

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
15 January 2014

2014-15 Budget Process Update
(Directorate of Wellbeing)

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Schools' Forum are asked to support the recommendations of the 5 to 16 Funding Formula Task and Finish Group. The unit values recommended by the Task and Finish Group are shown in Appendix 1.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Task and Finish Group recommends that the formula factor unit values in Appendix 1 are supported. They will then be ratified by Slough Borough Council before being sent to the DfE in the final funding proforma.
- 2.2 Forum notes that the following amounts have been added to the 2014-15 Schools Block from previous years' underspends:

£567,293 from the 2012-13 unspent contingency.
£300,000 from the remaining 2012-13 DSG underspend.
£400,000 from the estimated 2013-14 underspend.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1.1 The 5 to 16 Funding Formula Task and Finish Group has met twice to discuss the unit values for the factors that have already been agreed. The unit values agreed by the Task and Finish Group are shown in Appendix 1.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 A number of funding models were considered before the Task and Finish Group agreed that the funding previously included in the Mobility Factor should be moved into the deprivation factors (Free School Meals and IDACI).

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The table below shows the remaining significant dates in the 2014-15 budget process.

Date	Item	Notes
21/01/14	Final School budget	This will be the final formula

	Proforma to be returned to the DfE	ratified by Slough Borough Council.
23/01/14	Send School Budgets (5 to 16 years old) to schools	
26/02/14	Send Early Years budgets to schools and PVI's (DfE deadline is 28 th February)	
04/03/14	Send High Needs budgets to Mainstream Schools and Special Schools	

- 5.3 Decisions have already been taken to remove the Mobility factor and to increase the Split Site factor value to £34,300.

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

Contact for further information

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