

**SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM**  
**25<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

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**High Needs Block 2015-16**  
**(Directorate of Wellbeing)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consult with the Schools' Forum on the High Needs Block budget for 2015-16.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the School Forum reviews the High Needs budget and gives its view on the budget allocation for 2015-16.
- 2.2 The High Needs budget is £21,503,815 for 2015-16 which is made up of the DFE contribution of £20,594,000, the council contribution of £309,542 and carried forward amount of £600,273.
- 2.3 Please see Appendix A for details of the allocation.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The DFE requires an annual consultation between the Local Authority and the Schools Forum on the High Needs Budget. The Local Authority is complying with its statutory obligation to consult with the Schools Forum and obtain their views.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 Not applicable.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 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.

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