

REPORT TO: Schools Forum

DATE: 15th October 2013

REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division

SUBJECT: Primary PE & Sport Grant

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 **To report to the School Forum an update on the Primary PE and Sport Grant for the academic year 2013-14.**

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

RECOMMENDED:

(1) The report be noted.

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Background

In March 2013 the Department for Education announced a new grant under the Additional Grant to Schools for Primary school sport funding. The announcement detailed the amounts that would be paid and the qualifying criteria.

3.2 The announcement in March stated that each school with 17 pupils or more would receive a lump sum of £8,000 plus £5.00 per primary aged pupil. Schools with less than 17 pupils would receive no lump sum but £500.00 per pupil for primary aged pupils.

3.3 Based on this information we estimated our primary schools and schools with primary aged pupils would receive £465,419 for 2013-14.

3.4 On Monday 23rd September the allocations were announced by the DfE which are significantly different to the March announcement. Schools with 17 or more pupils are now receiving a lump sum of £7,535 plus £5.00 per pupil where pupils are aged 5 to 11 – pupils in Reception classes irrespective of age appear to be excluded. Smaller schools with less than 17 pupils will receive £475 per pupil where pupils are aged 5 to 11.

3.5 In the March announcement it stated that funding will be paid to local authorities in late September/early October. The details sent out in September state that 65% of the grant will be paid to local authorities on 1st October 2013 and the final 35% will be paid on

30th April 2014.

3.6 The impact is that we were expecting £465,419 to be allocated to schools in October. Schools will now receive a total of £431,375 within the academic year with £278,956 payable in October and the remaining £152,419 payable next year.

3.7 No funding has been announced for The Grange All Through school.

3.8 Questions have been put to the Education Funding Agency as to why the amounts and payment dates have been changed so late in the day and why one seemingly eligible school has been omitted. To date no response has been made.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None