

Agenda item: 9

Title of meeting: Schools Forum

**Date of meeting:** 16th July 2014

**Subject**: Revised Budget 2014-15

Report from: Julian Wooster, Director of Children's and Adults Services

**Report by:** Richard Webb, Finance Manager for Children's Services

Wards affected: All Wards

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

# 1. Purpose of report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to inform Schools Forum of the latest announcements from the Department for Education (DfE) in respect of the Dedicated Schools Grant funding and to propose amendments to the 2014-15 budgets in order to maintain overall affordability.

#### 2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Schools Forum:

- a. Acknowledge the estimated financial pressures and the reasons for them as set out in sections 5 and 6 of this report; as well as the fact that the final outturn for 2014-15 may change.
- b. Agree to allocate the increase in the Early Years block DSG of £114,000 to support the 3 & 4 year old Nursery provision budget.
- c. Note the forecast overspend for 2014-15 of £250,000 in the 3 & 4 year old Nursery provision after allocating the £114,000, and that any underspend in the 2 year place funding will be used to offset this.
- d. Agree to meet the estimated financial pressures of £1,067,000 in respect of the High Needs budgets in 2014-15 by:
  - i. Allocating the additional High Needs Block DSG funding of £292,000 to the High Needs budgets.



- ii. Transferring the unused Falling Rolls funding in 2014-15 of £391,000 to the High Needs budgets.
- iii. Transferring £384,000 on a one-off basis from the 2013-14 carryforward to the High Needs budgets
- e. Agree the revised budget for 2014-15 as set out in Appendix 1.
- f. Acknowledge the forecast financial pressures in respect of the High Needs budget in 2015-16 of circa £1.433m and the options for balancing the budget as set out in paragraphs 7.7 to 7.11.
- g. Agree that based on the options in paragraphs 7.7 to 7.11, officers develop specific proposals for balancing the budget in 2015-16 and that these be brought back to a future meeting of the Forum for approval.
- h. Agree to amend the funding allocation methodology for the 2014-15 Growth Fund, subject to DfE approval, as follows:

'The one-off allocation from the growth fund to schools', who meet the Growth Fund criteria, will be equal to £1,100 per Primary pupil of the current academic year's increase in the Number of Roll. For secondary schools, the rate of £1,500 per pupil will be used in the calculation.'

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is a ring-fenced grant for education and can only be used for the purposes of the Schools Budget as defined in the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2013.
- 3.2.On the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Schools Forum approved the initial determination of the schools budget for 2014-15; which is shown at Appendix 1.
- 3.3. This report sets out the proposed amendments to the budget following the subsequent announcements by the DfE in respect of the Dedicated Schools Grant, as well as changes to the expenditure budgets as a result of service changes since the initial determination.

#### 4. Dedicated Schools Grant

4.1.On the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013, the DfE announced the Dedicated Schools Grant Allocations for Portsmouth for 2014-15, which amounted to £132.243m. These allocations include the funding for both maintained schools and Academies; therefore the amount received directly by Portsmouth City Council will be less



- 4.2. As reported in February, the funding for the Early Years and High Needs Blocks were indicative allocations and would subsequently be revised by the DfE. The DfE have now confirmed the High Needs Block allocation for 2014-15 and this has increased by £292,000 to reflect the growth in places. However no additional funding has been made available in respect the Element 3 top-up funding.
- 4.3. The funding for the Early Years Block is based on the January census data. Since the announcement of the indicative allocation in December 2013, the DfE have now confirmed that the revised allocation based on the January 2014 census is £8,265,569, which is an increase of £114,485 on 2013-14 and is a result of the increase number pupils.

## 5. Early Years Budgets

- 5.1 In the February 2014 budget report to Schools Forum, it was highlighted that it would be necessary to review the budget provision for the 3 and 4 year old nursery places following the announcement of the funding allocations from the DfE.
- 5.2 Since preparing the initial budget in February, further work has been undertaken to calculate the estimated placement costs for 3 and 4 year olds in both the Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) and Maintained Nursery units. In terms of the PVI settings the forecast budget requirement is £6m, which is also in line with the 2013-14 outturn. The maintained Nursery Units is expected to be slightly higher than in 2013-14 and therefore it is recommended to retain the budget at the current level.
- 5.3 Even with allocating the additional funding of £114,000 against these budgets, the forecast for 2014-15 is an overspend in the region of £250,000.

### 6. High Needs Budgets

- 6.1. The High Needs budget is used to support a range of services as shown in Appendix 2. The initial determination of this budget in February required £16.104m compared to the High Needs funding allocation from the DfE of £15.172m; now £15.464m after the revised allocation.
- 6.2. Since approving the initial budget, there have been a number of developments and changes in requirements for High Needs support, such as the number of SEN places within the Special Schools. These changes and the related financial pressures are set out below.



## Special Schools Places & Top-Up Funding

- 6.3. The Education service has identified a requirement for 23 additional SEN Places in September within Cliffdale and Mary Rose Special Schools. The SEN team and Inclusion Support Panel have considered a range of options for placing these pupils, but Cliffdale and Mary Rose are the deemed to be the most appropriate setting.
- 6.4. A further 10 pupils also require placement in September, however the SEN team have been able to work with the Willows Nursery School to secure placement within their existing commissioned numbers, but some configuration works to the school building are required.
- 6.5. The reason that these additional pupils were not identified when setting the budget was due to the timing of the return to the Department for Education with regards to commissioned High Needs places and the timing of the statutory assessment process. The DFE required the return to be submitted in December 2013 at which time the additional places required were not expected to be significantly different to the 2013-14 places. However the timing of the statutory assessment process and the communication of parental preferences meant that we were unable to identify the actual number of pupils concerned until early in the summer term.
- 6.6. In 2013-14, where the Special Schools had slightly exceeded the number of commissioned places, Element 3 top-up funding had been paid to school for these pupils, although no additional place funding was provided.
- 6.7. The Education Service has been in discussion with the Special Schools about these additional pupils in September. The Special Schools have categorically stated that from September they will not accept pupils over and above their commissioned places without both the Element 3 top-up funding and the full place funding (pro-rata) in future.
- 6.8. The table in Appendix 3 sets out the expected place funding and Element 3 top-up funding requirements arising from the additional places/pupils on a full year basis. Until the actual banding value for each of these pupils is identified it is not possible to determine the actual Element 3 top-up funding requirement. However appendix 3 provides an estimate based on both the current average top-up funding rates per pupil for those schools; as well as an estimate if all these pupils were at the highest band rates. Based on the average and highest top-up funding rates, the full year funding requirement for these additional pupils could range from £448,831 to £671,333 (including place funding).
- 6.9. For the period from September 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, the additional place and top-up funding requirement could range from £261,818 to £391,611.



6.10. When setting the original budget for 2014-15 in February, the element 3 Top-up budget included the full year impact of those pupils who started school in September 2013 and whose needs and subsequent costs were higher than the cohort that had left in July 2013. It is necessary to increase the budget provision to include any potential impact for future "band creep" should the needs of the September 2014 cohort be greater than those of the July 2014 leavers.

### Medical Education and Individual Tuition

- 6.11. In setting the budget for 2013-14, Schools Forum agreed to a one-off funding allocation from the carry forward balance to the Harbour School of £220,000; in relation to additional teaching time required in respect of pupils receiving Hospital and Medical Education out of school. It was agreed that this would be reviewed during 2013-14 to ensure future sustainability.
- 6.12. As reported in February 2014, the review was not completed during 2013-14 due to changes in personnel in both the Local Authority and the School. In the February report it was also highlighted that a further paper would be presented to Schools Forum which may include a request for additional funding.
- 6.13. In January 2013, the DfE issued statutory guidance for Local Authorities<sup>1</sup> in respect of pupils who cannot attend school because of health needs.
- 6.14. The Harbour School have provided information to the Local Authority to demonstrate the need for the additional funding on a recurring basis, in order to allow them to provide the additional teaching time to these pupils. Since the beginning of this financial year, the Harbour School has continued to provide the increased teaching time despite the uncertainty about receiving this funding.
- 6.15. It is therefore recommended that Schools Forum support the allocation of £220,000 to the Harbour School in 2014-15 and that this funding be continue to be provided annually to meet the needs of these pupils.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs - statutory guidance for Local Authorities, DfE, January 2013



## Out Of City Placements

6.16. As explained within the 2013-14 DSG outturn report, the Council has experienced a growth in the number of pupils being placed in out of city placements. Based on the current number of pupils (25) the forecast expenditure outturn for 2014-15 is £1,400,000, (after reflecting the contributions from Health and Social Care) compared to a budget of £1,200,000. The average net cost of a placement is c.£56,000. The Education Service is seeking to reduce the number of pupils placed out of the City, over time by remodelling the special education provision available within the City

#### Post-16

- 6.17. As previously reported to Schools Forum, from September 2013 the Local Authority became responsible for the funding of high-needs support for post 16 pupils in education with special educational needs (SEN) and learning difficulties (LDD). At the time of setting the budget to 2014-15, officers were still working with the higher education institutions to determine the funding requirements for pupils in these settings. The final outturn for 2013-14 was £276,088. It is estimated that the funding requirement for 2014-15 to support 56 pupils, will amount to circa £450,000 (an average cost per pupil of £8,000). As the funding is directly linked to the pupils, if the number of pupils or their levels of need change, then the funding required will also change throughout the year. The change of pupils in the new Academic year in September is also likely to create fluctuations in the funding requirement during the year.
- 6.18. In setting the budget for 2014-15, £315,000 was set aside to fund the post 16 requirements. However based on these latest estimates a further £135,000 is estimated to be required in order to meet the current forecast; although if the demand rises, this revised budget provision may be exceeded.

# 7. Balancing The Budget

7.1. Clearly, there are a significant number of financial pressures arising in 2014-15 as a result of increased demand, complexity of pupil numbers and the new funding arrangements. The sections below set out proposals for balancing the budget in-year and proposals for 2015-16 onwards

### Budget revision proposals for 2014-15

### Early Years

7.2. As set out in section 5, the forecast expenditure requirement for 3 and 4 year old places is expected to exceed the current budget provision by £250,000 in 2014-15.



7.3. In setting the budget for 2 year old provision, it was agreed that all of the funding provided by the DfE for 2 year old places be set-aside to support the continued growth in this area. However, as the number of places is growing steadily with the continued expansion of provision in this area to meet the DfE targets, it is likely that there will again be an under-spend at the end of the year. It is too early in the year to provide any accurate forecasts, but it is expected to be sufficient to meet the pressure in the 3 & 4 year old budget, based on last year's underspend.

## **High Needs**

7.4. As outlined in section 6, there are a number of budget pressures in respect of the High Needs provision. The table below shows the current estimated financial pressures for 2014-15, together will the full year effect for 2015-16.

	2014-15	2015-16 Full Year Effect
High Needs Provision	£	£
23 Additional Special School Places (including Element 3 top-up funding) <sup>2</sup>	327,000	560,000
Element 3 Top Funding 'Band Creep'	185,000	318,000
Medical & Individual Tuition	220,000	220,000
Out of City Placements	200,000	200,000
Post-16	135,000	135,000
TOTAL	1,067,000	1,433,000

- 7.5. In order to re-balance the budget for 2014-15, it will necessary to redirect funding from other areas. However, as the funding formula for early years, primary schools and secondary schools cannot be amended once the funding period has commenced, the options available to meet these pressures within the DSG are limited. The proposals for meeting the financial pressures within the financial year are as follows:
  - i. £292,000 to be funded from the additional High Needs funding recently announced by the DfE.
  - ii. £391,000 to be re-allocated from the Falling Rolls Fund to support the above budgets. As reported to Schools Forum in April, this fund will not be fully utilised this year. Funding will need to be identified in setting the 2015-16 if this fund is to continue in operation.
  - £384,000 is allocated on a one-off basis from the 2013-14 carry forward to meet the remaining High Needs budget pressures in 2014-15. However, it should be recognised that these pressures are expected to continue in future years and a more sustainable

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on mid-point between the average and highest band rate estimates.



funding source will need to be identified in setting the 2015-16 budget.

7.6. The carry-forward from 2013-14 into 2014-15 amounted to £2.313m as detailed within the DSG outturn report on this agenda. The current planned use of this carry forward and the remaining balance is shown below:

	£m
Carry-forward balance from 2013-14	2.313
Feb 14 Schools Forum agreement to balance budget	(0.095)
Feb 14 Schools Forum agreement to allocate 2 year old trajectory funding underspend to 14-15 budget	(0.421)
Proposed use to support High Needs pressures in 2014-15	(0.384)
Remaining carry-forward balance	1.413

## Budget Proposals for 2015-16

- 7.7. In setting the budget for 2015-16, it will be necessary to set a balanced budget which reflects the growing pressure in terms of both demand and complexity of need in the High Needs Block.
- 7.8. For 2015-16, the Dedicated Schools Grant allocation for the High Needs block will remain cash flat and will not fluctuate directly in relation to changes in pupil numbers as is the cash with the Early Years and School Block funding.
- 7.9. Therefore in setting the budget for 2015-16 it will be necessary to look at options available to meet the increasing financial pressures in the High Needs budgets. Options currently being considered include:
  - i. Ceasing or reducing the funding available to support of the Growth Fund. This could release up to £300,000.
  - ii. Ceasing or reducing the operation of the 'exceptional circumstances funding' to mainstream schools. This funding is used to target additional funding, in exceptional circumstances, to schools and academies with a higher proportion of 'low incidence high cost statements'. This could release up to £360,000.
  - iii. Curtailing the level of support provided through the Falling Rolls Fund. The fund was established in 2014-15 to provide support the Secondary Schools, where Numbers of Roll have reduced significantly. It is recognised that some support will be required in 2015-16 for certain schools and Academies, but the level of that support has yet to be determined. The total fund set aside in 2015-16 was £500,000.



- iv. Ceasing to top-slice the funding for 'Outreach' Services. The service would need to become a 'traded service' from 1 April 2015 in order for it to continue to operate. This could release up to £290,000.
- v. Transferring funding from the schools and Academies to the High Needs budgets through reducing the funding formula allocation. If all of the options above were agreed (excluding the Falling Rolls Fund), based on our current estimates for 2015-16, a further £483,000 would be required. Based on the current pupil numbers, this would mean a reduction of approximately £21.00 per pupil through the 'Basic Per Pupil Entitlement' funding factor.
- 7.10. In respect of the proposals to reduce funding to schools in 2015-16, it is also proposed that an MFG disapplication request will be submitted to the DfE to enable this adjustment to be processed without creating MFG pressures in 2015-16.
- 7.11. In summary it is necessary for a balanced budget to be established for 2015-16 and future years. In order to achieve a balanced budget proposal for 2015-16 it will be necessary for officers to continue to review and monitor the activity in 2014-15 in order to provide realistic financial estimates for 2015-16. It will also be necessary to review and put forward proposals for Schools Forum approval in respect of the options set out in section 7.9.

## 8. SEN Strategy Group

8.1. The Education Service is seeking to agree an SEN strategy to identify priorities and monitor progress towards these, in particular, they looking to remodel the SEN provision within the city in order to ensure that there is a continuum of support available to meet the range of identified needs. Provision will need to include specialist provision, resourced units within mainstream schools and support available within mainstream classes. This work will be steered and overseen by a strategic SEN steering group, which will operate as a subgroup of the Children's Trust Priority G Board and will comprise of senior leaders from education (early years, schools and further education settings), local authority, health and care.

#### 9. 2014-15 Growth Fund

9.1. The Growth fund was established to support schools where they have seen a significant increase in pupils over a sustained period of time (two years). The funding covers the period the additional pupils are in the school (September to March), but funding does not recognise the increase until the following financial year. Based on current estimates



taken from the September 2014 admission data (as at June 2014), it is expected that 7 schools could receive growth funding at a cost of £366,700 on a budget of £300,000 in 2014-15, which is unaffordable.

- 9.2. Rather than alter the criteria, which covers those schools that have supported the authority by taking additional pupils and increasing the published admission number, it is proposed to reduce the payment from the current rate of 7/12<sup>th</sup> of the per pupil basic entitlement for Primary (£1,593) and 7/12<sup>th</sup> of the key stage 3 basic entitlement for Secondary (£2,128) to an affordable flat rate per pupil
- 9.3. When setting the budget in 2013-14, for the first year of growth funding, it was estimated that an amount of approximately £187,000 would be required (based on January NOR Forecasts), the actual cost was £331,400 an increase of 44%. This would mean a reduction in the rates to £700 per primary pupil and £1,000 per secondary pupil, however the Finance team have worked with Admissions and pupil place planning teams to refine the data to reflect the planned admissions for September 2014 (as at June 2014) and ensure greater accuracy within the forecast, it is therefore proposed to revise the following rates for 2014-15 growth funding
  - Primary £1,100 per pupil for the difference in pupils between the October 2013 and October 2014 census NOR
  - Secondary £1,500 per pupil for the difference in pupils between the October 2013 and October 2014 census NOR
- 9.4. Assuming that there are no changes to the forecast pupil numbers, these rates would bring the budget in with an underspend of approximately £50,000, whilst leaving some flexibility should the actual pupil numbers be higher than the estimate. Any underspend in the current year will be used to support the increased costs in the high needs block.
- 9.5. The proposed adjustment to the rates payable will be subject to the approval of both Schools Forum and the Department of Education as they are happening mid financial year. A copy of the current and revised Growth fund criteria can be found at Appendices 4 and 5 respectively, with the changes highlighted in bold.

#### 10. Reasons for recommendations

Schools Forum is recommended to endorse the proposals contained within the report to amend the DSG budget for 2014-15, to meet the forecast financial pressures in respect of Early Years and High Needs budgets. It is necessary for the Local Authority to set a balanced DSG budget for 2015-16; it is therefore recommended that the Forum support the recommendation that officers develop proposals for 2015-16.



This report does not require an Equality impact Assessment as the proposal does not have any impact upon a particular equalities group.

# 12. Legal Services' comments

Legal comments have been included within the body of this report

## 13. Head of Finance's comments

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# **Appendices:**

# Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
School and Early Years Finance	www.legislation.gov.uk
(England) Regulations 2013	
DfE - Dedicated Schools Grant	www.education.gov.uk
allocations 2014-15 and supporting	
information	
Dedicated Schools Grant budget	Education Finance
estimates and monitoring records	

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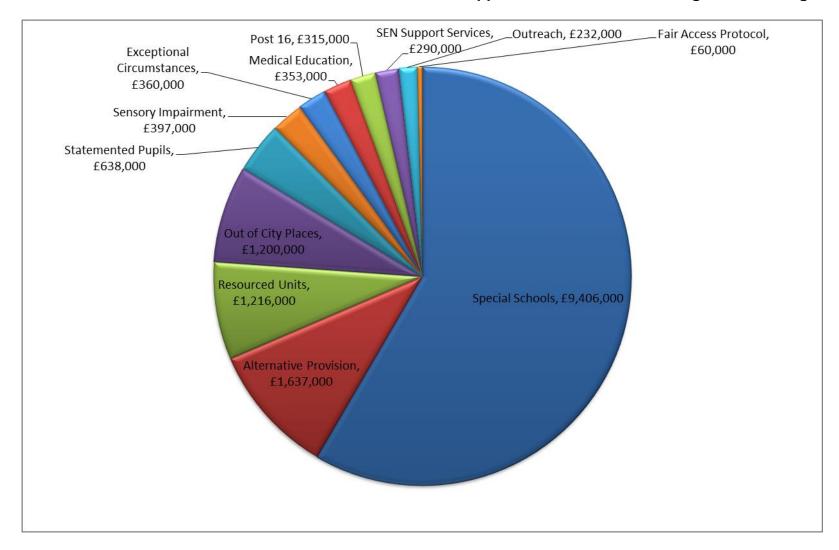
# **Appendix 1 - Budget Summary**

	2014-15 Budget	Proposed Budget	Revised 2014-15	Revised 2014-15
	(including	Revisions	Budget	Budget
	Academies)		(including	(excluding
	(approved 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2014)		Academies)	Academies)
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Individual School Budgets (ISB)	2000	2000	2000	2000
Primary	58,837	_	58,837	52,728
Secondary	43,666	_	43,666	36,352
Special School Place Funding	4,960	134	5,094	2,804
Resourced Unit Place Funding	870	-	870	580
Alternative Provision Place Funding	1,304	_	1,304	1,304
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De-delegated and central budgets				
Growth Fund	300	-	300	300
Falling Rolls Fund	500	(391)	109	109
De-delegated budgets	1,485	-	1,485	1,485
Licences	64	-	64	64
Schools Forum	15	-	15	15
Admissions	252	-	252	252
Carbon Credit	0	-	0	0
	2,616	(391)	2,225	2,225
Early Years				
3 & 4 Year Old Provision	7,445	114	7,559	7,559
2 Year Old Provision	3,271	421	3,692	3,692
Central Expenditure on under 5	398	-	398	398
,	11,114	535	11,649	11,649
High Needs				
Element 3 Top-up funding	6,439	513	6,952	6,952
Out of City Placements	1,200	200	1,400	1,400
SEN Support Services	687	200	687	687
Medical Education	353	220	573	573
Outreach Services	232	- 220	232	232
Fair Access Protocol	60		60	60
Tall Access Flotocol	8,971	933	9,904	9,904
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Total Expenditure	132,338	1,211	133,549	117,546
DSG Income	(132,243)	(406)	(132,649)	(116,646)
One-off use of Carry Forward *	(95)	(805)	(900)	(900)
One on date of carry i diward	(93)	(003)	(300)	(300)
Total Income	(132,338)	(1,211)	(133,549)	(117,546)

<sup>\*£95</sup>k agreed by Schools Forum in January 2014



# Appendix 2 - 2014-15 Initial High Needs Budget



# Appendix 3 - Additional Funding Requirement

School	Additional	Place f	unding			Top-up	unding		Band A		Mid point		Average		
	places			Full Year - 2015-16			Part Year - 2014-15		2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	
		Full Year	Part Year	Band A	Mid	Average	Band A	Mid	Average	Place and Top-	Place and				
					Point			Point		Top-up	Top-up	Top-up	Top-up	up	Top-up
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Mary Rose	13	130,000	75,833	252,993	201,343	149,693	147,579	117,450	87,321	382,993	223,413	331,343	193,283	279,693	163,154
Cliffdale	10	100,000	58,333	188,340	128,739	69,138	109,865	75,098	40,331	288,340	168,198	228,739	133,431	169,138	98,664
Willows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23	230,000	134,167	441,333	330,082	218,831	257,444	192,548	127,651	671,333	391,611	560,082	326,714	448,831	261,818

Note: the mid-point amount has been calculated by deducting the average rate from the band A rate, dividing by 2 and then adding the average rate.



## Appendix 4

## **Current Growth Fund Criteria**

## **Exceptional Growth Fund**

**Applies to:** Maintained schools and Academies

### Significant and sustained

Following confirmation of the October 2014 pupil census, funding additional to the budget share will be allocated to schools that experience a significant and sustained growth in pupil numbers. The criteria (see below) to determine whether a school is eligible for additional growth funding were agreed by Schools Forum in February 2014.

#### Criteria

'Growth funding will be allocated to schools where there is **both** a **significant** and **sustained** growth in pupil numbers, where the local authority has requested an increase in pupils that take the school over and above its Published Admission Number (PAN) or the school has increased its PAN'

In setting the criteria, 'significant' and 'sustained' have been defined as follows:

- a. 'Significant' Where the increase in the number on roll exceeds 10 pupils per year and this equates to 5% or more of the total number of pupils on roll.
- b. 'Sustained' The 'significant' criteria has been met for both the current and previous academic year.

The one-off allocation from the growth fund to schools' who meet the above criteria, will be equal to 7/12ths of the 'Basic per Pupil Entitlement' of the current academic year's increase in the Number of Roll. For secondary schools, the Basic per Pupil Entitlement rate for Key Stage 3 will be used in the calculation.

'Funding will not be allocated from this fund to a school which has received additional funding in the year, through its budget share, as a result of an agreed variation in its pupil numbers.'

## For example – primary school

School has been requested by the Local Authority to increase the PAN from a 11/2 form entry to a two form entry from September 2013, e.g. increase in PAN of 15.

October 2012 NOR = 223 pupils used as the baseline

October 2013 NOR = 238 pupils (increase of 15 pupils and 6.7%)



October 2014 NOR = 250 pupils (increase of 12 pupils and 5%)

Additional funding will be allocated based on 12 pupils multiplied by 7/12 of the Basic per Pupil Entitlement of £2,731.50 for primary schools.

$$£2,731.50 \times 12$$
 x 7 = £19,120.50 one off allocation for growth

The 2014-15 one off funding will be allocated between January and March 2015, following confirmation from the DfE of the October 2014 pupil census numbers.



## Appendix 5

# **Revised Growth Fund Proposals for 2014-15**

## **Exceptional Growth Fund**

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- c. 'Significant' Where the increase in the number on roll exceeds 10 pupils per year and this equates to 5% or more of the total number of pupils on roll.
- d. 'Sustained' The 'significant' criteria has been met for both the current and previous academic year.

The one-off allocation from the growth fund to schools', who meet the above criteria, will be equal to £1,100 per Primary pupil of the current academic year's increase in the Number of Roll. For secondary schools, the rate of £1,500 per pupil will be used in the calculation.

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£1,100 x 12 = £13,200 one off allocation for growth

The 2014-15 one off funding will be allocated between January and March 2015, following confirmation from the DfE of the October 2014 pupil census numbers.