

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
16 October 2013

DSG Centrally Held Budgets 2013-14
(Directorate of Wellbeing)

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Schools' Forum of the current centrally held budgets within the DSG, including those that transferred to Mott MacDonald in October 2013.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Schools' Forum is asked to note the details of the centrally held budgets with the DSG in Appendix 1.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To provide Forum with information to aid their decision making and planning.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations allow local authorities to retain DSG for specifically allowed items. The items have to be agreed with the local authority's Schools' Forum and cannot be increased year on year.
- 5.2 Underspends in centrally retained budgets are returned to the DSG in the following year and the local authority will consult with Schools' Forum on how they should be treated.

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

- 7.4 Appendix 1

Contact for further information

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