



Schools Forum

Wednesday, 11 October 2017 4.00 p.m.
Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

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Chief Executive

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The next meeting of the Committee is on Wednesday, 8 November 2017*

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SCHOOLS FORUM

At a meeting of the Schools Forum on Wednesday, 21 June 2017 at The Board Room - Municipal Building, Widnes

Present:

A. McIntyre, Education, Inclusion & Provision, HBC
 A. Jones, Financial Management, HBC
 A. Jones, Democratic Services, HBC
 N. Unsworth, Financial Management, HBC
 A. Brown, Nursery Schools Representative
 J. O'Connor, PVI Representative
 J. Coughlan, Primary Representative - Infant School
 L. Feakes, Primary School with Nursery Unit Representative
 N. Hunt, Pupil Referral Unit Representative
 K. Landrum, Primary Representative - VA School (In the Chair)
 J. Vincent, All Through Schools Representative
 S. Ainsworth, Special Schools Representative (Sub)

Action

SCF1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor T. McInerney, John Rigby, Richard Collings, Marjorie Constantine, Syd Broxton, Karen Lawton and Kathryn Albiston.

SCF2 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting held on 22 March 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

SCF 35 – Update – the data validation exercise was successful and officers would advise nursery schools once the final funding future was known.

SCF3 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Forum was provided with an update on the Membership as follows:

- The vacancy for a Primary Representative for Small Schools still existed;
- The current Chair, John Rigby, would retire at the end of the summer term which left a vacancy for the Chairmanship role as well as his Secondary Academy representation;
- Emlyn Wright would replace John Rigby as the Principal at OBA; it was proposed that he be invited to take up John's Secondary Academy representation

- in September 2017; and
- The four year terms for Jim Wilson, Richard Collings, Karl Landrum (Vice Chair) and Amanda Brown were ending at the end of June 2017.

The procedure of the renewal of Forum Members representations were discussed in paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5; these were agreed by the Forum.

Karl Landrum and Amanda Brown confirmed that they were happy to continue their membership from June 2017 and Richard Collings advised, via e-mail, that he would be happy to continue his. Jim Wilson would be contacted to discuss his representation. Once the renewals had been confirmed, the Forum would elect its Chairperson at the next meeting.

On behalf of the Forum, the Chair recorded his thanks to John Rigby for his commitment to the Schools Forum since he had joined. A letter of thanks would be drafted and sent to him, on behalf of the Forum.

RESOLVED: That Schools Forum

- 1) note the current membership and approve the arrangements for recruiting to the vacant positions; and
- 2) approve the arrangements outlined in paragraph 3.4 and 3.5.

SCF4 OUTTURN 20-16-17

The Schools Forum received the final Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) position for 2016-17, and the amount of DSG carried forward into the 2017-18 financial year.

It was noted that all local authorities (LAs) were required to submit a Section 251 Outturn return to the Department of Education (DfE) each year. This is taken from the total income and expenditure for the previous financial year, so 2016-17.

Members noted the information contained in paragraphs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 and that the amount of unspent DSG from 2016-17 was £1,636,322, which will be carried forward into the 2017-18 financial year.

Officers advised that regular monitoring meetings would continue over the course of the year to identify areas

of concern and in order to put in place ways of minimising any overspends; as this method was successful in managing the overspend expected last year.

RESOLVED: That Schools Forum notes that the amount of unspent DSG from 2016-17 of £1,636,322 be carried forward into the 2017-18 financial year.

SCF5 SCHOOLS BALANCES 2016-17

Further to the agreement at the Schools Forum meeting in January 2013, the excess surplus balances were to be monitored by the Forum despite the removal of the limits previously imposed.

The Forum was presented with the level of balances brought forward from 2016-17 by Halton's Schools and were referred to:

- Appendix A which detailed the Individual School Budget balances with comparison to the previous year; and
- Appendix B which detailed the Non-LMS (Devolved Formula Capital) balances brought forward into 2017-18.

The Forum noted that the Primary sector balances had decreased by £961,785 over the past year, as explained in paragraph 3.3. Due to time constraints the pro-forma had not yet been sent out to schools for completion. The Forum asked that an exercise is completed to look at how much of each school's carry forward balance was being used to balance the new year's budget.

Officers confirmed that the academies could share similar information, as they had done before.

RESOLVED: That Schools Forum

- 1) note the report; and
- 2) agrees that an exercise be carried out to look at how much of each school's carry forward balance was being used to balance the new year's budget; and
- 3) that the academies be contacted to provide their carry over balances.

SCF6 SCHOOLS BLOCK FUNDING - FORMER EDUCATION SERVICES GRANT (ESG)

The Forum received a report which provided a summary of the services previously supported from the Education Services Grant (ESG) General Duties Fund.

Members were reminded that on 23 January 2017 Schools Forum received a report from the Financial Management Team on the Schools Block Funding 2017-18 former ESG. The Forum agreed that the retained duties element of the former ESG of 0.29 m, could be funded from the DSG.

Further, for 2017-18, the maintained school members of the Forum agreed that the costs of the services previously supported through the General Duties Fund (£1,118,469) would be covered by £400,491 transitional funding, £97,094 new School Improvement Grant, and the de-delegation of £127,110 Dismissal budget, with the remaining balance covered by the 2016-17 DSG centrally retained carry forward.

The current level of funding for General Duties for 2017-18 was £1,118,469; this was noted by Members.

It was also agreed in January that so the funding options for 2018-19 onwards could be established, a 'Task and Finish Group' from maintained school representative be set up to consider the services previously funded from the General Services Grant, and recommend to the maintained members of the Forum the most appropriate future funding options.

The Forum discussed the English as an Additional Language (EAL) provision; the service and demand for the service, and suggested that the Group look at this as well. The following Members of the Forum volunteered to participate in the Group: L. Feakes; K. Landrum; S. Ainsworth and J. Vincent. Any absent Members who would like to join should contact Ann McIntyre.

RESOLVED: That a Schools Forum Task and Finish group be set up to consider the services previously funded from the ESG General duties.

Operational Director -
Education, Inclusion
and Provision

SCF7 SCHOOLS FORUM SUB GROUP MEETINGS UPDATE

The Forum received an update of the funding allocated to schools in financial difficulty by the Schools

Forum Sub Committee.

It was noted that the Schools Contingency Fund for 2016-17 was set at £217,010 and was the de-delegated contingency which was available only to those community primary and secondary schools maintained by the LA.

The circumstances by which a school could apply for funding was outlined in the report with the procedure for doing this. The Forum was presented with the funding allocated to three schools that applied in 2016-17.

Officers wished to thank the following Members for volunteering their time to sit on the Sub Groups: I. Kirkham; L. Feakes; J. O'connor; K. Lawton; K. Albiston; R. Collings; and J. Coughlan.

It was suggested that the *Licensed Deficit Policy* be included on the next Schools Circular. Additionally, it was suggested that the Circular also included a link to the Schools Forum agendas as they are published.

RESOLVED: That Schools Forum note the funding allocated to date and the increasing level of demand on this budget.

Operational Director -
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and Provision

SCF8 SEN UPDATE

The Forum received a presentation from Ann McIntyre, which gave an update on the SEN review which looked at the following areas:

- Enhanced Provision and Transport Review – the new policy was explained and would take effect from 1 September 2017;
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health Provision – two bids had been made to the LCR for funding but neither was successful;
- Behaviour Review – a review was currently being undertaken lead by the Head of the PRU to look at the challenges faced in the Borough and opportunities to resolve these; and
- Development of additional Alternative Provision – it was hoped that the Astmoor Vocational Centre would be developed to support this and it would be funded by schools buying into the service.

The Forum discussed the 9 funding factors in relation to the High Needs Block where it was stated that no authority would lose funding. Members were advised that

there was no indication of funding yet for next year, as this was usually received in the month of July.

Members were also advised that an all age review of SEND was to be commissioned utilising £54,000 grant received from the DfE. A further report would be submitted to the Forum.

It was noted that a Capital Grant of £500,000 had been awarded to Halton to implement any changes required following the review for SEN provision.

RESOLVED: That Schools Forum note the progress to date and request a further update at the October meeting.

SCF9 UNITED UTILITIES UPDATE

The Forum received an update on the Surface Water Drainage Charges by United Utilities.

It was reported that a letter was received from Mr Mogford, the Chief Executive of United Utilities, in early May, which set out their plans for charging schools in 2017-18 and 2018-19 onwards. The letter was presented in the report and Appendix A showed the calculations of the possible impact on individual schools.

It was noted that the North West LMS Finance Officers' Group was looking to meet before the end of the summer term to consider the total impact of this change on the North West region and whether it was fair and reasonable. An update would be brought to the Forum after this meeting.

Thanks were conveyed to Councillor Thompson who was very supportive in raising awareness of this and Mr J. Williams from Sefton Council who had dedicated a lot of his time on the issue.

It was commented that Officers would raise the same issues on behalf of the PVI sector in Halton at the next North West LMS Finance Officers' meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report is noted.

Meeting ended at 5.40 p.m.

REPORT TO: Schools Forum

DATE: 11 October 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director – Education, Inclusion & Provision

SUBJECT: Halton Schools Forum Membership Update

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To request nominations for the roles of Schools Forum Chair and (if necessary) Vice Chair;
- 2.1 Update the Forum on the canvassing for new / replacement Members; and;
- 3.1 Update the Forum on the continuation of Memberships.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Schools Forum

- 2.1 **Agree the nominations put forward by colleagues, for the role of Chair and (if necessary) Vice Chair; and**
- 2.2 **Note that the representations for Community Primary; VA Primary and Nursery Schools are continued.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Due to the retirement of John Rigby over the summer of 2017, the Chairman's role has been carried out by the Vice Chair, Karl Landrum.
- 3.2 The following Members' length of term was up for review in June/July 2017 and following consultations with the relevant school groups, it is confirmed that the representations be continued for a period of 4 years:

Amanda Brown – Nursery School Sector;
Richard Collings – Community Primary Sector;
Karl Landrum – VA Primary Sector; and
Jim Brown – VA Secondary Sector.

- 3.3 Representations for the group 'Primary School with a Nursery' and 'Small Primary' are vacant. Canvassing was carried out at the beginning of the school term. To date no nominations have been received for either group representation so they remain vacant.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The pressures on school and education budgets along with the proposed changes to schools and high needs funding means that it is vital that each sector has appropriate representation.

5.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
EFA - Schools Forum Operational and Good Practice Guide- December 2016	7 th Floor Municipal Building, Widnes	Ann Jones
EFA – Schools Forum Structure	7 th Floor Municipal Building, Widnes	Ann Jones

REPORT TO: Schools Forum

DATE: 11th October 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Mark Conway

SUBJECT: Early Years National Funding Formula – Quality Supplement

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide a summary of the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) and an outline of the proposal to model and introduce a new Quality Supplement from April 2018.

2.0 RECOMMENDED

2.1 **That Schools Forum agrees to the introduction of the proposed Quality Supplement in the EYNFF.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Pre- 2017-18

The Early Years Funding Formula (EYFF) requires local authorities to establish a base rate per hour (the basic per pupil element) and an additional mandatory supplement for deprivation. In addition there are a number of discretionary supplements:

- Rurality/ Sparsity
- Flexibility
- Quality
- English as additional language

3.2 Before April 2017, in agreement with Schools Forum, it was decided that the Halton EYFF would consist of only the base rate and the deprivation supplement to keep the formula as simple as possible and to prevent significant amounts of monies being moved from one provider to another due to the change in formula rather than on the basis of need.

3.3 April 2017 – March 2018

The introduction of the new funding regulations in April 2017 meant that Halton was facing a significant reduction in funding (in the region of £200k +) for maintained nursery schools. Although it was possible to significantly increase the rate per hour to PVI providers, this could not be at the loss of the maintained sector. A middle ground was required and it was agreed

- by Schools Forum to use the quality supplement to support the additional costs of employing a QTS on teacher's pay and conditions as a solution.
- 3.4 From April 2017 a new Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) was introduced and in addition to funding for the base rate and supplements, local authorities received an element of transitional funding to support maintained nursery classes and schools with the reduction in their funding levels.
- 3.5 Under the new formula we are allowed to use up to 10% of the funding for the 3 and 4 year old free entitlement for supplements. It was agreed following consultation, that 5% would be allocated to the deprivation supplement, using IDACI as in previous years and 3% was allocated to the quality supplement. This funding was divided between the number of QTS and paid as a lump sum.
- 3.6 The consultation undertaken with settings indicated that those who responded supported the proposed introduction of the quality supplement. This was then discussed and agreed at School Forum. Subsequently and outside the consultation period a number of members of private and voluntary early years sector indicated that they did feel nature of the quality supplement for 2017 -18 fully reflected the nature of their workforce qualification structure.
- 3.7 In an attempt to model a more equitable system that reflects the qualification structures of both the maintained and private and voluntary sector, we intend to audit the providers in the private and voluntary sector to identify the number of staff with a Level 5, Level 6 and QTS qualification in Early Years and are currently using that qualification in their role.
- 3.8 It is anticipated that we will have completed this audit by the end of September 2017, this will allow Finance to collate the information and model the use of a new quality supplement based on the above qualifications. If this is a viable model, the local authority will consult with all stakeholders in the Autumn term and take a report to Schools Forum for a decision in January 2018.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Early Years funding is limited by the allocations set by the DfE. At this point in time we have been given no indication as to our allocation for 2018-19. Funding values may increase or decrease dependent upon the grant allocation and the take up of free entitlement provision.

REPORT TO: School Forum

DATE: 11th October 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division

SUBJECT: National Funding Formula for 2018-19

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report to the School Forum the National Funding Formula proposals for 2018-19.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Background

Following the Department for Education consultations earlier this year, the Schools revenue operational guide and NFF for schools and high needs policy document were issued on 4th August and 14th September respectively. These documents set out the requirements for the 2018-19 funding formula for primary and secondary schools and academies, including the cash values for the funding factors within the NFF – attached as Appendix 1. Further information has been released on 28th September including the technical notes supporting the above documents while the indicative school allocations using the NFF based on the October 2016 census is now due to be released in early October.

3.2 The Secretary of State announced in mid-July that the per-pupil funding would be increased by 0.5% and that a minimum per-pupil funding level would be introduced, to be set at £3,300 for primary pupils in 2018-19 and £4,600 for secondary pupils. There is to be a further 0.5% per pupil increase for 2019-20 while the minimum per pupil funding level would be increased to £3,500 for primary pupils and £4,800 for secondary pupils.

3.3 The Minimum Funding Guarantee remains in place although local authorities have the flexibility of setting it at between 0% and -1.5%. A request has been made by the North West LMS group that we are allowed to set a different MFG for primary schools to secondary schools to enable us to manage the impact of the NFF.

3.4 The indicative school allocations to be released in early October are NOT the funding amounts schools will receive for 2018-19. The budgets are still to be set using the October 2017 census so the final position will not be known until mid to late January as in previous years.

- 3.5 The funding ratio between primary and secondary schools is significantly lower to what we have currently in Halton. This will severely impact on our secondary schools and academies who will see a reduction in funding. We need to decide whether to move directly to the NFF in 2018-19, whether to stay on our current funding formula or to try for a mid-point formula to ease the transition. Work is underway on the modelling for these options and a consultation will be sent out, hopefully before half term.
- 3.6 One key decision will be regarding the Looked After Children funding factor. We currently use this factor with a cash value in excess of £1,500, using over £250k in total for 2017-18 budgets. The LAC factor is NOT included within the NFF so we have a choice of continuing to use it or not. However, funding will be taken from our DSG allocations and transferred to the Pupil Premium Plus grant. It is therefore likely that we will have to reduce a funding factor if we were to continue to use the LAC factor in 2018-19. The Pupil Premium Plus rate for 2018-19 has been announced at £2,300 per LAC.
- 3.7 Now that information has been released we will be focusing our efforts on modelling the options for funding and as ever, will try to minimise turbulence regarding school budgets as much as is possible. If possible, we will table the draft consultation document and options at the meeting but this is subject to completing the work in less than two weeks.
- 3.8 For the first time in many years, the decision on how the schools funding formula will look rests with the local authority rather than Schools Forum. We have set an extra Schools Forum meeting for Wednesday 8th November to discuss the consultation responses and proposals for the funding formula. It is therefore more important than ever that we get as many responses as possible to the consultations.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None

Figure 3 - The Final National Funding Formula

Funding Factors	Unit values	Total Funding (including ACA)	Proportion of core total
Basic per-pupil funding		£24,183m	72.9%
Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU): Primary	£2,747	£12,595m	38.0%
Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU): Secondary - KS3	£3,863	£6,668m	20.1%
Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU): Secondary - KS4	£4,386	£4,734m	14.3%
Minimum per pupil funding level	NA	£185m	0.6%
Additional needs funding		£5,906m	17.8%
Deprivation		£3,022m	9.1%
Current FSM top up (Pupils currently claiming FSM at the last census): Primary	£440	£291m	0.9%
Current FSM top up (Pupils currently claiming FSM at the last census): Secondary	£440	£173m	0.5%
FSM6 (Any pupil that has ever claimed FSM in the past 6 years): Primary	£540	£626m	1.9%
FSM6 (Any pupil that has ever claimed FSM in the past 6 years): Secondary	£785	£641m	1.9%
IDACI band F: Primary	£200	£94m	0.3%
IDACI band F: Secondary	£290	£80m	0.2%
IDACI band E: Primary	£240	£101m	0.3%
IDACI band E: Secondary	£390	£95m	0.3%
IDACI band D: Primary	£360	£131m	0.4%
IDACI band D: Secondary	£515	£108m	0.3%
IDACI band C: Primary	£390	£123m	0.4%
IDACI band C: Secondary	£560	£102m	0.3%
IDACI band B: Primary	£420	£165m	0.5%
IDACI band B: Secondary	£600	£135m	0.4%
IDACI band A: Primary	£575	£88m	0.3%
IDACI band A: Secondary	£810	£69m	0.2%
Low prior attainment		£2,458m	7.4%
Low prior attainment: Primary	£1,050	£1,531m	4.6%
Low prior attainment: Secondary	£1,550	£928m	2.8%
English as an additional language		£404m	1.2%
English as an additional language: Primary	£515	£299m	0.9%
English as an additional language: Secondary	£1,385	£106m	0.3%
Mobility		£22m	0.1%
School led funding		£3,077m	9.3%
Lump sum		£2,267m	6.8%
Lump sum: Primary	£110,000	£1,892m	5.7%
Lump sum: Secondary	£110,000	£375m	1.1%
Sparsity		£26m	0.1%
Sparsity: Primary	£25,000	£21m	0.1%
Sparsity: Secondary	£65,000	£5m	0.0%
Premises		£610m	1.8%
Explicit Growth		£174m	0.5%
<i>Area Cost Adjustment: A multiplier that is applied to basic per pupil, additional needs and school led funding (ACA is already included in each of the factor subtotals)</i>		£824m	
Core Total (Excluding funding floor)		£33,166m	
Funding Floor		£624m	
Total (including funding floor)		£33,790m	

Figure 3: This table shows the unit values, total funding and proportion of funding for each factor in the formula. To note, total funding is rounded to the nearest £1m. Proportion of core total funding is rounded to the nearest 0.1%. The total funding and proportion of core total funding columns are based on implementing the formula in full, without transition, using 2017-18 authority proforma tool data and 2017/18 general annual grant data.

REPORT TO: School Forum

DATE: 11th October 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director – Education, Inclusion & Provision

SUBJECT: High Needs Block Funding for 2018-19

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report to the School Forum the High Needs Block Funding proposals for 2018-19.

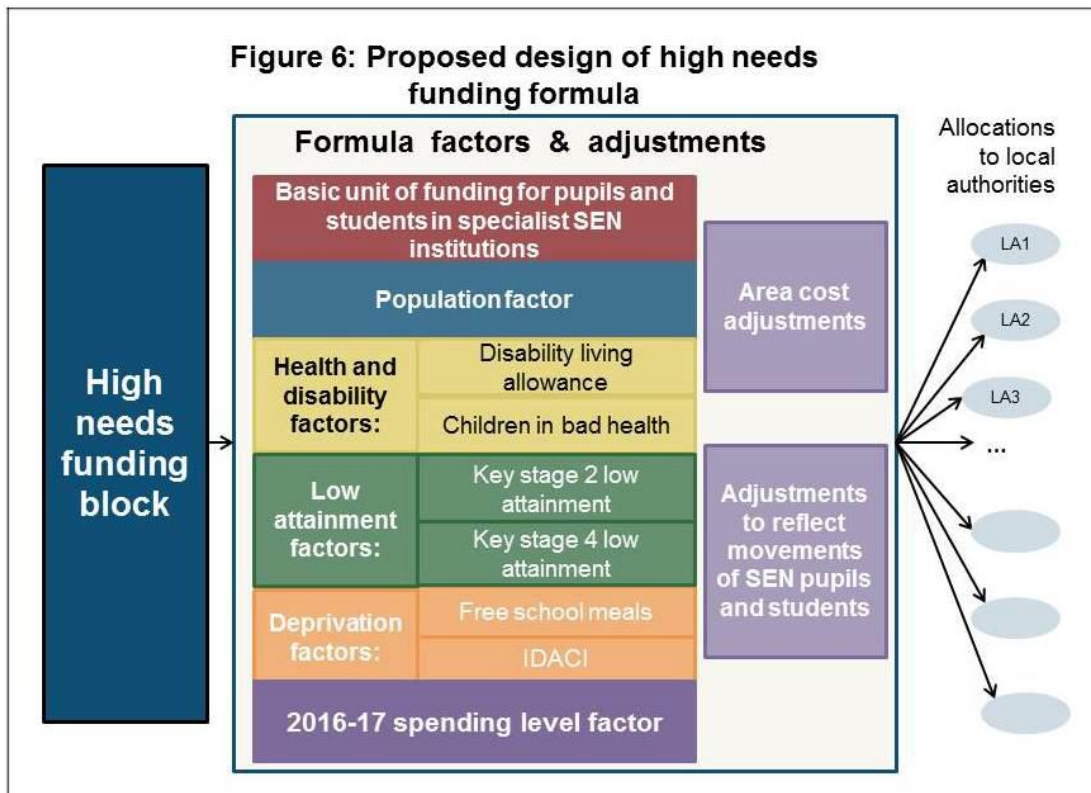
2.0 RECOMMENDATION

(1) The report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Background

The DfE issued a Stage One consultation on High Needs Funding in March 2016 with proposals on how allocations to LA’s would be calculated from April 2018. This was followed up by a Stage Two consultation in December 2016. The basis of allocation to each LA is as follows:



- 3.2 Following a baseline exercise we have been given an indicative budget of £14.3m after recoupment. There is to be a 0.5% uplift in High Needs funding which we hope will be in the region of £72k but it has not yet been confirmed on what basis the 0.5% will be calculated.
- 3.3 We are waiting to hear the outcome of the Stage 2 consultation that closed in March 2017. Further guidance regarding high needs funding for 2018-19 is due to be released in September 2017 and will be tabled at the meeting.
- 3.4 At this point in time, having estimated the budgets required for 2018-19 we will need funding of £15.3m. We are allowed, following consultation with schools and with the approval of Schools Forum, to transfer up to 0.5% of the total Schools Block budget – roughly £415k – to the High Needs block. For any transfer above 0.5% of Schools Block we must also get approval from the Secretary of State.
- 3.5 At the end of the 2016/2017 financial year we were spending in the region of £2.6million on placing 62 pupils in specialist out of borough provision. Over the last few years we have seen a marked increase in the number of children and young people placed out of borough and the costs of each placement has significantly increased. As there is a shortage of Local Authority provision it is becoming a providers market. When pupils are placed in out of borough provision they often complete their education at the setting they are placed at. This is both costly and in many cases prevents them from developing relationships within their local community.
- 3.6 The cost, quality, vulnerability and the need for extra scrutiny of these placements has been discussed at the SEN Review Meeting and it has been suggested that we seek permission from School Forum to employ a Commissioner who will undertake the following:
- Manage the market working with other LAs to look at the cost of provision;
 - Negotiate most cost effective arrangements for out of borough placements;
 - Monitor the quality and suitability of all out of borough placements; and
 - Seek opportunities to work with settings to reintegrated children and young people placed out of borough back into local schools and settings
- 3.7 In order to undertake this role it would be necessary to fund a dedicated Commissioner at Grade HBC11. The estimated cost of this role would be in the region of £51,000 per annum and would need to be met from the High Needs budget. However, by recruiting to this post we aim to drive down the costs and number of pupils placed out of borough, challenging the costs charged and ensuring that the settings can demonstrate impact and positive outcomes and in many cases have plans in place to reintegrate or reduce the support the child or young person requires.
- 3.8 To address the rising cost of SEND support in the Borough it has been agreed that an All Age Review of SEND be undertaken. This will be commissioned externally and will explore demand, the causes of demand and how we can better meet the needs of children and young people in a more sustainable way in future years.
- 3.9 In addition to this piece of work Halton are working alongside the five other Liverpool

City Region Authorities to look review SEN sufficiency. This review will look at the current provision and demand across the Liverpool City Region.

- 3.10 The Headteacher of the Bridge in Halton was commissioned to undertake a Behaviour Review this work has now been completed and a detailed report will be presented to the School Forum meeting in January.
- 3.11 Between September 2017 and March 2018 a review of the top up levels allocated to pupils placed at the PRU will be undertaken with a view to introducing any changes from April 2018.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None

REPORT TO: School Forum

DATE: 11th October 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division

SUBJECT: School Balances used to set budgets in 2016-17 and 2017-18

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To report to the School Forum the level of balances brought forward from 2015-16 used to set budgets in 2016-17 and the balances brought forward from 2016-17 used to set budgets in 2017-18.

2.0 Recommendation

RECOMMENDED:

2.1 That the report be noted.

3.0 Background

3.1 Following the June report on school end of financial year balances, Schools Forum requested that we look at the level of school balances that are being used in order to set the budget. For this purpose we have gathered information over the last two years.

3.2 At the end of 2015-16 a total of £6,353,305.01 was carried forward by maintained schools (who are still maintained). Of this, £3,684,989.13 was used to set the budget for 2016-17. This equates to 58.0% although the average used by schools was 70.27%.

3.3 For 2017-18 budgets, from a total carry forward of £4,542,173.52 for maintained schools £2,701,564.63 was used to set the budgets. This equates to 59.5% although the average used by schools reduced to 67.87%.

3.4 Although the overall carry forward balances for 2016-17 have reduced by 28.5%, the proportion used in order to set budgets has reduced by 26.7%. It should be noted that we have been unable to include the proportion used to set budgets for all schools.

3.5 Appendix A shows the detail by school for the two years.

	2015-16	2016-17	% used to	2016-17	2017-18	% used to
	carry forward	budget set	set budget	carry forward	budget	set budget
5001 Ditton Nursery	21,551.78	13,163.00	61.08	4,021.51	3,850.00	95.74
5002 Birchfield Nursery	52,399.85	49,894.00	95.22	16,945.26	16,322.00	96.32
5003 Warrington Road	25,625.26	11,298.00	44.09	12,402.24	7,389.00	59.58
5100 St Marys	296,832.72	180,841.00	60.92	178,498.12	94,870.00	53.15
5101 St Edwards	136,236.48	124,074.00	91.07	110,651.91	89,104.00	80.53
5102 Weston Point	201,949.19	118,057.00	58.46	197,469.62	121,481.00	61.52
5105 Victoria Road	127,391.59	87,951.00	69.04	128,748.40	125,190.00	97.24
5106 Weston	105,136.72	104,960.00	99.83	19,651.28	12,924.00	65.77
5107 St Clements	49,673.17	14,479.00	29.15	76,166.67	55,762.00	73.21
5108 Westfield	9,419.13	unknown		9,911.14	unknown	
5109 Halton Lodge	133,608.45	133,608.45	100.00	2,461.15	247.00	10.04
5110 Castle View	111,837.62	unknown		105,308.12	unknown	
5111 Astmoor	33,996.99	33,897.00	99.71	32,830.15	28,562.00	87.00
5112 The Brow	106,151.68	70,812.00	66.71	106,576.06	85,170.00	79.91
5113 Woodside	97,320.81	48,679.00	50.02	125,904.31	100,460.00	79.79
5114 The Holy Spirit	73,837.28	72,750.00	98.53	26,918.81	2,060.00	7.65
5116 Pewithall	93,576.06	24,005.00	25.65	70,426.00	21,604.00	30.68
5118 Hallwood Park	157,605.86	unknown		89,848.00	unknown	
5120 Runcorn All Saints	46,653.35	46,653.35	100.00	4,337.29	4,337.29	100.00
5121 OLMOS	241,269.52	184,559.00	76.49	115,088.72	58,007.00	50.40
5122 Hill View	139,796.13	104,000.00	74.39	103,881.18	68,281.00	65.73
5123 Beechwood	73,758.63	61,531.00	83.42	47,716.08	45,082.00	94.48
5125 Brookvale	253,754.19	114,498.00	45.12	237,429.02	136,693.00	57.57
5126 St Martins	41,134.69	41,134.69	100.00	8,040.43	8,040.00	99.99
5127 Murdishaw West	78,469.81	72,051.00	91.82	53,496.49	50,715.00	94.80
5128 Gorsewood	189,383.36	150,501.00	79.47	158,716.04	76,281.00	48.06
5129 St Bertelines	77,819.83	73,379.00	94.29	27,139.06	24,296.00	89.52
5130 Windmill Hill	29,493.14	29,493.00	100.00	20,810.29	20,810.29	100.00
5132 Moore	57,721.06	34,309.00	59.44	35,439.41	35,048.00	98.90
5133 Hale	67,621.61	67,621.61	100.00	45,887.99	45,887.99	100.00
5134 St Bedes Junior	113,045.27	244.00	0.22	173,584.14	151,079.00	87.04
5135 St Bedes Infant	153,071.57	34,582.00	22.59	145,354.37	68,634.00	47.22
5136 Spinney Ave	48,005.73	unknown		48,450.51	unknown	
5137 St Michaels	97,978.89	60,147.00	61.39	90,481.26	84,389.00	93.27
5138 Farnworth	64,953.63	61,540.00	94.74	17,380.75	3,280.00	18.87
5139 Halebank	96,983.81	73,992.00	76.29	62,987.85	33,664.00	53.45
5140 St Gerards	239,787.62	128,923.00	53.77	178,609.88	83,492.00	46.75
5141 Ditton Primary	93,523.53	80,852.00	86.45	- 212.43	-	-
5142 Simms Cross	199,966.72	168,722.00	84.38	170,370.73	116,464.00	68.36
5144 Oakfield	84,137.23	28,631.00	34.03	79,366.55	55.00	0.07
5146 Moorfield	19,450.72	18,110.00	93.11	69,177.17	53,602.00	77.49
5148 OLOPS	70,192.24	52,119.00	74.25	60,572.78	51,520.00	85.05
5149 St Basils	14,274.12	-	-	1,067.12	-	-
5150 All Saints Upton	- 13,914.66	-	-	2,500.12	-	-
5151 Fairfield	260,245.50	260,245.50	100.00	205,232.26	205,232.26	100.00
5153 Lunts Heath	67,486.80	58,382.00	86.51	56,191.69	48,925.00	87.07
5154 St John Fisher	186,219.77	147,854.00	79.40	155,552.59	128,098.00	82.35
5301 St Chads	131,231.86	unknown		169,512.53	unknown	
5303 The Grange	223,562.91	unknown		101,559.50	unknown	
5312 Sts Peter & Paul	233,113.63	unknown		151,871.16	unknown	
5313 The Bridge	210,263.53	210,263.53	100.00	204,076.84	204,076.84	100.00
5401 Ashley	99,438.04	66,054.00	66.43	9,339.96	9,339.96	100.00
5402 Chesnut Lodge	255,423.36	166,129.00	65.04	124,161.46	121,240.00	97.65
5403 Brookfields	273,837.23	unknown		92,263.98	unknown	