

REPORT TO: School Forum

DATE: 21st March 2018

REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division

SUBJECT: Central School Services Block 2018-19

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report to the School Forum on the Central School Services Block for 2018-19

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) The report is noted.
- (2) The highlighted budgets are agreed.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Central School Services Block (CSSB) is separated from the Schools Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant for the first time in 2018-19. However, budgets were set as part of the Schools Block for 2017-18 and have been included here for comparison.

Some costs now attributed to the CSSB were funded from our carry forward balance for 2017-18, as agreed by Schools Forum, so are excluded from the figures below.

3.1 Centrally retained budgets

Below are the centrally retained budgets from the CSSB with comparison to 2017-18, excluding where funded from carry forward balances.

| | 2018-19 | 2017-18 |
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| Contribution to Safeguarding post | £47,100 | £47,100 |
| Teachers Panel | £19,460 | £19,460 |
| Former Retained ESG Staffing | £178,877 | £165,674 |
| Former Retained ESG Central Recharges | £98,885 | £122,840 |

For information:

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| Licences | £98,550 | £94,900 |
| Staffing | £55,683 | from cfwd |
| Dismissals | £127,110 | £127,110 |
| Health and Safety | £114,000 | from cfwd |
| Schools Contingency | £198,780 | £209,476 |

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| Staff Responsibilities | £25,470 | £26,830 |
| FSM Eligibility | £6,520 | £7,387 |

The Contribution to the Safeguarding post is an historic budget that cannot be increased above £47,100. The funding for Teachers Panel is also an historic budget that cannot be increased due to the regulations in place.

The budgets for the former Retained element of the Education Services Grant total £277,762 and contributes to the cost of Financial Management posts, Senior Management posts, Investigation of Complaints and SACRE plus associated central recharge costs.

The Licences budget is to meet the cost of the school licences purchased centrally by the ESFA and recharged to local authorities. As such, we are required to inform Schools Forum of the amount we will be charged.

As previously agreed, the former General Duties element of ESG has been de-delegated from maintained schools, which covers part posts within Financial Management and Capital works plus Health and Safety and the Dismissals budget. Apart from the Dismissals budget, these were funded from our carry forward balance for 2017-18

The maintained primary and secondary historic de-delegated budgets for Schools contingency, Staff Responsibilities and FSM Eligibility have also been previously agreed.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None