

CENTRAL SCHOOLS BLOCK FUNDING 2017-18

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 2017-18.

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 £9.294m. The value of some of the budgets are restricted to their 2012-13 limit and have not been increased since that time.
4. The Education Services grant has been included for completeness but this was approved by the Forum on the 13 September 2016.

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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2017-18 Centrally Retained Budgets

Service	2016-17 £000	2017-18 £000	Description of Services
Contribution to Combined budgets	2,475	2,101	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 moved to Admissions
Admissions	886	1,106	Staffing and running costs
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	51	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	548	Copyright licences - pupil numbers
Education Services Grant		1,712	1. School Improvement 2. Asset Management 3. Education Welfare Service 4. Strategy, Finance and Information.
Total	7,987	9,294	