## Schools' Block 2015-16 (Directorate of Wellbeing)

## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Schools' Forum of the proposed Schools Block budget for 2015-16 and ask permission to de-delegate the Trade Union support budget, the decision having been deferred at the December 2014 meeting.

#### 2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **2.1** That School Forum notes the estimated Schools Block 2015-16.
- **2.2** To ask Schools Forum members representing primary and maintained secondary schools to vote on the de-delegation of the Trades Union support budget as set out below.
- **2.3** To seek agreement to Slough Borough Council's proposal that the dedelegation unit cost for Trades Union support remains the same as 2014-15. Please see table below for 14-15 unit costs.

| Description              | School type | Sub<br>division | Unit Cost | Total  |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| Staff Supply cover costs | Primary     | AWPU            | £0.8247   | £6,090 |
|                          | Secondary   | AWPU            | £0.3332   | £923   |
| TOTAL                    |             |                 |           | £7,013 |

# 3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Schools' Block has been notified by the DfE at £113,479,000 based on October 2014 pupil numbers. The increase in Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is due to 3 new schools being part of our funding formula, (Langley Hall Academy, Ditton Park and Lynch Hill Enterprise).

# 4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 Not applicable.

## 5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

5.1 Please see Appendix A which shows the total estimated Schools Block for 2015-16 and a comparison report with last year's School Block budget. 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.

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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

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