and training through the early years advisory service for children with learning difficulties and disabilities. These team members are engaged with assessment provision and also do home visiting. M460 (218,200) is support, advice and training for schools through advisory teachers.(This area of work is undergoing a period of transition from direct assessment and support for pupils in schools to a model which places greater emphasis on a strategic approach to SEND in schools. This will result in a reduction in the assessment of pupils and direct support, alongside an increase in strategic work around: identification, assessment, (early) intervention; advice; preventative work; professional development and training; systemic work: considering the profile, organisation and structure of SEND within the school;	Christine Edden Rachel Cartwright

		schools fulfilling statutory requirements around SEND, accessibility and equality issues; the place and status of SEND within the Senior Leadership Team; supporting governors understanding of SEND and fulfilling responsibilities around appropriate reporting on the school's website and reporting to parents; SEND developments within the school; and the inclusive culture, environment and practice.)	
SEN Transport			
SEN Transport	46,340	To provide transport mainly for under 5s with substantial SEN to access specialist provision from an early stage of development. This is to give children a high quality early start in receiving special help to reduce greater difficulties during their development and a reduction in later costs.	Tony Browne

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Slough Schools' Forum: 2016-17 Forward Agenda Plan**Thursday 9th February 2017**

No.	Description	Lead
1.	Update on National Fair Funding (verbal)	Coral Miller / George Grant
2.	Confirmation of indicative budgets	Coral Miller / George Grant
3.	Growth Fund Criteria for approval.	Tony Madden
4.	Annual consultation on 2017 – 2018 High Needs Block	Coral Miller/ George Grant
5.	Annual consultation on 2017 -2018 Early Years Block and consultation on the new Early years funding formula and seek agreement on the centrally retained.	Coral Miller / George Grant / Rachel Cartwright
6.	Update from Task Groups: 5-16, HNB and Early Years (verbal)	Maggie Waller / Robert Hardy /Johnny Kyriacou
7.	School Improvement update on centrally retained items (verbal)	Johnny Kyriacou
8.	Academies update	Jo Moxon
9.	2016-17 Forward Agenda Plan and Key Decisions Log	Johnny Kyriacou

Tuesday 7th March 2017

Working meeting of all Schools Forum members to draft responses to the National Funding Formula Phase 2 consultation

No.	Description	Lead
1.	The Schools National Funding Formula Phase 2 Fair Funding consultation.	Coral Miller / George Grant / Maggie Waller

Thursday 18th May 2017 - meeting tbc if required

No.	Description	Lead
1.	Review the Scheme for financing schools.	Coral Miller
2.	Updates on the 18-19 School budget if available	Coral Miller
3.	Centrally Retained Schools Improvement / Former ESG budget lines - update report	Jo Moxon / Johnny Kyriacou?
4.	Update from Task Groups: 5-16, HNB and Early Years (verbal)	Maggie Waller / Robert Hardy /Johnny Kyriacou
5.	School Improvement update on centrally retained items (verbal)	Johnny Kyriacou
6.	Academies update	Johnny Kyriacou
7.	2016-17 Forward Agenda Plan and Key Decisions Log	Johnny Kyriacou

Thursday 6th July 2017

No.	Description	Lead
1.	For information: school out-turn report.	Coral Miller / George Grant
2.	Update on 16/17 2 year olds block funding spend and carry forward. Out-turn report.	Coral Miller / George Grant
3.	Centrally retained out-turn reports 2016 -17 (High Needs, Early Years and Schools Block)	Coral Miller / George Grant
4.	Update from Task Groups: 5-16, HNB and Early Years (verbal)	Maggie Waller / Robert Hardy /Johnny Kyriacou
5.	School Improvement update on centrally retained items (Verbal)	Johnny Kyriacou
6.	Academies update	Jo Moxon
7.	2016-17 Forward Agenda Plan and Key Decisions Log	Johnny Kyriacou
8.	Dates and venues of next year's meetings	Coral Miller/ Maggie Waller & clerk

Future items:

October agenda: SEND Commissioning of Places (Robert Hardy)

Budget Monitoring (maintained schools) tbc

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Issue and Decision	Schools Forum date	Schools Forum agenda item no.	School Forum Minute
<p>Changes to Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations 2014</p> <p>A number of changes were noted including: Schools Forum is now required to discuss places being commissioned by the LA and others in special schools, resource units and AP as well as arrangements for paying top ups; funding for each Alternative Provision place will increase from £8,000 to £10,000 per annum. It was agreed that a brief response to the consultation would be sent voicing concern about the overall funding pressures on the DSG and the impact on these overall on schools' budgets.</p>	17/09/14	5	353
<p>Centrally Held DSG Underspend</p> <p>It was agreed that: £60,000 from 2013-14 DSG underspend be allocated to the Slough Learning Partnership to cover operating costs and contingency until the end of August 2015 and £100,000 be allocated to enable the Slough Learning Partnership to deliver a range of additional school improvement services during 2014-15. The proposals regarding allocation to the High Needs Block and Schools Block were deferred until the blocks are agreed at a future meeting.</p>	17/09/14	6	354
<p>PFI</p> <p>It was noted that SBC had been accepted as one of only 4 LAs taking part in the DfE pilot to identify potential savings in PFI contracts.</p>	17/09/14	8	351
<p>Schools Funding levels - letter to Secretary of State</p> <p>Members noted a response from David Laws MP to the letter sent to the Secretary of State.</p>	12/11/14	3	361
<p>St Joseph's update</p> <p>An update was provided on the Schools Forum 2012 grant from headroom to support St Joseph's finance and development plan and financial stability over 3 to 5 years. It was noted that the school had been able to return £400,000 in 2013 and has utilised the remaining funding as was originally intended.</p>	12/11/14	3	361
<p>Amendment to previous minutes</p> <p>It was noted that the reference in the previous minutes to the increase in value of an Alternative Provision place is an increase to 'base funding'.</p>	12/11/14	3	361
<p>Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring</p> <p>It was agreed that a review of the Balance Control Mechanism would take place when the Schools Forum considers the Scheme for Financing Schools for 15/16.</p>	12/11/14	4	362
<p>Budget process / formula</p> <p>Schools Forum agreed: the introduction of a 'reception uplift' in 2015/16; the introduction of capping at 3% in 2015/16 and that the existing formula factors should remain for 2015/16.</p>	12/11/14	5	363
<p>Growth Fund 2015/16</p> <p>Schools Forum agreed to create a Growth Fund for 2015/16. It was agreed that the fund should be based on full AWPU for the relevant part of the year for 2015/16.</p>	10/12/14	6	374
<p>Centrally Retained DSG Underspend</p> <p>The principle of distributing the final underspend by numbers on roll was re-affirmed.</p>	10/12/14	7	375
<p>De-delegated Budgets: SEBDOS (formerly known as the Behaviour Support Service) and Trades Union)</p> <p>With regard to the budget for SEBDOS (previously known as Behaviour Support), the relevant maintained schools' members of the Schools Forum voted to approve de-delegation in both phases at the unit costs proposed. Decision regarding de-delegation of the Trades Union budget was deferred until January 2015.</p>	10/12/14	8	376
<p>Membership</p>			

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Maggie Stacey had stood down from Schools Forum and thanks was given for her long service and valuable contributions. Schools Forum also thanked Mary Sparrow, who is leaving Slough, for her valuable contributions to the Forum. It was agreed that academy proprietors be asked to fill the three academy member vacancies and Schools Forum suggested a primary member and two secondary members in order to maintain an appropriate phase balance. A replacement maintained secondary school member is also to be found.	10/12/14	9	377
Membership			
Angela Mellish (St Bernard's Grammar School) was welcomed to the Schools Forum as the new maintained secondary school member.	14/01/15	1	382
Minutes of previous meeting 10th December 2014			
It was reported that confirmation had been given by the LA (Joseph Holmes) that no monies would be top-sliced from the DSG in future without a request to Schools Forum and its subsequent approval.	14/01/15	3	384
It was noted that Louise Lund was no longer a member of Schools Forum as she is no longer in a PVI setting and therefore not eligible and that a replacement was being sought.	14/01/15	3	384
Centrally Retained DSG Underspend			
Schools Forum agreed that the £998k underspend be redistributed to schools but not that the pensions deficit owed be netted off; schools to be notified of their pensions liability and billed separately from any underspend payment.	14/01/15	5	386
Centrally Retained DSG 2015/16			
The centrally retained DSG 15/16 budget figure for Cambridge Education was agreed. Further detail is to be brought back to Schools Forum of the allocation of the individual strands of funding and the associated justification for spend. LA retained element: the bottom line figure of £241,034 was agreed. A report will be brought to the March Schools Forum of 14/15 anticipated spend and what the budgets are likely to be spent on in 2015/16. This will be a matter for final decision in March. The £241,034 to be held in reserve pending the further report in March.	14/01/15	6	387
2015/16 Budget Process			
Schools Forum noted the 2015-16 formula factors and timetable (factors and budget pro-forma are predicated on the recommendations of the Schools Forum 5-16 formula Task and Finish group). To be submitted to the DfE following Council ratification.	14/01/15	7	388
2015-16 DSG Schools Block and de-delegation of Trade Union support budget			
Schools Forum noted the Schools Block budget for 2015-16. De-delegation of Trade Union support: the 3 maintained primary schools' members present voted unanimously in favour of de-delegation at the current unit cost. Both secondary maintained schools members present voted in favour of de-delegation at the current unit cost.	14/01/15	8	389
2015-16 DSG Blocks (High Needs Block)			
Schools Forum agreed to carry forward £600,000 from 2014/15.	14/01/15	9	390
Membership			
Sally Eaton attended the meeting as an observer, with a view to taking on the role of member representing the PVIs. Maggie Waller thanked Jean Cameron for her valuable contributions and support to both the Schools Forum and the Early Years Task and Finish Group over many years as this was her last meeting. A new member to represent Children's Centres is being sought (<i>since meeting advised: Emma Slaughter, Interim Head of Children's Centres</i>).	25/03/15	1	396
PFI			
It was noted that the £500,000 previously removed from the DSG in 2014/15 in respect of PFI had been returned and would be distributed to all schools and academies imminently. The £500,000 for 2015/16, removed in error, will also be returned.	25/03/15	3	398
Commissioning of Places in Special Settings			
It was noted that an annual review of places should take place (report to Schools Forum)	25/03/15	4	399

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Early Years			
Schools Forum agreed the 2015/16 Early Years centrally held budgets and noted the summary of the Early Years block budget.2015/16 including forecast growth.	25/03/15	6	401
Membership			
John Constable is to write to academy proprietors regarding the three membership vacancies, following a review of the January 2015 census.	25/03/15	12	407
Membership			
New members, Emma Slaughter (new Children's Centres' member) and Sally Eaton (new PVI member), were welcomed to the meeting.	06/05/15	1	408
Schools Forum suggested Eddie Neighbour and Jo Matthews as potential members for academy proprietors to consider.	06/05/15	3	410
School Improvement Budget 2015-16 Update from Cambridge Education			
The revised funding for 15/16 was noted as £932,905 which is a reduction of £310k. It was agreed that Schools Forum, at the July meeting, will consider the business cases put forward and decide which of the the priorities identified will be funded from the £310k.	06/05/15	4	411
PFI 2015/16			
It was noted that the £500,000 (part of SBC's PFI contribution for 15/16) that was not added to the DSG in 15/16 and given to schools would be returned to schools. Appendix A noted that the £500k will be part of the future budgets whatever decisions are made. Beverley Pennekett (EFA) advised that once schools have their budgets they cannot be re-determined in-year and if such an adjustment is required in-year to the Schools Budget an application can be made to the Minister to dis-apply this regulation. It was agreed that a joint letter would go from the LA and the Schools Forum seeking to re-distribute this year and to distribute based on numbers on roll .	06/05/15	5	412
PFI School Improvement Savings			
Schools Forum was asked to consider using £200k of the savings identified in the centrally-retained budgets for School Improvement (minute 411 above) to contribute to SBC's funding of the School's PFI scheme in 2015-16. It was agreed that this proposal would come back to the Schools Forum meeting in July along with any other proposals (supported by a business case) for consideration and decision. Note the 2 PFI reports are both noted here as item 5 as one had been omitted from the agenda list.	06/05/15	5	413
Growth Fund Out-Turn 2014 - 15			
Schools Forum agreed to carry forward an additional £88,000 to the Growth Fund for 2015 - 16. It was confirmed that the 2015 - 16 total Growth Fund was now approximately £1.25 million.	06/05/15	6	414
High Needs Block			
Schools Forum noted the detail of the High Needs Block centrally retained budgets for SBC and Cambridge Education, as set out in the two appendices to the report.	06/05/15	7	415
2014/15 EarlyYears Block Carry Forward			
Schools Forum noted that the Early Years DSG is currently forecast to be under-spent by £1,492,487 and approved the carry forward of this sum to ensure compliance with statutory duties through the spending outlined in Appendix A of the report.	23/09/15	4	424
Centrally Retained Budgets Out Turn			
Schools Forum agreed that the 14-15 underspend of £60,010 in the Schools Block be carried forward into the Growth Fund in order to reduce the 16-17 budget topslice for growth. Schools Forum agreed that the Early Years block underspend 2014-15 of £6,597 should remain within Early Years. Schools Forum noted that the High Needs Block underspend will be used to fund expected growth in High Needs places and top ups in 2016-17 plus any outstanding prior commitments. For Cambridge Education underspend it was agreed that proposals would be brought to Schools Forum at the next meeting. It was noted that the Early Years element had already been agreed in item 4 of the agenda (above).	23/09/15	6	426
School Improvement Underspend			

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<p>Schools Forum agreed to allocate £35,000 of these savings to support Our Lady of Peace Infant and Nursery School and Our Lady of Peace Junior School in amalgamating to establish an all-through primary school.</p> <p>Schools Forum agreed to allocate an initial £70,000 to support the Headteachers' collaborative request regarding Recruitment and Retention.</p> <p>Schools Forum did not agree to support the use of £200,000 of the School Improvement savings to contribute to the Council's funding of its contribution to the schools' PFI scheme.</p> <p>It was agreed that, following the allocations above, the remaining balance of the underspend would be considered at the next meeting alongside the Cambridge Education underspend (see agenda item 6 above).</p>	23/09/15	7	427
Schools Forum Self Assessment Review and Updated Constitution			
<p>Schools Forum supported the suggested changes in the self-assessment review (Appendix A).</p> <p>Schools Forum noted the updated Constitution (Appendix B) and commended this to the LA for approval.</p>	23/09/15	8	428
Review of Scheme for Financing Schools			
<p>Schools Forum agreed two amendments to the Scheme for Financing Schools:</p> <p>Schools should make a register of business and other interests publicly available e.g. on a publicly accessible website (2.9 of Scheme)</p> <p>New wording to clarify borrowing by schools, for example, in relation to financial leases (3.6 of Scheme)</p> <p>Schools Forum requested that the wording of the proposed change regarding the revenue Balance Control Mechanism be clarified and brought to the next meeting (4.2 of Scheme).</p>	23/09/15	9	429
Minutes of previous meeting 23rd September 2015			
<p>It was noted that the LA Democratic Services have confirmed that no further formal approval is required of the Schools Forum Constitution, following its approval by the Schools Forum at the 23rd September meeting.</p>	06/10/15	3	439
Schools and Early Years Finance regulations 2015 - DfE Consultation			
<p>The LA is to respond to the DfE consultation and it was agreed that the response would be shared with the Chair and that Schools Forum would also respond. The Chair will circulate to members of the Forum for input.</p>	06/10/15	4	440
School Improvement Underspend			
<p>Final decisions were made to allocate the remaining balance of the £308,000 2015/16 underspend in the centrally retained school improvement budget. Following allocations agreed at the 23rd September meeting - see above - to support teacher recruitment and Our Lady of Peace amalgamation, a further £13,000 was agreed to offset the £26,000 commitment of secondary Headteachers to recruitment research.</p> <p>It was agreed that the remaining £190,000 will be transferred to the High Needs Block to contribute to the easing of anticipated pressures on expenditure.</p> <p>From the final Cambridge Education School Improvement underspend for 2014-15 of £210,000, it was agreed to support the LA proposal for an allocation of £20,000 to fund a piece of work to scope out future school improvement options.</p> <p>Funding of £35,000 was also agreed for a project with Rising Stars focussed on boosting performance for Year 6 pupils, related to the new testing requirements.</p> <p>Further proposals for the remaining £155,000 balance will be brought to Schools Forum in December.</p>	06/10/15	5	441
Minutes of previous meeting 6th October 2015			
<p>Item 439: Jon Reekie (Baylis Court MAT/Godolphin Infant), Eddie Neighbour (Upton Court) and Jo Matthews (Littledown) now elected as academy members and resignation of Hardeep Singh (Khalsa Primary) noted.</p> <p>Item 441: Confirmed that the £190,000 to be transferred to the High Needs Block was a one off transfer from under spend, not a permanent arrangement.</p>	09/12/15	3	449
Growth Fund 2016			
<p>Agreed 2016-17 DSG top slice for Growth Fund, increased by £250k, to £1.1 million.</p> <p>Growth Fund criteria, to be brought to January Schools Forum; to include funding for permanent expansion, emergency bulge classes, additional places in primary school classes and secondary places above PAN where requested by LA.</p>	09/12/15	6	452
Centrally Retained items Schools Block			
<p>Agreed £933k proposed for 2016-17 for Cambridge Education contractual school improvement work; balance of the £1.2m to be discussed at January Schools Forum. LA centrally retained budget of £230k agreed in part: Schools Forum (£53k) and CERA (£149k). Balance to be brought back to Schools Forum in January.</p>	09/12/15	7	453

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De-delegated items 2016-17			
The de-delegation of the proposed budget for the behaviour support service (SEBDOS) was agreed by primary and secondary maintained schools. Trades Union budget de-delegation was deferred pending further clarification from the LA.	09/12/15	9	454
Review of SEBD Outreach Funding Methodology			
Schools Forum supported the change in funding methodology proposed by SEBDOS.	09/12/15	8	455
Split site criteria review			
The proposed revised split site criteria was agreed.	09/12/15	10	456
Minutes of previous meeting 9th December 2015			
Membership: It was agreed that the terms of office of Maggie Waller, Phillip Gregory and Gillian Coffey were extended until August 2016, pending the next review of membership following academy conversions.	12/01/16	3	464
£70k for supporting recruitment (previously agreed): the LA agreed that the funding should be transferred.	12/01/16	3	464
De-delegation of Trades Union budget: it was agreed that the vote on the de-delegation of the Trades Union support budget would take place by email as soon as possible.	12/01/16	3	464
Funding Formula changes for 2016-17			
Following the LA consultation regarding the Fair Funding formula budget for 2016-17, 3 options are to go to Cabinet on 18th January with the recommendation that the Council approves Option 3 (changes to AWPU and increase of lump sum).	12/01/16	4	465
Funding Formula 2016-17 IDACI consultation			
Noted changes to IDACI notified by DfE in late December. Postcodes have been re-banded based on 2015 IMD figures rather than 2010, resulting in 50% of children in Slough no longer living in 'officially deprived' postcodes. LA has tried to keep same level of funding in deprivation factor which has led to changes: increasing the Free School Meal rate by 31%; using IDACI band 2 and increasing the band value 2 by 37% and band 3 to 5 by 36%.	12/01/16	5	466
2016/17 Budget Timetable			
DSG block allocation noted including £118.7 million for the Schools Block. Schools will receive budgets (5 to 16) and indicative early years and high needs budgets on 25th February 2016.	12/01/16	6	467
School Improvement: Cambridge Education Centrally Retained underspend from 2014-15 and LA Centrally Retained budget for 2016/17			
Cambridge Education 2014-15 underspend confirmed at £232k and the following one off allocations agreed: £20k previously allocated to school improvement; £35k previously allocated for Rising Stars Maths booster programme; £70k for longer term KS2 Maths project in 5-7 schools; £35k to support LAC; £73k to be returned to schools on one off basis in 2016-17 via Schools Block. Centrally retained SBC Combined Budget for 2016-17 is £148,646, made up of £28,400 (school improvement and raising standards) and £120,246 previously within the Cambridge Education budget. £ 100,000 was agreed for the Virtual Head statutory function; £ 48,646 to support strengthening of safeguarding support was agreed in principle subject to provision of further detail at March Schools Forum meeting. Both are one-off as decisions can only be made annually by Schools Forum. The £190k previously agreed from the 2015/16 underspend for supporting the High Needs Block was re-affirmed; this is a permanent reduction in retained DSG.	12/01/16	7	468
Centrally Retained DSG Items for Early Years 2016/17			
LA proposed similar level to 2015-16 for centrally retained DSG for Early Years for 2016/17. This was agreed.	12/01/16	8	469
Growth Fund			
2016-17 Growth Fund confirmed as £1.1million to be funded from the Schools Block budget. Carry forward from 2015-16 estimated as £150k (total demand currently forecast at £1.25 million). List of criteria for Growth Fund to be brought back to the March Schools Forum meeting for formal agreement.	12/01/16	9	470
LA Scheme for Financing Schools			
An updated Scheme for Financing Schools to be placed on SBC website in February 2016. Noted that previous LA proposal to amend the Balance Control Mechanism was withdrawn.	12/01/16	10	471
Minutes of previous meeting 12th January 2016			
Noted that, following the January meeting, the de-delegation of the Trades Union budget had been agreed by email by relevant Schools Forum members.	08/03/16	3	479

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Cabinet had agreed the proposed Option 3 for the 5- 16 formula changes at its meeting on 18th January 2016.	08/03/16	3	479
High Needs Block Proposal 2016/17			
Schools Forum was consulted on the High Needs Block and noted the total funding as £21.59 million.	08/03/16	5	481
Early Years Budget 2016/17			
Schools Forum was consulted on the Early Years Block 2016/17: £11.367m including £150k for Early Years Pupil Premium for 3 and 4 year olds. The proposed sustainability factor was noted and it was agreed that the criteria would be amended to include a reference to education / early years' professional input when considering nursery schools for this funding.	08/03/16	6	482
Update on DfE proposals for National Funding Formula			
DfE published a consultation on the proposed National Funding Formula : 7 March 2016 to 17 April. Schools Forum to draft response and schools to be encouraged to respond individually.	08/03/16	7	483
Growth Fund			
The Growth Fund criteria for 2016/17, as set out in report, were approved.	08/03/16	8	484
Children's Services Trust			
£47k funding for strengthening safeguarding training in schools, agreed in January 2016 in principle, was agreed pending further development and clarification of the details which would be discussed at SSEF and at phase groups. Options re LAC Pupil Premium also to go through phase groups for consultation.	08/03/16	13	485
A.O.B. School Improvement Arrangements (centrally retained)			
Agreed that some of the centrally retained funding previously agreed by Schools Forum could be used by the LA to fund two days a week ongoing support for developing school improvement options.	08/03/16	AOB / 13	490
Chair and Vice Chair			
Maggie Waller was re-elected as Chair and John Constable was re-elected as Vice-Chair.	14/06/16	5	496
Growth Fund			
It was agreed that the £187k underspend from 2015 /16 could be carried forward into the Growth Fund 2016-17.	14/06/16	7	498
It was noted that the 2016-17 Growth Fund is £1.287 million, including this carry forward and the current estimated demand is £1.169 million.	14/06/16	7	498
Use of Centrally Retained DSG 2016 /17			
It was endorsed in principle that unspent funds from previously agreed centrally retained DSG, be used to support: Schools Portal; peer review/challenge in consultation with neighbouring LAs and (see also next item) school support fund for use by Slough Teaching Schools Alliance to promote school-to-school support, approx £75k per year for two years.	14/06/16	8	499
Slough Teaching School Alliance)			
In addition to the agreement above in respect of school to school support, Schools Forum endorsed the transfer of the Slough Learning Partnership's (SLP's) funding reserves (which includes some historic grants from DSG underspend) from SLP to the Slough Teaching Schol Alliance to fund staffing costs for two years.	14/06/16	9	500
PFI Proposal			
The LA request to use £500k from the DSG Schools Block to fund the PFI affordability gap, currently paid by SBC, was not agreed.	14/06/16	11	502
Membership Update			
Kathleen Higgins attending as an observer now that Beechwood is an academy	13/10/16	4	511
PFI Proposal			
Clarification of factor and SBC contribution to affordability gap deferred to December	13/10/16	5	510
High Needs Block			
Significant pressure on High Needs Block with overspend in range of 800k. Range of recovery options being considered by SBC	13/10/16	7	514
PFI Update			
£500k PFI contribution raised by the new finance officer (section 151). It was flagged up that the council may need to make a further request for contribution from the DSG. Other savings will be explored across the council but if a further request is made a full consultation will be employed with schools.	06/12/16	5	524
High Needs Block			

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Overspend has been reduced to £300k at the current time. Figure can still fluctuate. Detailed recovery plan will be drafted.	06/12/16	6	525
Centrally Retained			
Recommendation agreed to retain £723,598	06/12/16	7	526
Education Support Grant			
School improvement and statutory services noted and Schools Forum agreed the transfer of the £430k from ESG to centrally retained. Total supported functions amount to £1.036 million. Includes bridging post between STSA and SBC	06/12/16	8	527
De-delegated items			
Behaviour Support Services (SEBDOS) approved but 5k for trade union activity NOT approved	06/12/16	10	529
Growth Fund 2017-18			
£900k centrally retained support for primary and secondary 2017/18 approved.	06/12/16	11	530
Matters arising			
SBC will not seek any portion of 500k PFI affordability gap for 2017/18. May present new proposals for 2018-19 following full consultation.	10/01/17	2	537
ESG de-delegation			
45k ESG de-delegation paper approved by maintained schools.	10/01/17	3	538
Schools Block Budget			
SBC consulted on requesting one-off 300k top slice from High Needs Block. Slough losing money overall as a result of change to National Funding Formula. Schools Forum encourages all schools to respond to Phase 2 of the DfE NFF consultation which closes 22nd March and will share response from Schools Forum once complete at March meeting.	10/01/17	4 and 5	539
Forum membership			
Updated membership in light of academy conversions meant deleting two vacancies from maintained schools and need to recruit two new academy members.	10/01/17	9	544

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