

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
17th September 2014

Centrally held DSG bought forward balance from 2013-14
(Director of Wellbeing)

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Schools' Forum of the bought forward balance from 2013-14 and the options available for the distribution and retention of the bought forward balance.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Schools' Forum notes the bought forward balance, considers the proposals put forward and decides on the next steps.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1.1 Schools Forum can decide on how the centrally held DSG bought forward balance is used. To enable the Schools' Forum to make effective decisions it is appropriate to provide supporting information for each proposal.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 To distribute any remaining central DSG under spend balances back to all schools within the current year, using the funding formula or on a per pupil basis.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 There are 3 proposals put forward for how the bought forward balance could be used. These are detailed in the attached appendices.

Appendix A – Slough Learning Partnership
Appendix B – High Needs Provision for 2015-16

The 3rd proposal is to retain any remaining balance as a schools block provision, to support the schools block given pressures in future years in relation to growth, and minimise the need to top slice the schools block in future years.

5.2 The Central DSG Carry Forward from 2013-14 is £1,317,476.

Proposal	Provision
Slough Learning Partnership	2014-15 £60k - £160k 2015-16 £175k - £275k
High Needs 2015-16 Provision	£300k
Schools Block Provision	£582 - £957k
Total	£1,317

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

Contact for further information

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