

**SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM**  
**14<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

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**Centrally Held DSG 2015-16**  
**(Directorate of Wellbeing)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To ask Schools' Forum to agree the centrally held budgets within the DSG for 2015-16.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Schools' Forum needs to agree or disagree the centrally held Schools Block DSG items in accordance with the Schools and Early Years DFE regulations.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the centrally held budgets continue as in 2014-14 budget.
- 2.3 Any underspends in the centrally retained budgets will be brought to Schools Forum in the normal way and could be returned to the Schools Block via the funding formula or number on roll.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1.1 Appendix A shows the requested centrally held budgets for 2015-16, the amount requested and an explanation of the use of the budget from Cambridge Education who now administers these services.
- 3.1.2 Appendix B shows the requested centrally held budgets for 2015-16, the amount requested and an explanation of the use of the budget held by Slough Borough Council and not administered through the Cambridge Education Contract.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 Not applicable.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 School funding regulations give Schools' Forums the decision making responsibility for centrally held budgets for the Schools Block budget within the DSG. The budgets can no longer be increased.

## **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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