

SLOUGH SCHOOLS FORUM

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Councillor Christine Hulme (Observer)

DATE & TIME: WEDNESDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 2022 AT 9.00 AM

VIRTUAL MEETING (VIA ZOOM)

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(b) speak on the matter by invitation.

Examples of declarable interests include:

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Slough Schools Forum - Meeting held on Thursday 9th December 2021

Present: John Constable, Langley Grammar School (Chair)
Ben Bausor, Always Growing Ltd
Peter Collins, Slough & Eton Church of England Business and Enterprise College
Valerie Harffey, Ryvers School
Navroop Mehat, Wexham Court Primary School
Eddie Neighbour, Upton Court Grammar School
Carol Pearce, Penn Wood Primary School
Jon Reekie, Phoenix Infants School
Jo Rockall, Herschel Grammar School
Jamie Rockman, Haybrook College
Neil Sykes, Arbour Vale School
Maggie Waller, Holy Family Primary School

Officers: Johnny Kyriaco, Sabi Hothi, Tiran Khehra (Clerk), Councillor Christine Hulme (part)

Apologies: Gill Denham, Philip Gregory

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologised for the rearrangement of the date, and explained that Councillor Christine Hume, Cabinet member for Children's Services, Lifelong Learning and Skills, would be joining the meeting briefly to introduce herself.

Those attending were asked to introduce themselves when speaking for the benefit of the Clerk. The meeting was held remotely and would be recorded; it was confirmed that the recording would be deleted upon approval of the minutes.

863. Any Other Business

There were no notifications.

864. Declarations of interest

There were none.

865. Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th July 2021

The Chair reminded Forum members that the last meeting was five months ago and that it may be difficult to judge the accuracy of the previous minutes.

Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising from those Minutes:

Nothing was noted.

866. Schools Forum Membership Update

The Chair informed everyone at the end of last year there were two vacancies for academy members: one for primary and the second for secondary. Following the usual processes, Gill Denham, Executive Headteacher at the Marish Academy Trust has been appointed to fill the primary vacancy. As members represent individual schools as opposed to Trusts, Gill will be noted as representing Marish Primary School.

There is still a vacancy for a second member following Kathleen Higgins retirement at the end of last term. The Chair will be writing to secondary schools for any nominations for this post.

There are two colleagues whose terms have come to an end effectively at the end of the winter term. The Chair will write to both Coral Snowden and Peter Colins regarding whether they would like to continue their post as their terms end by January 2022.

Philip Gregory, Headteacher at Baylis Court Nursery, is returning at the end of the term and this will create a vacancy which will be discussed with the local authority. The Chair and Forum wished Philip all the very best for the future.

867. Update on National/Local Funding issues

Kamaljit Kaur confirmed that any updates would be covered later in the agenda.

868. DSG Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22

This report was presented by Kamaljit Kaur who took members through the content of the report. The School Budget Monitoring Report is for everyone to note the current position of the DSG. The recommendation is for Schools Forum to note the contents of the report; a summary of the DSG's position for this financial year according to all blocks.

There will be a small overspend in the Schools Block due to growth fund. The main issue is High Needs Block; however, this is not limited to Slough but is presently a national issue. Nationally, the High Needs Blocks are overspending.

Kamaljit stated that Johnny Kyriacou would go into more detail when presenting his item on the DSG Management Plan. Currently, the overspend on DSG is £19.6 million up till last year and it is projected there will be a £4 million overspend on High Need Blocks this financial year. There is a risk that the overspend may increase as there have been some additional costs from prior years that were not approved last year; the council is working closely to evaluate these costs. If there are any changes, these will be reported to the Forum. The cumulative overspend figure reported to ESFA is £24 million and this was also reported to Cabinet.

The Chair stated the report reflected present expectations and as the report is for information only, it should be noted. Further discussion on the DSG Management Plan can follow later in the agenda.

The Chair opened the floor to any questions/comments.

Peter Collins queried the comment in the report that there is risk that there may be additional costs due to under accrual not been put through last year, asking how much of a risk this was thought to be, what the likely figure could be and whether future discussion was required. In response Kamaljit Kaur confirmed there is uncertainty in the figure, and that it is projected it could potentially be £0.5 million. The problem arises because the out of borough schools do not always invoice on time, there have been many changes and a high level of staff turnover in the council in recent years; invoices from out of borough schools from 2017/ 2018 and 2018/2019 have been received.

Peter highlighted that the potential £0.5 million is a significant risk and that this should be minuted need in case maybe needs to be an action for the Forum. The Chair confirmed that the Forum notes this figure with an element of concern and its potential implications. This will be picked up in the DSG Management plan and the strategy for high needs.

869. DSG Funding Update 2022/23

The Chair set the context of the agenda item. The monitoring report looks in the previous item looks at the current year; the funding update paper looks at the latest position nationally and its impact on the DSG for the forthcoming year 2022/23.

Kamaljit Kaur presented the report, taking members through the key points. The funding update is based on the current allocation, which uses information from the 2020 autumn census. This will be updated to reflect the 2021 census and when the budget is set in January, the Forum will be informed of the correct allocation.

There has been an increase nationally by £2.3 billion in 2022/23 but the allocation for Slough currently shows a 1.2% increase which is £1.8 million, which is lower than the national increase of 2.9%. We need to wait for the funding confirmation based on the updated census to be issued which is usually in mid-December.

For the National Funding Formula, there is a per-pupil rate which is for primary schools is at £4,265 and £5,525 for secondary schools. Slough's figures are already closer to the national so fewer schools will be uplifted to these levels. Budgets would also reflect the impact of decrease in primary pupil numbers. This means that although there is an overall increase in our funding, individual schools may receive less funding if their numbers have decreased.

The High Needs Block is expected to see an increase of £2.3 million, representing an 8% increase; this is below the London average of 8.21% and the national average of 8.4%. The figure for Slough of 8%, is less than anticipated in Slough's Action Plan.

The Central Block will also see a reduction of 6%; this was expected. There is nothing the council can do about this; the CSSB was created for historical commitments and the amount of funding for these is slowly being decreased. The allocation is a decrease of 3.8%, Hopefully Slough might gain a 2% uplift; if not, this will need to be incorporated into the model to compensate.

The Chair summarised the overall picture for the Schools Block as the Government is saying schools should receive a minimum 2% increase; the total amount Slough has been allocated is 1.2% but the figure is to be revised when the number on roll as confirmed by the Oct 2021 census is considered.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

Maggie Waller referred to the Maintain Nursery schools in paragraph 7.4, where the report talks about supplementary grants only continuing to 2021/22 and asked if there anything the Forum can do to raise concerns given that we don't know if the funding will continue will go beyond that point.

Kamaljit Kaur responded that no rates have been given for EY. The ESFA is aware of the concerns. The LA will wait for the information and if there are any changes these will be reported to the Forum. The Chair confirmed that Forum members would want to collectively register concern for the maintained nursery schools.

Ben Bausor stated that from a PVI perspective in April there will be a significant impact uplift in national minimum wage and asked how will this affect maintained nursery schools. He confirmed he would want to support any actions that raises these concerns, thinking about the impact this could have. Johnny Kyriacou confirmed that he is the lead for Early Years and that any questions about early years funding; hopefully funding could be confirmed in January.

There were no further questions.

Cllr Hulme entered meeting (9.25am)

The Chair welcomed Cllr Hulme, Lead Member for children services, lifelong learning and skills and invited her to introduce herself. Cllr Hume explained that she had been appointed in May 2021 to lead this portfolio. Her main priorities would children safeguarding, response to the SEND report, working with health colleagues, and improving children services.

Cllr Hulme welcomed the idea of visiting Forum members in their school settings. Cllr Hulme confirmed she would be attending the next Schools Forum meeting in January and would be meeting with the Chair offline to discuss school finances and understand the work of the Forum.

870. DSG Management Plan

Johnny Kyriacou provided a verbal update on the DSG Management Plan. He explained that the key objective is to look at the spend as presented here with £23/24 million cumulative overspend and nearly £5 million in year deficit. There is a clear need to look at reducing the spend and the LA has been working internally to do this. The LA has been invited to be part of the Government's 'Safety Valve Programme', the initial meeting with the DfE about this meeting will happen early in 2022.

There is development in controlling the spend. In recent meetings with DfE they have said it was not necessary to get to a zero in-year balance but it was important to become sustainable. At the next meeting a more detailed picture will be presented, and the LA will meet with school leaders at the Slough Education Partnership Board on the 7th of January to go over a plan so that there is a wider understanding.

The Chair asked where the DfE fit into these discussions and the monitoring of the plan? Johnny Kyriacou responded that the spend must be reduced irrespective of whether Slough is on the Safety Valve Programme. To be part of the programme, a plan needs to be produced which is credible. A meeting with DfE was meant to take place in November, but this has been pushed back by the DfE to February. It was reiterated that it would be good to get on to the programme; if successful a 5-year contract will be signed and DfE would provide project management support.

The Chair asked for clarification about the Safety Valve Programme; the Local Authority demonstrates as sustainable approach going forward which balances the DSG, then there is a high probability historic deficit is written off. Johnny Kyriacou confirmed that this was the case in simplistic terms, but the DfE did not want to relay the message they are writing deficit off. There is an acknowledgement there is a rise in national demand and that the situation is not necessarily about the LA overspending.

The Chair commented that the strategy for getting to this position is under development and there are Forum members who are a part of the process in formulating the strategy; they share serious concerns about the impact of any form of deficit reduction in the High Needs Block.

Peter Collins confirmed, for the purpose of the minutes, that there has been discussion within the secondary head teacher group about the financial implications of the savings that need to be made. As Chair of SASH, Peter had written to the LA on behalf of SASH about concerns and the impacts of the cuts particularly in relation to Haybrook College. Secondary headteachers have concerns about the provisions on Haybrook and will be playing an active role in raising these issues and working in partnerships with those making the decisions so that the impact is minimised, but the financial objectives achieved at the same time.

The Chair asked for confirmation as to what could be reported at the next meeting in January. Johnny Kyriacou confirmed that he was hoping the plan could be brought to the next meeting. The Chair reminded all members that the role of the Forum here is to act as a consultative body; Forum's decision making power in relation to the High Needs block are limited to authorising transfers of funds between blocks. However, there is a clear remit to ask questions and scrutinise the LA's plans.

871. Schools Block 2022/23

The Chair introduced the two parts of the item; first was the school formula for 2022/23 and second was the LA request to transfer 0.5% of school funding across to the High Needs block to support the reduction of the deficit. This is a repeat of the request that has come to the Forum in previous years.

Kamaljit Kaur then presented the report. The LA has been moving towards full National Funding Formula (NFF), and Slough is very close to national funding formula allocations. The modelling for the 2022/23 schools block was based on the provisional allocation, which was given by the DfE; this was detailed in an appendix to the report.

Once the funding is issued, a similar approach, aligning with the NFF, will be taken. If there is a 2% growth as indicated by DfE this will be given to schools. With regard to the requested transfer of 0.5% from school block to high need block, the LA urgently needs this to happen as part of the DSG management plan. A report will be presented to the Forum in January on the 0.5% transfer.

Another issue is that the Central Service Block was incorrectly funded from 2017-18 and we need to transfer the funding from High Needs Block to Central Service Block, as in previous years. There needs to be a decision made on whether this can be done and if it is sustainable, this can be decided at the next meeting.

A change from previous years is the Non-Domestic Business Rate (NDBR); schools are now being funded for this. However, schools will receive their funding without NBDR. The LA will directly invoice the ESFA, and they will give the LA the funding. Schools will therefore not have to worry about paying NBDR, although will receive a non-payable invoice for their records.

The Chair summarised key points for Forum to consider. Last year, the Forum agreed to move close as possible to the NFF rates; at the time there was an uncertainty if the full NFF could be afforded because schools didn't know exact pupil numbers. In fact, the formula landed at 99% of NFF. This means this year there is no change to the structure of the formula. There is a requirement is to consult with all schools if there is a change to the formula; as there is no change for 2022/23 so there is no need to consult. However, the Forum is a democratic body and the views of schools across Slough tend to follow the views of the Forum and the 5- 16 Task Group. The Forum does want to take this back to phase groups to ensure some informal consultation with them, so that Forum members have a sense of what schools want, particularly in relation to the potential block transfer.

A decision will be made in January about block transfer. Kamaljit Kaur confirmed she would provide modelling of two scenarios: one for school budgets without the 0.5% top slice and the second with top slice. The Chair confirmed that the Forum's position at this stage is that the LA has the right to ask for a block transfer, but the school community has the right to accept or decline. In the past the request has been refused not because there is a fundamental objection to the transfer taking place but because there was no strategy as to how the deficit in the High Needs Block would be addressed. The Chair then opened the floor to any questions/comments

Maggie Waller asked whether the formula included elements which are not normally used such as sparsity. It was confirmed that the LA is not using sparsity; the data is provided by ESFA, and although the NFF rate is included it is not being used and is not being taken into calculations.

Maggie Waller also asked what the implications would be if the money cannot be moved from the High Needs Block to the Central Block. Kamaljit Kaur confirmed that the implications will be in the management plan, and this can be presented at the next meeting.

872. Early years update

Kamaljit Kaur provided a brief verbal update on EY funding. There is a reduction in last year's funding by £285,000, there will be impact on this year's funding. This is linked to participation rate and there no practical implications for services.

873. Scheme for Financing Schools

Kamaljit Kaur presented the report, which was relevant to maintained schools only and proposed an adjustment to the scheme for financing schools in relation leaving the European Union. The details were provided in the appendices, highlighting all the changes eg to procurement laws.

Jon Reekie pointed out that at the end of the report where banks are listed, it stated Lloyds TSB; however these are two separate entities, and this has been raised before but has not been changed. It was agreed that this would be changed in the final version.

The changes were approved by maintained school representatives, subject to confirmation from the secondary representative who was unable to attend the meeting.

874. Academies update

There were no updates for this meeting.

875. Forward agenda plan

The Chair proposed the Forum keeps all four meetings currently in the forward agenda and the LA will confirm dates.

The next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 19th January 2022.

School Forum 19 January 2022	
Report from Executive Director of People - Children Services	
DSG Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22	
Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
No. of Appendices:	None
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1. Purpose of the report

This report provides Schools Forum with an update on the forecast financial position for 2021/22. The forecast is reported against the budget set in consultation with Schools Forum and submitted to the Department for Education on the Section 251 budget return.

2. Recommendation

Schools Forum is asked to note the contents of this report.

3. Summary

The Dedicated School Grant (DSG) balance has been an increasing deficit for a number of years due to overspend on the High Needs Block. This mainly relates to increased demand for out of borough SEN placements, post 16 services and places at Special schools.

The carried forward deficit from 2020/21 for the High Needs Block is £20.6m, with a projected in year deficit of £4.8m. The total projected deficit at the end of the financial year is £25.458m. The HN carry over deficit from 2020/21 has increased by £1m since last update, the details are in section 7 below.

This current projection is in line with the management action plan which was presented to DfE on 26th July as shown in table 1 below.

Table 1: Dedicated Schools Grant

BLOCKS	Budget	Forecast Position	Full Year Variance	Previous month's Variance	Change	Cumulative surplus / deficit
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
School Block	37,175	37,214	41	41	0	339
CSSB Block	1,020	1,023	3	5	-2	-27
HN Block	19,804	25,458	4,854	4551	303	25,458
EY Block	15,230	15,230	0	0	0	-453
Total	73,229	78,925	4,898	4,597	301	25,317

4. Schools' Block

The schools block is showing an overspend of £0.041m mainly due to pressure on Growth Fund budget. This service will be monitored closely, and any variances will be reported accordingly.

The carried over deficit from previous year is £0.298m, projected total deficit for Schools Budget will be £0.339m. No change from last month's variance.

5. Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)

CSSB block is forecasting an overspend of £0.003m which is £2k favourable variance mainly due to reduction on recharges. The overspend is mainly due to increase in School Licences charges, no change from previous month.

6. Early Years Block (EY)

The current position is showing that this service will be on target. This is a demand funded/participation-based service with providers claiming funding for actual hours of provision at the hourly rate set by the authority for that particular financial year.

The carried over surplus for EY is £0.027m and currently this service is showing nil variance for 2021/22.

7. High Needs Block

The DSG 2021/22 High Needs Block projected outturn shows, in-year overspend of £4.854m, an increase of £0.303m from previous month. The movement is mainly due

to payment of Teachers pay and pension cost for LA's special school. The carried over deficit from previous years is £20.6m, total deficit will be £25.458m. There is an increase in overspend in 2020/21 of £1m for out of borough placements costs not previously accrued. There is a risk that other costs may also be identified as part of the year-end review process, which could further increase the deficit.

Overspend for high needs relates to the demand of out borough placement of SEN, this includes the post 16 and independence and Special schools. The service is currently looking into this and any changes will be reported in next budget monitoring as appropriate.

The High Needs budget will be further adjusted for in year import/export in July/August, and any changes will be reported accordingly

8. Financial Implications

The financial implications have been detailed in the body of this paper.

9. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications for this report.

10. Equality Implications

Not applicable

11. Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

Not applicable

12. Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

Not applicable

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Schools' Forum		19 January 2022
Report from Executive Director of People (Children)		
Wards Affected:	All	
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A	
Appendices:	Appendix A 2021-22 Projected Out turn Appendix B 2022-23 Projection Appendix C 2023-24 Projection	
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Growth Fund 2021-22 and 2022-23

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Schools' Forum with the allocation criteria for the Growth Fund that will apply in 2022-23 and for the forum to agree to carry forward any underspend from 2021-22 and agree the maximum 'top slice' that will be utilised in 2022-23.
- 1.2 To provide Schools' Forum with an update of the Growth Fund expenditure for 2021-22.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Growth Fund will fund the following additional places at both primary and secondary schools, where expansion is requested and agreed in advance by Slough Borough Council:
 - a) Bulge classes including at new schools;
 - i. 1st Year - Fully funding the class in its first academic year
 - ii. 2nd Year - Funding the growth in places between October Censuses;
 - b) Permanent expansions at any school not just maintained schools until the increased PAN works its way through the school e.g. an increase from 2 FE to 3 FE would take 7 years for a primary and 5

years for a secondary;

c) New places in excess of Planned Admission Numbers (PAN).

2.2 That the forecast outturn for 2021-22 in Appendix A is noted and the updated allocations of Growth Funding for 2022-23 as shown in Appendix B are agreed.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The birth rate for Slough rose by 48% over a 9 year period affecting primary admission demand from 2006-7 to 2015-16. Since the peak in births in 2010-11 and 2011-12 births numbers have been declining fairly steadily.

3.2 The population growth has been impacting secondary schools for some years and 3 new secondary schools and an all-through have opened in recent years. In addition 2 non-selective schools plus one grammar school have undergone expansion funded by the LA. Slough's other three grammar schools have all increased their PANs without capital funding from SBC.

3.3 The prescribed methodology for calculating revenue funding for expanding schools means that there is a 'lag' in the period from pupils starting until they appear on the School Census and their funding is allocated. 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 is asked to consider the financial impact on schools of expansion and agree an affordable level of additional revenue support.

Schools' Forum agreed the methodology to be applied in 2021-22 at a meeting in January 2021 and Appendix A (plus B & C) is based on the agreed criteria. No variations to the allocation model were agreed for 2021-22 and no variations are proposed within this report for 2022-23.

3.5 Growth at Free Schools is supported through the APT form submitted by SBC to the DfE every January. Free School growth is therefore not supported by the Growth Fund except where they are asked to admit pupils above their published admission numbers by the LA.

4 EXPANSION OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 All options for creating new places have been explored by SBC including:

- Bulge classes – generally classes of 30 pupils, opened to provide capacity for new arrivals and supported by the Growth Fund;
- Permanent expansions –full forms 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 (usually 5-7 years);
- 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 – depending on how they are funded by the DfE, they can require support from the Growth Fund – no further new schools are planned or required. Bulge classes may be requested at new schools by the LA and will be treated the same as any other bulge class.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

5.1 Guidance on how the Growth Fund should be approved and allocated can be found in the following document published by the DfE: *Schools Revenue Funding 2021 to 2022 – Operational Guide* (December 2020). Paragraph 247 states:

“The growth fund can only be used to:

- *support growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need*
- *support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation.*
- *meet the costs of new schools*

Level of Funding – Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)

5.2 The methodology for distributing funding is based on an AWPU per pupil, reflecting the proportion of the year which is not funded within the school’s budget share. The latest AWPU figures for 2021-22 have been included in Appendix A. Note that secondary AWPU is based on an average of KS3 and KS4 AWPU funding.

Bulge Classes

5.3 Bulge classes must be agreed in advance by the LA.

5.4 Slough’s maintained schools receive Growth Funding for September until March and academies receive funding 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 Over the last 6 years Schools' Forum has agreed to a one-off payment of additional funding in the second year of bulge classes at academies. Schools' Forum is asked to consider applying this again for 2022-23. No bulge classes have opened this year so far and if no new bulge classes are agreed then this criteria would not add any cost to the Growth Fund in 2022-23.

5.5.1 An issue that was first flagged in 2016 is that the lag for academies 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.

5.5.2 This issue could also apply when an academy opens a class in September 2019 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 may look to open a further bulge class. The bulge class will fill up throughout the year with many pupils starting after the October 2020 Census. In the second year after opening the academy would only receive funding for the number on roll at the time of the October Census 2020. 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.

5.5.3 A number of options for providing additional funding were originally considered by Schools Forum in 2017. It was agreed that funding would be allocated based on the following table. It should be noted that this methodology does not 'ghost fund' places and can still result in the school subsidising some of the cost of a teacher, however it ensures every pupil is funded while remaining affordable.

Funding Calculation	
Fund the difference in number of pupils between the first year Autumn School Census and the second year.	
For instance	NOR Census 2020 = 10
	NOR Census 2021 = 20
	Fund (20 – 10) = 10 places

5.6 So far in 2021-22 no bulge classes have been opened. Some contingency funding has been retained in Appendix A in case a class is required before year end. If this class isn't required, then the underspend (and carry forward) will increase by £25,932.

Expansion by a Form of Entry

5.7 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 a full class for 7 years if they grow gradually by one class a year. Secondary schools will receive funding for 5 years as pupils move from Year 7 to Year 11. If a school doesn't have an additional class then it wouldn't be entitled to funding, for instance a bulge class leaves the school in the top year while an extra class joins in the lowest year group. In this case the school would have the same number of classes for 2 consecutive years and Growth Funding support wouldn't be necessary.

Larger Classes or Numbers in Excess of PAN

- 5.8 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 the Local Authority. For instance, where a school makes 96 places available into a year group instead of 90 at SBC's request, the school would be funded for 6 additional places for each full term the places are available.
- 5.9 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 in advance by SBC that funding will be provided.

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

- 5.11 Single Payment to Academies - Until now SBC has provided funding to growing academies in 2 tranches. The first tranche paid in September for the period Sep to Mar and the second tranche paid after Easter for the period Apr to Sep. Best practice suggests that academies should be paid for the whole year in one lump sum at the start of the year. On this basis it was agreed at Schools' Forum at the May 2021 meeting to correct this from 2022-23.

This means that both the 2021-22 and 2022-23 payments to academies for Apr to Aug will be deducted in the same year. This isn't an extra cost to the Growth Fund overall (these payments are recouped from the DfE anyway) but does bring forward one payment.

- 5.11 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.

ESFA Growth Fund Settlement

- 5.12 At this point it is uncertain how much funding Slough will be allocated by the ESFA for Growth in 2022-23. If SBC's final allocation is lower than expected then there may be a need to revisit the 'top slice' and allocation model, in which case a further paper will be brought to Schools' Forum for consideration.

2023-24 Projection

- 5.13 Note that the top slice in 2023-24 is expected to be far lower than at present. In fact, if no bulge classes were opened in 2022-23 then the carry forward might be sufficient to cover commitments in that year.

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 Slough Education Partnership Board, SASH and SPHA are consulted on the wider expansion policy of the council on a regular basis.

Method of Consultation

Representations Received

Background Papers

None

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2021-22 Estimated Growth Fund Allocations (£)

APPENDIX A

Date: Jan 2022

Primary AWPU (2021-22)	3,458.32
Pupils per Class	30
Full Year Growth Funding Per Class	103,749.60
All schools (Sep 20 - Mar 21)	60,520.60
Academies (Apr 21 - Aug 21)	43,229.00

Secondary AWPU (2021-22 average)	5,186.37
KS3	4,876.86
KS4	5,495.88
Pupils per Class	30
Full Year Growth Funding Per Class	155,591.10
All schools (Sep 20 - Mar 21)	90,761.48
Academies (Apr 21 - Aug 21)	64,829.63

2021-22 BUDGET (excluding funding claimed from the ESFA for academies)	
CARRY FORWARD 2020-21 (confirmed by School's Finance)	65,415 carry forward
TOP SLICE FROM 2021-22 SCHOOL BLOCK	750,000 agreed
TOTAL BUDGET	815,415

FORECAST EXPENDITURE 2021-22

	School	Status	New Pupils	No. of Classes	Remaini ng years	Sept 2021 - March 2022	April 2022- August 2022 (recouped)	TOTAL COMMITMENT
PRIM ARY	Claycots School	Non-Academy	30	1	1	60,521		60,521
SECONDARY	Langley Grammar	Academy	30	1	1	90,761	64,830	155,591
	The Westgate School	Academy	60	2	2	181,523	129,659	311,182
	Wexham School	Non-Academy	75	2.5	2 / 3	226,904		226,904
CONTINGENCY - UNLIKELY TO BE REQUIRED								
	Provisional secondary class (opening Feb 22)	Non-Academy	30	1		25,932		25,932
	Total		225	7.5		585,641	194,489	780,129
	Academy commitment for Apr-21 to Aug-21					233,892		
	UNDERSPEND (FINANCIAL YR 21-22)					-4,118		

Sum to be paid from 2022-23 Growth Fund

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2022-23 Estimated Growth Fund Allocations (£)

'Catch-up' year for Apr-Aug academy payments

APPENDIX B

Date: Jan 2022

Primary AWPU (2022-23)	3,544.58	Rates are Based on Option 1
Pupils per Class	30	
Full Year Growth Funding Per Class	106,337.40	
All schools (Sep 20 - Mar 21)	62,030.15	
Academies (Apr 21 - Aug 21)	44,307.25	

Secondary AWPU (2022-23 average)	5,315.94	Rates are Based on Option 1
KS3	4,998.70	
KS4	5,633.17	
Pupils per Class	30	
Full Year Growth Funding Per Class	159,478.05	
All schools (Sep 20 - Mar 21)	93,028.86	
Academies (Apr 21 - Aug 21)	66,449.19	

2022-23 BUDGET		
CARRY FORWARD 2021-22 (to be confirmed by School's Finance)		-4,118
TOP SLICE FROM 2022-23 SCHOOL BLOCK (to be agreed by Schools' Forum)	including element for inflation recouped element from 2021-22	950,000 194,489
TOTAL BUDGET		1,140,371

FORECAST EXPENDITURE 2022-23

School	Status	New Pupils	No. of Classes	Remaining years	Sept 2022 - March 2023	April 2023- August 2023 (recouped)	TOTAL COMMITMENT
The Westgate School	Academy	60	2	1	159,478	132,898	292,376
Wexham School	Non-Academy	75	2.5	1 / 2	232,572		232,572
CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENTS							
Provisional secondary academy class	Academy	30	1	1	93,029	66,449	159,478
Provisional secondary class	Non-Academy	30	1	1	93,029		93,029
Total		195	6.5		578,108	199,348	777,455
Academy commitment for Apr-22 to Aug-22 (matching line 24)							194,489
UNDERSPEND (FINANCIAL YR 22-23)							168,427

Notes:

This 'catch-up' year sees 2 x Apr-Aug academy payments charged in the same year, as a one off.

This was agreed by Schools' Forum May 21.

The extra payment is compensated by the addition of recouped funding from the year before.

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2023-24 Estimated Growth Fund Allocations (£)

APPENDIX C

Date: Jan 2022

Primary AWPU (2022-23)	3,544.58	2023-24 rates will be different
Pupils per Class	30	
Full Year Growth Funding Per Class	106,337.40	
All schools (Sep 20 - Mar 21)	62,030.15	
Academies (Apr 21 - Aug 21)	44,307.25	

Secondary AWPU (2022-23 average)	5,315.94	2023-24 rates will be different
KS3	4,998.70	
KS4	5,633.17	
Pupils per Class	30	
Full Year Growth Funding Per Class	159,478.05	
All schools (Sep 20 - Mar 21)	93,028.86	
Academies (Apr 21 - Aug 21)	66,449.19	

2023-24 BUDGET (excluding funding claimed from the ESFA for academies)		
CARRY FORWARD 2022-23 (to be confirmed by School's Finance)		168,427
TOP SLICE FROM 2023-24 SCHOOL BLOCK (to be agreed by Schools' Forum)	including element for inflation recouped element from 2022-23	300,000 199,348
TOTAL BUDGET		667,774

FORECAST EXPENDITURE 2023-24

School	Status	New Pupils	No. of Classes	Remaining years	Sept 2023 - March 2024	April 2024 - August 2024 (recouped)	TOTAL COMMITMENT
Wexham School	Non-Academy	60	2	1	186,058		186,058
2nd Year of Academy Bulge Class							
May apply if academy bulge class/es opened 2022-23	Academy	20	1	1	106,319		106,319
CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENTS							
Provisional secondary academy class	Academy	30	1	1	93,029	66,449	159,478
Provisional secondary class	Non-Academy	30	1	1	93,029		93,029
Total		140	5		478,434	66,449	544,883
UNDERSPEND (FINANCIAL YR 23-24)							122,891

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School Forum 19 January 2022	
Report from Executive Director of People - Children Service	
Dedicated Schools Grant Schools Budget 2022/23	
Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
No. of Appendices:	Appendix A - Funding Factor Rates Appendix B - School Funding Options 2022/23 Appendix C – Scholl Level Funding analysis & Pupil Number Analysis
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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposed DSG Schools Budget for consultation and decision by Schools Forum ahead of the Council budget being set and approved by full Council.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1.1 To comply with regulation and to furnish Schools Forum with the relevant information regarding schools funding.
- 2.2 Schools Forum is asked to approve the transfer of £0.676m (0.44%) from the Schools Block to support the High Needs Block and £0.1m (0.06%) to CSSB block to fund the admission team. DfE regulations permit up to 0.5% of the Schools Block to be transferred with Forum approval.
- 2.3 Schools Forum is asked to recommend the budget for the DSG blocks, including the mainstream funding formula, to the Council

3 Summary- 2022/23 DSG Funding Announcements

- 3.1. In December 2021, Schools Forum were presented with the provisional DSG allocations, which were published in July 2021. The final DSG block funding allocations were announced on 16 December 2021. This report gives an update of the final Schools Block allocations to include the growth funding allocation.

DSG Block	2021/22 Funding	2022/23 Funding	Change	Change
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
School Block	149,703	155,285	5,583	3.73%
High Needs Block	28,271	30,610	2,339	8.27%
Central Services Block	708	743	35	5.00%
Early Year Block	15,230	14,461	-769	-5.05%
	193,911	201,100	7,188	3.71%

*School Block includes £1.476m funding for NNDR for 2022/23

- 3.2. For 2022/23, the growth funding allocation increased from £0.750m in 2021/22 to £0.950m in 2022/23. The allocation is based on the difference between the number on roll in each school between the October 2021 and October 2022 school censuses.
- 3.3. The final High Needs Block allocation has been announced at £28.271m, no change from the provisional allocation announced in July 2021. This is £2.3m more than the allocation for 2021/22 and represents a funding increase of 8%. The number of children with Education, Health and Care plans (EHCPs) is continuing to increase, therefore in addition to a number of measures outlined in the DSG deficit recovery plan, it is recommended that there is a transfer of 0.5% from the schools block to the high needs block to mitigate the growing demand. This equates to a transfer of £0.7m, which would bring the high needs block budget to £31.3m. A detailed breakdown of the high needs block budget will be presented to Schools Forum in February/March 2022.
- 3.4. The Early Years Block allocations were also published in December 2021, which included an increase in the NEG 2 rate from £6.04 to £6.25, and an increase in the NEG 3 & 4 rate from £5.93 to £6.10. The detailed early years block budgets will be presented in a separate paper to this Schools Forum.
- 3.5. The Central School Services Block income was confirmed at £0.743m, an increase of £35k compared to 2021/22. This includes a small reduction of funding for historic commitments, and an increase in funding for ongoing commitments.

4 Schools Block Expenditure – Mainstream Funding Formula

- 4.1. The mainstream funding formula for 2022/23 excluding the growth fund totals £153.03m. This includes £1.54m NNDR funds which will be retained by the ESFA due to centralising the payments of NNDR leaving £152.968m to be transferred to schools.

5 Funding Formula Rates

- 5.1. Appendix A provides information on the funding factor rates used in the proposed funding formula, with a minimum funding guarantee set at 0.5%. In order to balance to the available funding, the per pupil funding factor rates have been increased by 2.5% in Option 1 and 3% in option 2.
- 5.2. Appendix B provides information for two options for Schools budget. Option 1 illustrates the transfer of 0.44% budget from school block to High needs block to fund pressure on Council's High Need Block and Option 2 without transferring the funds to HN block.
- 5.3. Appendix C contains an analysis of the funding formula by individual school, giving both the total formula funding and per pupil funding against the previous year. It should be noted that changes in individual school funding are also caused by changes to the pupil cohort data for that school, e.g. the number of pupils attracting the low prior attainment funding factor will change from year to year, so changes in funding are not solely driven by changes to pupil numbers and to the funding factor rates in appendix A.
- 5.4. The funding formula is subject to a positive Minimum Funding Guarantee of 0.5% which ensures that per pupil funding increase by this proportion. Under these proposals 6 of the 43 schools require MFG allocation totals £0.345 in Option 1 and 4 schools require MFG allocation totals £0.268m in Option 2.

5.5 Proposed local funding formula for 2022-23:

- A summary of the financial impact of the overall final position is set out in appendix B.
- School forum to approve the LA recommendation to implement **option 1** as to transfer

6 Growth Fund

- 6.1. The Growth budget funds increases in pupil numbers. The growth budget in 2022-23 is £0.950 and is expected to spend to budget in order to continue to fund the projected growth in the secondary phase. The detailed Growth fund will be presented in a separate paper to this Schools Forum

7 Financial Implications

- 7.1 The financial implications have been detailed in the body of this paper. And additional funding received would go towards mitigating inflationary costs pressures faced by schools.

8 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative options were considered.

9 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Not applicable

10 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications for this report.

11 Equality Implications

Not applicable

Appendix A

#	Element	Slough Current Rates 2021/22	Variance					
			Option 1	Option 2				
			Slough Rates 2022/23	Slough Rates 2022/23	Option 1 Variance	Option 1 Variance %	Option 2 Variance	Option 2 Variance %
1	AWPU: Primary per pupil	£3,458.32	£3,544.58	£3,563.85	£86.26	2.5%	£105.53	3.1%
2	AWPU: KS3 per pupil	£4,876.86	£4,998.70	£5,025.15	£121.84	2.5%	£148.29	3.0%
3	AWPU: KS4 per pupil	£5,495.88	£5,633.17	£5,662.95	£137.29	2.5%	£167.07	3.0%
4	FSM: Primary per pupil	£486.19	£499.70	£500.80	£13.51	2.8%	£14.61	3.0%
5	FSM: Secondary per pupil	£486.19	£499.70	£500.80	£13.51	2.8%	£14.61	3.0%
6	FSM6: Primary per pupil	£607.74	£624.55	£626.00	£16.81	2.8%	£18.26	3.0%
7	FSM6: Secondary per pupil	£887.83	£912.30	£914.50	£24.47	2.8%	£26.67	3.0%
8	IDACI Band A: Primary per pupil	£655.30	£671.70	£675.00	£16.40	2.5%	£19.70	3.0%
9	IDACI Band A: Secondary per pupil	£914.25	£937.10	£941.70	£22.85	2.5%	£27.45	3.0%
10	IDACI Band B: Primary per pupil	£502.05	£514.60	£517.10	£12.55	2.5%	£15.05	3.0%
11	IDACI Band B: Secondary per pupil	£718.72	£736.70	£740.30	£17.98	2.5%	£21.58	3.0%
12	IDACI Band C: Primary per pupil	£470.34	£482.10	£484.50	£11.76	2.5%	£14.16	3.0%
13	IDACI Band C: Secondary per pupil	£665.87	£682.50	£685.90	£16.63	2.5%	£20.03	3.0%
14	IDACI Band D: Primary per pupil	£433.35	£444.20	£446.40	£10.85	2.5%	£13.05	3.0%
15	IDACI Band D: Secondary per pupil	£613.03	£628.40	£631.40	£15.37	2.5%	£18.37	3.0%
16	IDACI Band E: Primary per pupil	£274.80	£281.70	£283.05	£6.90	2.5%	£8.25	3.0%
17	IDACI Band E: Secondary per pupil	£438.63	£449.60	£451.80	£10.97	2.5%	£13.17	3.0%
18	IDACI Band F: Primary per pupil	£227.24	£232.90	£234.05	£5.66	2.5%	£6.81	3.0%
19	IDACI Band F: Secondary per pupil	£327.65	£335.70	£337.50	£8.05	2.5%	£9.85	3.0%
20	LPA: Primary per pupil	£1,157.35	£1,186.30	£1,192.10	£28.95	2.5%	£34.75	3.0%
21	LPA: Secondary per Pupil	£1,754.52	£1,798.40	£1,807.20	£43.88	2.5%	£52.68	3.0%
22	EAL3: Primary per pupil	£581.32	£595.85	£598.80	£14.53	2.5%	£17.48	3.0%
23	EAL3: Secondary per pupil	£1,569.56	£1,608.80	£1,616.70	£39.24	2.5%	£47.14	3.0%
24	Lump Sum Primary	£124,507.53	£127,620.00	£128,240.00	£3,112.47	2.5%	£3,732.47	3.0%
25	Lump Sum Secondary	£124,507.53	£127,620.00	£128,240.00	£3,112.47	2.5%	£3,732.47	3.0%
26	Sparsity: Primary	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
27	Sparsity: Secondary	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
28	Mobility: Primary per pupil	£95.12	£97.50	£97.50	£2.38	2.5%	£2.38	2.5%
29	Mobility: Secondary per pupil	£136.35	£139.75	£139.75	£3.40	2.5%	£3.40	2.5%

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Option 1

Option 2

URN	LAESTAB	School Name	Budget less 22-23 NFF NNDR allocation	URN	LAESTAB	School Name	Budget less 22-23 NFF NNDR allocation	Variance
							Total	£676,738
109943	8712252	Wexham Court Primary School	£2,786,563	109943	8712252	Wexham Court Primary School	£2,800,954	£14,392
130372	8712255	Penn Wood Primary and Nursery School	£3,372,175	130372	8712255	Penn Wood Primary and Nursery School	£3,387,821	£15,646
132089	8712256	Claycots School	£7,078,096	132089	8712256	Claycots School	£7,114,224	£36,129
109995	8713070	St Mary's Church of England Primary School	£2,968,069	109995	8713070	St Mary's Church of England Primary School	£2,983,325	£15,256
110035	8713353	Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School	£2,022,851	110035	8713353	Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School	£2,022,909	£58
135099	8713367	Iqra Slough Islamic Primary School	£2,790,956	135099	8713367	Iqra Slough Islamic Primary School	£2,805,441	£14,486
110089	8715201	Priory School	£3,092,059	110089	8715201	Priory School	£3,108,071	£16,013
110090	8715202	Holy Family Catholic Primary School	£1,864,624	110090	8715202	Holy Family Catholic Primary School	£1,874,481	£9,857
110095	8715207	Pippins School	£812,252	110095	8715207	Pippins School	£816,496	£4,244
110078	8714089	Wexham School	£5,349,277	110078	8714089	Wexham School	£5,376,255	£26,977
110084	8714700	St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School	£3,941,987	110084	8714700	St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School	£3,962,693	£20,706
136951	8712000	Langley Hall Primary Academy	£3,310,767	136951	8712000	Langley Hall Primary Academy	£3,328,029	£17,262
139198	8712001	Willow Primary School	£1,998,958	139198	8712001	Willow Primary School	£2,009,242	£10,284
139333	8712002	James Elliman Academy	£3,095,211	139333	8712002	James Elliman Academy	£3,095,246	£35
139567	8712003	Colnbrook Church of England Primary School	£999,687	139567	8712003	Colnbrook Church of England Primary School	£1,004,766	£5,079
139943	8712004	Foxborough Primary School	£1,030,348	139943	8712004	Foxborough Primary School	£1,035,465	£5,117
140335	8712005	Montem Academy	£3,930,406	140335	8712005	Montem Academy	£3,946,841	£16,435
140857	8712006	Western House Academy	£2,752,850	140857	8712006	Western House Academy	£2,767,194	£14,344
140994	8712007	The Langley Heritage Primary	£2,178,289	140994	8712007	The Langley Heritage Primary	£2,182,629	£4,340
142173	8712008	The Langley Academy Primary	£2,706,238	142173	8712008	The Langley Academy Primary	£2,720,414	£14,175
144501	8712009	The Godolphin Junior Academy	£2,175,686	144501	8712009	The Godolphin Junior Academy	£2,186,755	£11,069
138731	8712196	Phoenix Infant Academy	£1,346,469	138731	8712196	Phoenix Infant Academy	£1,353,351	£6,881
143802	8713363	St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School	£1,836,738	143802	8713363	St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School	£1,836,725	-£13
143804	8713364	St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	£2,245,657	143804	8713364	St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	£2,257,303	£11,646
138166	8713365	Marish Primary School	£3,085,573	138166	8713365	Marish Primary School	£3,101,581	£16,009
148379	8713366	Khalsa Primary School	£1,989,113	148379	8713366	Khalsa Primary School	£1,999,601	£10,489
138013	8715200	The Cippenham School	£4,331,995	138013	8715200	The Cippenham School	£4,331,995	£0
138659	8715204	Castleview Primary School	£1,858,903	138659	8715204	Castleview Primary School	£1,868,791	£9,888
137010	8715208	Lynch Hill School Primary Academy	£3,942,073	137010	8715208	Lynch Hill School Primary Academy	£3,962,228	£20,155
138192	8715209	Ryvers School	£2,802,163	138192	8715209	Ryvers School	£2,816,777	£14,614
141009	8714002	Ditton Park Academy	£5,536,746	141009	8714002	Ditton Park Academy	£5,565,030	£28,283
141970	8714003	Eden Girls' School, Slough	£3,802,909	141970	8714003	Eden Girls' School, Slough	£3,822,264	£19,354
146820	8714006	Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy	£5,415,604	146820	8714006	Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy	£5,442,872	£27,267
137259	8714082	Baylis Court School	£5,000,413	137259	8714082	Baylis Court School	£5,025,822	£25,409

Option 1				Option 2				Variance
URN	LAESTAB	School Name	Budget less 22-23 NFF NNDR allocation	URN	LAESTAB	School Name	Budget less 22-23 NFF NNDR allocation	
143327	8714085	Beechwood School	£5,331,426	143327	8714085	Beechwood School	£5,355,568	£24,142
		Slough and Eton Church of England				Slough and Eton Church of England		
137287	8714510	Business and Enterprise College	£6,256,106	137287	8714510	Business and Enterprise College	£6,256,100	-£6
143803	8714800	St Joseph's Catholic High School	£4,815,900	143803	8714800	St Joseph's Catholic High School	£4,840,888	£24,988
136521	8715405	Langley Grammar School	£5,084,410	136521	8715405	Langley Grammar School	£5,111,020	£26,610
137726	8715407	Herschel Grammar School	£4,277,610	137726	8715407	Herschel Grammar School	£4,299,952	£22,341
136420	8715408	Upton Court Grammar School	£4,627,096	136420	8715408	Upton Court Grammar School	£4,651,251	£24,155
138012	8715409	The Westgate School	£6,840,404	138012	8715409	The Westgate School	£6,875,358	£34,954
135631	8716905	The Langley Academy	£5,580,006	135631	8716905	The Langley Academy	£5,608,494	£28,488
144748	8714005	Grove Academy	£5,817,675	144748	8714005	Grove Academy	£5,846,853	£29,178

Appendix A

URN	LAESTAB	School Name	Option 1		Option 2		Variance Option 1	Variance Option 2	Pupil Numbers based on Oct 20 Census	Pupil Numbers based on Oct 21 Census	Variance in pupil Nos
			Schools Indicative Budget 2021-22	Budget less 22-23 NFF NNDR allocation	Budget less 22-23 NFF NNDR allocation						
Total			£148,852,689	£152,082,337	£152,759,075	£3,229,648	£3,906,386	28,472	28,716	244	
109943	8712252	Wexham Court Primary School	£2,858,172	£2,786,563	£2,800,954	-£71,609	-£57,217	622	609	-13	
130372	8712255	Penn Wood Primary and Nursery School	£3,497,409	£3,372,175	£3,387,821	-£125,234	-£109,588	646	629	-17	
132089	8712256	Claycots School	£7,233,024	£7,078,096	£7,114,224	-£154,928	-£118,800	1,556	1,526	-30	
109995	8713070	St Mary's Church of England Primary School	£2,888,430	£2,968,069	£2,983,325	£79,639	£94,895	614	622	8	
110035	8713353	Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School	£2,228,508	£2,022,851	£2,022,909	-£205,658	-£205,600	499	450	-49	
135099	8713367	Iqra Slough Islamic Primary School	£2,763,139	£2,790,956	£2,805,441	£27,816	£42,302	622	623	1	
110089	8715201	Priory School	£3,237,094	£3,092,059	£3,108,071	-£145,035	-£129,022	718	679	-39	
110090	8715202	Holy Family Catholic Primary School	£1,839,651	£1,864,624	£1,874,481	£24,973	£34,830	421	427	6	
110095	8715207	Pippins School	£840,586	£812,252	£816,496	-£28,334	-£24,090	173	166	-7	
110078	8714089	Wexham School	£5,078,159	£5,349,277	£5,376,255	£271,118	£298,095	743	809	66	
110084	8714700	St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School	£3,760,515	£3,941,987	£3,962,693	£181,472	£202,178	679	707	28	
136951	8712000	Langley Hall Primary Academy	£3,212,494	£3,310,767	£3,328,029	£98,273	£115,535	757	768	11	
139198	8712001	Willow Primary School	£1,904,818	£1,998,958	£2,009,242	£94,140	£104,424	411	423	12	
139333	8712002	James Elliman Academy	£3,288,930	£3,095,211	£3,095,246	-£193,719	-£193,684	718	674	-44	
139567	8712003	Colnbrook Church of England Primary School	£955,113	£999,687	£1,004,766	£44,574	£49,654	180	186	6	
139943	8712004	Foxborough Primary School	£1,145,906	£1,030,348	£1,035,465	-£115,558	-£110,440	216	187	-29	
140335	8712005	Montem Academy	£3,889,245	£3,930,406	£3,946,841	£41,161	£57,596	820	829	9	
140857	8712006	Western House Academy	£2,668,537	£2,752,850	£2,767,194	£84,313	£98,657	608	619	11	
140994	8712007	The Langley Heritage Primary	£2,269,070	£2,178,289	£2,182,629	-£90,782	-£86,442	499	475	-24	
142173	8712008	The Langley Academy Primary	£2,490,812	£2,706,238	£2,720,414	£215,427	£229,602	592	632	40	
144501	8712009	The Godolphin Junior Academy	£2,128,689	£2,175,686	£2,186,755	£46,997	£58,066	454	462	8	
138731	8712196	Phoenix Infant Academy	£1,483,700	£1,346,469	£1,353,351	-£137,230	-£130,349	297	260	-37	
143802	8713363	St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School	£1,814,986	£1,836,738	£1,836,725	£21,751	£21,739	390	396	6	
143804	8713364	St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	£2,243,131	£2,245,657	£2,257,303	£2,526	£14,172	485	476	-9	
138166	8713365	Marish Primary School	£3,146,341	£3,085,573	£3,101,581	-£60,768	-£44,759	718	688	-30	
148379	8713366	Khalsa Primary School	£1,963,544	£1,989,113	£1,999,601	£25,569	£36,058	452	446	-6	
138013	8715200	The Cippenham School	£4,476,434	£4,331,995	£4,331,995	-£144,439	-£144,439	1,048	1,016	-32	
138659	8715204	Castleview Primary School	£1,819,990	£1,858,903	£1,868,791	£38,913	£48,801	433	433	0	
137010	8715208	Lynch Hill School Primary Academy	£3,765,326	£3,942,073	£3,962,228	£176,747	£196,902	839	850	11	
138192	8715209	Ryvers School	£2,716,123	£2,802,163	£2,816,777	£86,040	£100,654	618	626	8	
141009	8714002	Ditton Park Academy	£5,469,177	£5,536,746	£5,565,030	£67,569	£95,853	897	902	5	
141970	8714003	Eden Girls' School, Slough	£3,738,754	£3,802,909	£3,822,264	£64,155	£83,509	589	609	20	
146820	8714006	Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy	£4,738,861	£5,415,604	£5,442,872	£676,743	£704,010	731	826	95	
137259	8714082	Baylis Court School	£4,882,213	£5,000,413	£5,025,822	£118,200	£143,609	786	796	10	
143327	8714085	Beechwood School	£5,249,293	£5,331,426	£5,355,568	£82,133	£106,275	724	719	-5	
137287	8714510	Slough and Eton Church of England Business and Enterprise College	£6,218,147	£6,256,106	£6,256,100	£37,959	£37,953	914	918	5	
143803	8714800	St Joseph's Catholic High School	£4,707,901	£4,815,900	£4,840,888	£108,000	£132,988	785	793	8	

Appendix A

URN	LAESTAB	School Name	Schools Indicative Budget 2021-22	Option 1	Option 2	Variance Option 1	Variance Option 2	Pupil Numbers based on Oct 20 Census	Pupil Numbers based on Oct 21 Census	Variance in pupil Nos
				Budget less 22-23 NFF NNDR allocation	Budget less 22-23 NFF NNDR allocation					
136521	8715405	Langley Grammar School	£4,872,681	£5,084,410	£5,111,020	£211,729	£238,339	878	909	31
137726	8715407	Herschel Grammar School	£4,132,304	£4,277,610	£4,299,952	£145,307	£167,648	740	760	21
136420	8715408	Upton Court Grammar School	£4,542,931	£4,627,096	£4,651,251	£84,165	£108,321	807	821	14
138012	8715409	The Westgate School	£6,492,302	£6,840,404	£6,875,358	£348,102	£383,056	1,064	1,106	42
135631	8716905	The Langley Academy	£5,609,419	£5,580,006	£5,608,494	-£29,413	-£925	911	903	-8
144748	8714005	Grove Academy	£4,590,833	£5,817,675	£5,846,853	£1,226,841	£1,256,019	819	961	142
								28,471.50	28,715.67	244.17

School Forum 19 January 2022	
Report from Executive Director of People - Children Service	
Early Years National Funding Formula 2022/23	
Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
No. of Appendices:	N/A
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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. This report updates Schools' Forum on the conclusion of the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) modelling following the outcome of the consultation with the EY Task Group.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1. The Schools Forum is asked to endorse Slough's Early Years Funding Formula for 2022/23:
- **Notes** the conclusions of the work to develop the 2022-23 EYNFF funding model and associated budget development.
 - **Approve** the LA recommendation to implement **option 1** as per the outcome of the Early Year Task Group.

3 Summary

- 3.1. Table 1 below, outlines the proposed allocation of Slough's Early Years Block 2022-23 (based on 2022-23 updated grant allocation published December 21). The final grant value will be determined based on pupil numbers at the January 2022 and 2023 censuses. Therefore, budgets and funding formula rates may be adjusted accordingly to comply with the 95% pass through regulation and to manage the affordability of the formula.

- 3.2. The Early Years Block allocations were also published in December 2021, which included an increase in the NEG 2 rate from £6.04 to £6.25, and an increase in the NEG 3 & 4 rate from £5.93 to £6.10.
- 3.3. Two options were presented to the EY task group, where a decision was made to put forward the preferred option.

Table 1 Early Year Provisional Budget

2021-22 Rates		Option 1		Option 2	
3 & 4 year old	£5.55	3 & 4 year old	£5.65	3 & 4 year old	£5.56
Deprivation	£0.72	Deprivation	£0.72	Deprivation	£0.80
2 year old	£5.75	2 year old	£5.94	2 year old	£5.90
EYPP	£0.63	EYPP	£0.70	EYPP	£0.70
SEN Inclusion	40,000.00	SEN Inclusion	100,000.00	SEN Inclusion	£135,000
Pass through compliance	95.00%	Pass through compliance	95.00%	Pass through compliance	95.00%
		3 & 4 year old	£0.10 increase	3 & 4 year old	£0.01 increase
		Deprivation	Unchanged	Deprivation	£0.08 increase
		2 year old	£0.19 increase	2 year old	£0.15 increase
		EYPP	£0.07 increase	EYPP	£0.07 increase
		SEN inclusion	£100,000	SEN inclusion	£135,000

- 3.4. Forum are asked to approve the 5% centrally retained budget for Early Years.

4 Proposed local funding formula for 2022-23

- 4.1. The overall base rate for providers is determined by the national formula allocation for Slough and the Local Authority's mandatory responsibility to children with special educational needs (SEN). Table 2, below, outlines the hourly funding rates for the Local Funding Formula 2021-22 and proposed rates for 2022-23.

Table 2 – Funding Rates

Current and Proposed Early Years Funding Formula Factors 2022-23			
Early Years Funding Formula Factor	Current All Nursery Providers 2021-22	All Nursery Providers OPTION 1 2022/23	All Nursery Providers OPTION 2
Base Rate			
• Universal 15	£5.55	£5.65	£5.56
• Additional 15 hours			
Deprivation (mandatory)	£0.72	£0.72	£0.80

- 4.2. After the 5% reduction for central resources, this funding will be distributed to providers as a universal base hourly rate plus the additional allocation for deprivation where applicable. The universal base rate to providers has increased from £5.55 in 2021/22 to £5.65 in 2022/23 in Option1 and £5.56 in Option 2.

4.3. Deprivation is allocated based on the Income Deprivation Affecting Children. There is no change in the rate £0.72 for Option one and the rate £0.80 has increased by £0.08 in Option 2.

4.4. **The results of the consultation were as follows:**

Two options were presented to the EY task group and 6 replies were received from members of the Task and Finish group. The results are

- Option 1- 5 votes 83%
- Option 2- 1 vote 17%

Option 1 is the preferred choice.

4.5. A summary of the financial impact of the overall final position is set out in appendix A. It uses the estimated participation rates for 2022-23 which has been provided by and validated by the Early Years' Service.

5 3 and 4 year old funding for children with special educational needs

5.1. Disability Access Funding (DAF) ensures that every child in an early year setting receiving the free entitlement and in receipt of the disability living allowance receives an additional funding allocation to the setting of £800. Recent announcements from the DfE increased this amount from £615 to £800 for each eligible child from 2022-23.

6 Early Years Pupil Premium

6.1. From 2015 the Government introduced the Early Years Pupil Premium to 3- and 4-year olds from disadvantaged backgrounds. Recent announcements in the Autumn term will see this increased in 2022-23 from the current year the rate is £302.10 to £342 for each qualifying child.

7 Participation based funding allocations

7.1. Schools and settings are funded based on participation over the whole year and not just the highest count, this ensures that funding is realistic and adjustments for over/under occupancy at the end of the year are more manageable. This will not change in line with the changes above.

8 Inclusion Fund

8.1 The government requires all Local Authorities to establish a SEN Inclusion Fund for three and four-year olds in their local funding systems. In order to establish a SEN Inclusion Fund, Slough have historically combined funding from the early years and high needs blocks of the DSG. The SEN inclusion grant funding forms part of the 95% pass through allocation for early years providers allocated on an application basis.

8.2. The proposal is to increase of SEN inclusion funding for 2022-23 allocating £0.1m which represents 0.7% of funding from the early years block. The SEN inclusion grant along with high needs block funding is used to support children with additional needs

in all settings including those in specialist nursery provision for young children with significant difficulties. The funding is allocated based on participation.

9 Base rate for Slough providers for 2 year old funding

9.1 In 2022/23, the funding rate has increased from £6.04 per hour to £6.25 per hour. It is proposed to pass on £5.94 to providers in option 1 and £5.90 in Option 2, with a deduction of 31p (5%) for central services.

10 Financial Implications

10.1 The financial implications have been detailed in the body of this paper.

11 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative options were considered.

12 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Not applicable

13 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications for this report.

14 Equality Implications

Not applicable

Appendix 1

3-4 Yr Old	£5.65	3-4 Yr Old	£5.58
Deprivation	£0.72	Deprivation	£0.80
2 Yr Old	£5.94	2 Yr Old	£5.90
Option 1		Option 2	
3-4 Yr Old		3-4 Yr Old	
DfE Rate	£6.10	DfE Rate	£6.10
Slough Rate	£5.65	Slough Rate	£5.56
Hours (DfE Estimate)	2,047,565	Hours (DfE Estimate)	2,047,565
Pass Through Cost	£11,574,890	Pass Through Cost	£11,384,460
Supplement - Deprivation	£190,750	Supplement - Deprivation	£206,610
Contingency	£0	Contingency	£139,570
SEN Inclusion	£100,000	SEN Inclusion	£135,000
Subtotal Pass Through	£11,865,640	Subtotal Pass Through	£11,865,640
Average Hourly Rate	£5.79	Average Hourly Rate	£5.80
DfE Rate	£6.10	DfE Rate	£6.10
Pass through Compliance	95.00%	Pass through Compliance	95.00%
MNS	£698,758	MNS	£698,758
Centrally Retained 3-4 Yr Old	£624,510	Centrally Retained 3-4 Yr Old	£624,510
Growth	£0	Growth	£0
Total 3&4 yr old	£13,188,908	Total 3&4 yr old	£13,188,908
Settlement	£13,188,908	Settlement	£13,188,908
Variance	£0	Variance	£0
2 Yr Old		2 Yr Old	
DfE Rate	£6.25	DfE Rate	£6.25
Slough Rate	£5.94	Slough Rate	£5.90
Hours (Slough Estimate)	175,725	Hours (Slough Estimate)	175,725
Subtotal Pass Through	£1,043,370	Subtotal Pass Through	£1,036,779
Centrally Retained 2 YO	£54,914	Centrally Retained 2 YO	£54,914
Contingency		Contingency	£6,595
Total 2 Yr Old Budget	£1,098,284	Total 2 Yr Old Budget	£1,098,288
Settlement	£1,098,284	Settlement	£1,098,284
Variance	£0	Variance	£4
Disability Access Fund	£51,200	Disability Access Fund	£51,200
EYPP	£122,696	EYPP	£122,696
Grand Total	£14,461,088	Grand Total	£14,461,092
Settlement	-£14,461,088	Settlement	-£14,461,088
Total Centrally Retained	£679,424	Total Centrally Retained	£679,424
SEN Inclusion	£100,000	SEN Inclusion	£135,000
	£779,424		£814,424

PROPOSED FORWARD AGENDA PLAN 2021/22

Standing items for all meetings		
Item	Description	Lead
(a)	Apologies/notification of AOB/declaration of interests	Chair
(b)	Minutes of previous meeting	Chair
(c)	Forum membership update	Chair
(d)	Update on national/local funding news or issues	LA – Kamaljit Kaur
(e)	Academies update	LA – Johnny Kyriacou
(f)	Forward agenda planning and key decisions log	Chair

Agenda items

Meeting 3 – 10th March 2022		
Item	Description	Lead
1	DSG Schools Block - Confirmation of APT submission and schools' budgets 2022/23	Kamaljit Kaur
3	HNB and EY centrally retained items update	Johnny Kyriacou
4	CSSB budget confirmation	Johnny Kyriacou
5	Early Years update	Johnny Kyriacou
6	DSG Management Plan update	Johnny Kyriacou

Meeting 4 – May 2022 (date TBC)		
Item	Description	Lead
1	Early Years update	Kamaljit Kaur
2	DSG Management Plan update	Johnny Kyriacou

Meeting 5 – July 2022 (date TBC)		
Item	Description	Lead
1	Growth Fund update	Tony Madden
2	Annual DSG report 2021/22 including impact	Kamaljit Kaur
2	Early Years update	Johnny Kyriacou
4	DSG Management Plan update	Johnny Kyriacou

SLOUGH SCHOOLS FORUM

HISTORIC AGENDA PLANNING based on six meetings per year

Meeting 1 – October	
Agenda item	Notes
DSG Schools Block – proposed timeline and consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-16 Task group considers options and agrees consultation. Consultation with schools In November.
SEND and AP place commissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA confirms places commissioned in academies ahead of submission to ESFA in November – Forum notes

Meeting 2 – December	
Agenda item	Notes
DSG Schools Block – consultation outcome and task group recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forum considers outcome of consultation and task group discussion. Forum makes recommendation on the formula. Forum decides on any block transfer requests
Scheme for financing schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcome of consultation with maintained schools on revisions to scheme. Approval of revised scheme by maintained school reps.
DSG Central School Services Budget (CSSB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line-by-line approval of CSSB budget allocations for next FY
Growth Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Growth Fund position Agree maximum ‘top slice’ from Schools Block and allocation model for next FY

Meeting 3 – January	
Agenda item	Notes
DSG Schools Block – confirmation of settlement and APT submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA confirms final DSG settlement and APT submission -- Forum notes
DSG High Needs centrally retained budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA confirms line-by line allocation of HNB centrally retained funding – Forum notes
DSG Early Years centrally retained budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA confirms line-by line allocation of EY centrally retained funding – Forum notes

Meeting 4 – March	
Agenda item	Notes
DSG Schools Block – confirmation of individual schools’ budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA confirmation of individual budgets following APT submission and any subsequent adjustments – Forum notes
DSG Early Years block	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA confirms funding arrangements for next FY – Forum notes

Meeting 5 – May	
Agenda item	Notes
Historically this meeting has been a ‘reserve’ meeting to allow for additional monitoring or where there have been unavoidable changes to the timings of other items.	

Meeting 6 – July	
Agenda item	Notes
Growth Fund - outturn from previous financial year.	LA confirms outturn and any consequent update to the allocations - Forum notes .
DSG – annual report	LA confirms deployment of DSG for previous financial year - Forum notes .