

REPORT TO: School Forum
DATE: 17th March 2014
REPORTING OFFICER: Finance Officer, Financial Management Division
SUBJECT: Grant allocations for 2014-15

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 **To report to the School Forum an update on the grant allocations relating to schools for the 2014-15 financial year.**

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

RECOMMENDED:

(1) The report is noted.

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Dedicated Schools Grant: DSG – Halton has received a total amount of £101,744,000. This includes an amount of £22,111,186 that is distributed directly to Academies. Therefore for central services and maintained schools there is a remaining balance of £79,662,414. There is a remaining amount of £3,836,237 carried forward from 2013/14. This makes the total available grant of £83,498,651.

Pupil Premium: PP – Halton is receiving £8,491,035 which includes FSM6, Post LAC, Service Children and LAC. The LAC element is £209,000. Of the remaining Halton will receive £6,643,435 for the other elements, with the balance going directly to the Academies.

Sixth form – This funding is received for St Chad's, Saints Peter and Paul, Ashley and the 6th form in non-maintained schools and independent schools. The grant for this financial year is £1,484,960. The grant is allocated to schools for each academic year but we have to ensure that it is paid to the schools and recorded for on a financial year basis.

Additional Grant to Schools: AGS – There are 2 elements to this grant and so far we have only received the Primary PE and Sports Grant which is a total of £175,082. We have not heard anything in relation to the Secondary PE Teacher Release Grant funding.

Universal Infant Free School Meals: UIFSM – We have received the first payment of £724,742 and this has been devolved out to the schools. Please see the later report on UIFSM.

NCTL – This grant was payable to The Bankfield for part of the last financial year 13/14, and we have received £56,982 this financial year, which was received during the Summer term. No further payments are due under this grant.

Devolved Formula Capital: DFC – The allocation for this financial year is £278,180. This is only for the non-voluntary aided schools as they have their allocations paid directly to their dioceses and not to the local authority. We have 18 non VA schools in the borough. The DFC requires schools to spend the allocation within 3 financial years of receiving it. Within Halton Financial Management Team we keep a check on the balances and alert schools if we believe it may not be spent by the deadline.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None