SLOUGH SCHOOLS FORUM 12 September 2012

Confirmation of Final DSG Allocation 2012-13 (Director of Resources Housing & Regeneration)

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The Chief Financial Officer is required to sign a return to the DfE confirming that DSG (Dedicated Schools Grant) will be applied fully to support the statutory Schools Budget. A Schools Forum minute confirming the Schools Budget is required to support this return.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Schools Forum acknowledges the final DSG allocation to Slough for 2012-13 and confirms the outline Schools Budget.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is appropriate for the School's Forum to be aware of the allocation of the final DSG and endorse the allocation.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 Not applicable.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 Member's of the School's Forum will be aware that the funding for Education and School's is a ring-fenced grant to cover the delegated budgets for individual schools and other defined central services for pupils provided by the local authority.
- 5.2 The final funding for local authorities is determined by the Department for Education (DfE) following the School Census in January 2012 and the predetermined funding per pupil.
- 5.3 The DfE have now confirmed that the DSG allocation for Slough before the recoupment of funding for academies is £128.235m based on a pupil population of 23,147. The total recoupment deduction for 2012-13 in respect of academies open as at 31st July 2012 is £42.130m, which gives a **final DSG Allocation of £86.105m**.
- 5.4 Appendix A is a summary reconciling the position approved by Schools Forum on 18 April to the final DSG allocation. Recoupment has been

updated to apply in respect of academies open as at the end of July 2012.

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

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

Report to Schools Forum 18 April 2012 – Latest Schools Budgets 2012-13

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