

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

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**High Needs Block 2014-15**  
**(Directorate of Wellbeing)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform Schools' Forum of the proposed High Needs Block budget for 2014-15.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Forum notes the estimated High Needs Block for 2014-15.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 An initial High Needs Block of £17,053,097 has been given by the DfE. This figure is estimated based on the initial gross figure given by the DfE and expected EFA recoupment for academy high needs places.

There is currently no growth within the DfE figures though they have said that there may be funding for growth once all of the high needs returns from local authorities have been processed.

- 3.2 The centrally held budgets within the High Needs Block have already been agreed by Forum at its December 2013 meeting.
- 3.3 £241,000 has been added to the High Needs Block from the 2012-13 DSG underspend.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 Not applicable.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 Appendix 1 shows the total estimated High Needs Block for 2014-15. The High Needs 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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