

**REPORT TO:** School Forum

**DATE:** 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division

**SUBJECT:** Additional Notional SEN funding

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 **To report to the School Forum the Additional Notional SEN funding criteria and allocations for 2014-15**

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) The report be noted.
- (2) That the additional funding for the schools listed is agreed.

## 3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 3.1 Background

Under the new School Funding Regulations Local Authorities can provide additional targeted support to schools where it would be unreasonable to expect the first £6,000 of additional support for all high needs pupils to be provided due to an exceptional number of such pupils on roll.

Local Authorities are required to state the qualifying criteria and method of allocation on the School Block Pro-Forma to be submitted to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) by 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

### 3.2 Criteria adopted for Primary and Secondary Schools and Academies

- The Notional SEN budget for each school would be calculated at the agreed rate of 5% of total budget.
- The required Notional SEN budget would be calculated by counting the number of pupils in each school that receive enhanced provision support/statement support funded by the Local Authority and multiplying by £6,000 – the Notional SEN per pupil budget set by the EFA.
- Where a school has a Notional SEN budget that exceeds the required Notional SEN budget, no additional funding would be given.
- Where a school has a required Notional SEN budget exceeding the 5% Notional SEN budget, the difference between the two figures would be funded.

### 3.3 Example:

School A has a total budget of £600,000

The Notional SEN budget is therefore £30,000

The school has 4 pupils receiving enhanced provision funding from the Local

Authority so requires 4 x £6,000 of Notional SEN = £24,000  
 As the school has a Notional SEN budget higher than the required Notional SEN budget (£30,000 compared to £24,000) then no further funding will be given.

School B has a total budget of £600,000  
 The Notional SEN budget is therefore £30,000  
 The school has 6 pupils receiving enhanced provision funding from the Local Authority so requires 6 x £6,000 of Notional SEN = £36,000  
 As the school has a Notional SEN budget lower than the required Notional SEN budget (£30,000 compared to £36,000) then the school will receive an additional £6,000 of funding.

### 3.4 **Timescale**

This calculation takes place during the Autumn Term each year. Any additional bids from schools for further funding will be taken to the sub-group which aims to meet before the main School Forum meetings. Therefore, requests for additional funding will need to be submitted no later than three weeks before School Forum to allow time to assess eligibility and calculate funding before the meeting.

### 3.5 **Additional Notional SEN for 2014-15**

The following allocations meet the qualifying criteria:

School	5% budget	Actual N.SEN	Additional funding
Weston Point Primary	£ 29,797.00	£ 36,000.00	£ 6,203.00
Victoria Road Primary	£ 41,955.00	£ 60,000.00	£ 18,045.00
Westfield Primary	£ 30,912.00	£ 36,000.00	£ 5,088.00
The Brow Primary	£ 36,926.00	£ 48,000.00	£ 11,074.00
St Augustine's Primary	£ 22,880.00	£ 30,000.00	£ 7,120.00
Murdishaw West Primary	£ 39,164.00	£ 48,000.00	£ 8,836.00
Oakfield Primary	£ 53,729.00	£ 60,000.00	£ 6,271.00
All Saints Upton Primary	£ 37,368.00	£ 54,000.00	£ 16,632.00
St John Fisher Primary	£ 41,790.00	£ 66,000.00	£ 24,210.00
Bridgewater Park Primary	£ 25,018.00	£ 30,000.00	£ 4,982.00
			<u>£ 108,461.00</u>

## 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

## 5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None