

REPORT TO: School Forum
DATE: 21st January 2015
REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer
SUBJECT: Dedicated Schools Grant 2015-16
WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform School Forum of the indicative allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant settlement for 2015-16.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

(1) That School Forum note the DSG settlement for 2015-16.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 On 17th December 2014 the Department for Education announced the indicative Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2015-16.

3.2 Once again the DSG settlement is split between three notional blocks: Schools Block, High Needs Block and Early Years Block.

3.3 For 2015-16 the Per Pupil Unit of Funding for the Schools Block has reduced slightly from its 2013-14 value of £4,857.53 to £4,850.02. This is to take into account the top-slice for the Carbon Reduction Commitment – previously a one-off top-slice of £106,000. The impact of this per pupil top-slice is an increase in the reduction for CRC of just over £130,000.

The number of pupils in 2014-15 was 17,102 giving a cash value of £81,932,000. The number of pupils for 2015-16 has increased to 17,307 so the total cash value of the schools block is £83,939,765.

3.4 It should be noted that the Primary age pupils have increased by 702 while Secondary age pupils have decreased by 497.

3.5 The per pupil Unit of Funding for the Early Years Block remains the same at £3,363.39 giving an indicative total cash value of £4,019,251. The Early Years Pupil Premium has been announced at £191,409 as part of the DSG settlement rather than the Pupil Premium Grant.

3.6 The High Needs Block has been allocated at £14,458,452, an increase from 2014-15 from £13,887,000.

- 3.7 No announcement has been made regarding the funding for two-year old provision and this is not expected until July 2015.
- 3.8 The total DSG settlement for 2015-16 is £102,634,112 which is an increase from the 2013-14 settlement of £101,774,000 of £860,112. However, the increased DSG settlement includes funding for Sandymoor Free School for which our DSG increased by £1,403,223. Therefore, the net position is actually an overall reduction of £543,111.

Given that we have an increase in pupil numbers, the overall reduction in DSG is adding more pressure to an already pressurised budget.

4.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
DSG 2015-16 allocations	Kingsway House	Anne Jones