

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
11 September 2013

Current DSG Position 2013-14
(Director of Wellbeing)

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Schools' Forum of the current 2013-14 DSG position following recent revisions by the DSG.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Schools' Forum notes the current 2013-14 DSG position.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The DfE have revised the 2013-14 DSG allocation for Slough. An explanation of the revision is given in 5.1 below. Appendix 1 shows the revised DSG compared to the original figures.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The DfE give local authorities a provisional DSG in March each year and this is used to set school budgets. Three main areas are subject to change and the DfE have revised each of them as follows:
- 5.2 The Early Years Block has been revised based on January 2013 pupil numbers. This block will be estimated each year and then revised in July. The block has increased by £448,639.
- 5.3 The High Needs Block has been increased by £319,166 following a decrease of the recoupment funding given back to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to pay for 6th Form High Needs places. It is likely that this will be an annual revision as the EFA will estimate 6th Form places and then revise the recoupment based on actual figures.
- 5.4 The DfE also recoups from the DSG for schools that become academies in year. The current recoupment is £51,474,622. This will be on-going as more schools convert so it is likely that the DSG will reduce further during 2013-14.

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 Appendix 1

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