

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
15 November 2013

Review of Accountability for Central Budgets 2013-14
(Directorate of Wellbeing)

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Schools' Forum of process to review centrally retained DSG expenditure and allow Schools' Forum scrutiny of centrally retained budgets.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 For information.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 Schools' Forum is responsible for deciding how much DSG should be retained centrally. To support that responsibility it is important that the council officers responsible for the retained budgets report annually to the Schools' Forum.
- 5.2 In July 2014, officers will take a paper to Forum that shows the outturn centrally retained expenditure for 2013-14 along with a brief explanation for each area of spend. This will allow Forum to ask questions against the paper and the scrutiny process can lead in to agreeing the following year's centrally retained budgets.

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

None.

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