

**REPORT TO:** School Forum

**DATE:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Operational Director – Education, Inclusion and Provision

**SUBJECT:** Contingency Update 2015/2016

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report provides an update on the value of the Dedicated School Grant contingencies for 2015/2015.

**2.0 RECOMMENDED: That**

2.1 **(a) School Forum note the current balance on each of the contingencies.**

**3.0 BACKGROUND**

3.1 The General Schools Contingency for 2015/2016 is £207,966. To date the following support has been agreed leaving a balance of £100,930.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
The Grange	£80,000
Licences	£27,036
Total Allocated	£107,036

3.2 The Pupil Growth Contingency for 2015/2016 is £100,000 plus carry forward of £80,001 which gives a total of £180,001. The school eligible for growth funding are outlined in a separate report to the Board. This report proposes that £44,002 is allocated to St Bede's Catholic Junior School and that £80,000 is allocated to Sandymoor Free school. This leaves a primary balance of £55,998.

3.3 The High Needs Contingency budget for 2015/2016 is £1,129,210 plus carry forward from 2014/2015 of £404,726 giving a total of £1,533,936. To date enhanced provision for schools and academies and funding for Ashley post 16 and post 16 administration has been agreed to the value of £2,128,902. This leaves the budget in a deficit of £594,966. It is also

important to note that there are likely to be further calls on this budget before the end of the financial.

- 3.4 The Early Years Contingency budget for 2015/2016 is currently nil. There is a carry forward budget of £142,996. The LA have been notified that there will be a reduction of £74,000 to the early years budget. In addition, School Forum sub agreed financial support of £43,294 to Ditton Nursery. £100,000 has been allocated for Early Years Enhanced payments and alongside the £50,000 agreed as a contribution to Early Help and Support (previously IWIST) this budget now has a total deficit of £124,298.
- 3.5 The total Central Contingency carry forward from 2014/2015 is £1,840,337. Two conversion balances have been paid from this budget £27,173 for Widnes Academy and £48,673 for St Augustine's, leaving a balance of £1,764,491.