

**SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM**  
**11 December 2013**

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**Permanent Exclusions**  
**(Directorate of Wellbeing)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform Schools Forum of the process for recouping school budget share and pupil premium with effect from the start of the spring term, January 2014.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Schools' Forum notes that, with effect from January 2014, Slough Borough Council will be enforcing The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations in order to redetermine the budget of a maintained school that permanently excludes a pupil.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations say that *Where a pupil is permanently excluded from a school maintained by a local authority other than a pupil referral unit ("the excluding school") the authority must redetermine the excluding school's budget share in accordance with paragraph (2).* Paragraph (2) then explains the method for redetermining budgets which is set out below.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 None.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations state that a local authority must redetermine a maintained school's budget when it permanently excludes a pupil. It also gives clear instructions how that should be done.

- 5.2 *The excluding school's budget share must be reduced by the amount  $A \times (B/52)$  where –*

The regulations allow A to be an amount that is consistent across the authority's schools so it would be sensible to use the appropriate AWPU value. B is the number of complete weeks remaining in the funding period.

A Key Stage 3 pupil excluded in the first week of January would therefore mean the following calculation:

$$\text{KS3 AWPU } \pounds 3,150 \times (12/52) = \pounds 727$$

- 5.2.1 Pupil Premium is treated in the same way so that the same calculation would be:

$$\text{Pupil Premium } \pounds 900 \times (12/52) = \pounds 208$$

- 5.3 If a maintained school then takes a permanently excluded pupil they should receive the AWPU and Pupil Premium funding in proportion to the number of weeks remaining in the financial year for which the pupil is registered at the new school.
- 5.4 If the excluded pupil joins a Pupil Referral Unit then the PRU should be funded through top up funding from the High Needs Block.
- 5.5 If children are excluded from an out-borough school and then come to a maintained Slough school, funding should be recouped from the out-borough school as it would be from a Slough maintained school.

## **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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