

CENTRAL SCHOOLS BLOCK FUNDING 2016-17

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Schools Forum approval to centrally retain funding within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Schools and High Needs Block for 2016-17.

Information and Advice

2. The local authority is required to seek approval from the Schools Forum to centrally retain budgets within the DSG. Attached at **Appendix A** to this report is a list of the central budgets the Authority is seeking approval to retain.
3. These centrally retained budgets are contained within the Non-ISB element of the DSG and total £7.985m. The value of some of the budgets are restricted to their 2012-13 limit and have not been increased since that time.
4. As part of the proposed Schools National Funding Formula reforms the Department for Education is in the process of confirming baseline funding for the 2017-18 financial year and the Authority needs to be able to demonstrate that formal approval, from the Forum, has been given to centrally retain the budgets at Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schools Forum:

- 1) Approve the Authority's application to centrally retain funding within the DSG for the services set out at **Appendix A**.

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2016-17 Centrally Retained Budgets

Service	2015-16 £000	2016-17 £000	Description of Services
Contribution to Combined budgets	2,475	2,475	This funds the following services: 1. Psychology Service 2. Boarding element of Looked After Children placements in independent non maintained special schools. 3. Joint use agreements with academies which did not take the joint use centre on conversion. 4. Admissions running costs
Admissions	886	886	Staffing costs only
Schools Forum	12	12	Direct costs and officer time
Termination of Employment Costs	1,000	1,000	Premature retirement costs
Capital Expenditure from Revenue	312	312	Equipment leases for Schools 1C1N (to finish in 2016/17) and schools security works.
Pupil Growth Fund	1,000	1,000	Approved via annual schools budget setting process.
SEN Transport	1,764	1,764	Funded from the High Needs block.
Other	538	536	Copyright licences
Total	7,987	7,985	