

**SLOUGH SCHOOLS FORUM**  
**12 December 2012**

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**Implementation of DfE Funding Reform**  
**(Director of Education & Children's Services)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To inform Schools Forum on the current position regarding High Needs, Post 16, 5-16 funding and Early Years.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1** For information only.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1** Not applicable.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1** Not applicable.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**5.1 High Needs Block**

A meeting of the High Needs Task and Finish Group has been arranged for 14th December.

The DfE have implemented the changes to the High Needs Block baseline that have been requested.

**5.2 Post 16**

No new information.

**5.3 5-16 Funding**

Meetings of the 5-16 Funding Task and Finish Group have been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> December and are being arranged for early January 2013.

The DfE have sent questions regarding the October submission of the Slough funding model and they have been answered. One outstanding question is that Slough's primary/secondary ratio is high at 1: 1:43 and that ranks Slough as one of the eight highest in the country.

The final version of the formula model is due in January and there are still a small number of other issues to be agreed before submission:

- a) Split Site Factor criteria are needed.
- b) Growth Fund criteria are needed.

#### **5.4 Early Years**

Meetings of the Early Years Task and Finish Group have been arranged for 5<sup>th</sup> December and 12<sup>th</sup> December. The aim of the group is to have a revised Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) ready for consultation with the Schools' Forum and early years providers in January 2013.

The DfE have announced the level of 2 year old funding for 2013-14 though there are still questions over that the funding covers. Once those questions have been resolved the Early Years Task and Finish Group will also work on a 2 year old formula within the overall EYSFF.

### **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 Not applicable.

#### Method of Consultation

- 7.2 Not applicable.

#### Representations Received

- 7.3 Not applicable.

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