### SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM 06<sup>th</sup> May 2015

#### High Needs Block Centrally Retained 2015-16 (Directorate of Wellbeing)

## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Schools Forum on the centrally retained items in the High Needs Block budget for 2015-16.

## 2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Is that the Schools Forum reviews the High Needs centrally retained items and gives its view on the budget allocation for 2015-16.

## 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 which was delivered in March 2015, however the Schools Forum had some queries on the centrally retained figure for SBC and the Cambridge Education breakdown was not available at that time. 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 Please see Appendix A Slough Borough Council centrally retained high needs block and Appendix B is the CE centrally retained high needs block.

# 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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