

REPORT TO: School Forum

DATE: 29 January 2013

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director – Children’s Organisation and Provision

SUBJECT: Contingency Update

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report provides an update on the value of the contingencies for 2012/2013.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That

2.1 (a) **School Forum note the current balance for the contingency**

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The total original general schools contingency for 2012/2013 is £438,610. In addition, £166,259 was carried forward from 2011/2012, giving a total general contingency of £605,139. The following budget adjustments to this contingency budget have been agreed:

- £300,000 staffing reductions;
- £80,809 for carbon reduction commitments;
- £50,000 contribution to IWIST staffing;
- £267,957 delegated former Standard Fund;
- £57,705 Infant Class Size funding; and
- £33,619 pupil growth The Bankfield.

3.2 This is a commitment of £792,090. Although this is £189,951 above the budget this can be covered by the balance from the staffing reduction and NQT budget.

3.3 From £300,000 staff reductions budget the actual sums paid to date are as follows:

- Moore Primary - £10,780;
- The Grange - £158,410; and
- Wade Deacon - £34,169.

The remaining balance is therefore £96,641. It is proposed that this is transferred to the general contingency to offset the over commitment.

- 3.4 The total allocation for NQT for 2012/2013 is £229,530 with a carry forward from 2011/2012 of £150,560 giving a total budget of £380,090. £180,200 has been devolved to schools to date and the estimate for spring 2013 is £80,400. This leaves a remaining balance of £119,490. It is proposed that this is transferred to the general contingency to offset the over commitment. The revised balance on the general school contingency is now £29,180.
- 3.5 The total SEN budget for 2012/2013 is £1,129,210. This sum has been set aside to support the costs of SEN provision identified after March 2012 allocation. A budget of £403,241 was carried forward from 2011/2012, giving a total SEN Enhanced Provision budget of £1,532,451. To date adjustments totalling £936,820 have been allocated to schools, leaving a remaining balance of £595,631.
- 3.6 The DSG centrally retained underspend at the end of 2011/2012 was £1,952,709. A commitment of £20,000 was made by School Forum in 2011/2012 to support the work of Internal Audit. In addition, on an annual basis the costs of the EAL provision based at St Chad's Catholic and Church of England High School and Specialist Language College has been supported by the School Forum. The cost of this provision is £146,828. This provides a revised DSG centrally retained contingency balance of £1,785,881.
- 3.7 School Forum are asked to note that following a brief consultation by the Department of Education on the Local Authority Central Spend Equivalent Grant (LACSEG), from 2012/2013 any school converting to an academy will now take a proportion of the school contingency budget. This funding will be recouped from the budget in-year.