

**SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM**  
**15 January 2014**

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**Schools' Block 2014-15**  
**(Directorate of Wellbeing)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform Schools' Forum of the proposed Schools Block budget for 2014-15 and ask permission to continue to hold a centrally held budget not previously agreed.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Forum notes the estimated Schools Block for 2014-15.
- 2.2 Forum notes that £28,400 previously held centrally under KS3 Central Coordinator is no longer to be held centrally and has been returned to school budgets in 2014-15.
- 2.3 Forum are asked to agree that £30,000 is continued to be held for Broadband Maintenance and note that Cambridge Education will include this budget in a forthcoming review of centrally held budgets to be held in conjunction with schools.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Schools' Block has been notified by the DfE at £106,104,552 based on October 2013 pupil numbers.
- 3.2 The majority of the centrally held budgets within the Schools Block have already been agreed by Forum at its December 2013 meeting. The remainder will be discussed in this January 2014 Forum.
- 3.3 The Growth Fund is also funded from within the Schools Block. It was agreed at the December Forum that a paper should be brought to this January 2014 Forum costing payment from the Growth Fund for schools that permanently expand. That paper is on the agenda and the increased Growth Fund figure is shown in appendix 1 to this paper.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 Not applicable.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 Appendix 1 shows the total estimated Schools Block for 2014-15. The Schools Block is one of three blocks within the Dedicated Schools Grant.

## **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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