

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENHANCED KEY STAGE 2 AND NEW SCHOOLS REVENUE GROWTH FUND ARISING FROM BASIC NEED

Purpose of the Report

1. Following the School Forum decision to consider the implications of establishing an extended Key Stage 2 growth fund to include schools expanded by ½ form of entry, this report presents the additional information requested by Forum members in relation to the projected impact of an extended primary growth fund.
2. The report contains information outlining the potential revenue and start-up costs arising from the establishment of new schools arising from housing growth.
3. The report seeks to advise Schools Forum on the projected demand for funding support likely to be requested of the growth fund in 2017/18

Information and Advice

4. Since 2013, a programme of basic need expansions has been undertaken in the primary sector funded by the DfE and section 106 contributions. Appendix 1 provides an overview of the schools expanded since 2013.
5. To date 22 schools have been expanded by ½ form of entry (cells coloured orange, yellow, green and red). 2 schools, Kingsway and Beardall Fields have been expanded by PAN +30 – but in 2 phases, so could be considered as + 30 expansions.
6. Phase 1 expansions, include 3 schools expanded by ½ form entry (Yellow cells).
7. Phase 2 expansions include 4 schools expanded by ½ form entry (Yellow cells).
8. Phase 1 and 2 schools received PGF support in the first and third year after expansion in accordance with criteria set out by Schools Forum. This support under the previously agreed criteria has now been discontinued.
9. Phase 3 includes 7 schools expanded by ½ form entry and will qualify under previously agreed criteria for PGF support (Green cells).
10. Three additional schools will satisfy the criteria and qualify for 2 term's worth of PGF support, these being: Holy Trinity Catholic – failed to apply in 2015 but qualify, Horsendale – project delayed until 2017, Brookside, qualify in 2017.

11. Eleven- schools (Blue cells) have been expanded by PAN+25 and will qualify for key stage 2 support under previously agreed formula.
12. The expected cost of 2 terms worth of PGF for the autumn and spring term 2017/18 is £27,932.
13. The expected cost of PGF for the summer term 2018 is £13,966.
14. The expected cost of PGF for those schools which qualify for a full years' worth of funding is £41,898. The costings above are calculated at pt. 6 of the teacher's main scale with on-costs and without allowance.
15. NCC has been required to offer parents, disadvantaged by the 2016 out of catchment sibling's admission arrangement ruling by the OSA criteria second admission appeals. These have resulted in 7 schools requiring Growth Fund support for a full year.
16. New Schools. DfE Operational Guidance for the establishment of New Schools indicates to multi academy trust sponsors that Growth Fund should support the recruitment and start-up costs associated with the creation of new schools. Based on a 1 form entry school the LA has calculated that a reasonable allowance for recruitment and start-up stands at £15,000. "The growth fund can be used only for the purposes of supporting growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need, to support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation and to meet the costs of new schools. These will include the lead-in costs, for example to fund the appointment of staff and the purchase of any goods or services necessary in order to admit pupils. It will also include post start-up and diseconomy of scale costs."

Conclusions

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| 1. Under existing criteria Schools Forum could anticipate 11 schools being supported by 2 terms PGF at Key stage 2. | Cost, £307,252 |
| 2. Under existing criteria Schools Forum could anticipate 7 schools (expanded by ½ FE in 2015) being supported by 2 terms PGF. | Cost, £195,524 |
| 3. Under existing criteria relating to unavoidable breaches of ICS regulations and arising from upheld 2 nd admission appeals 7 schools will face ICS breaches in from September 2017 and will qualify for 3 terms PGF support | Cost, £293,286 |
| 4. Under existing criteria Schools Forum could anticipate 3 schools qualifying for 2 term's worth of PGF support in 2017/18. | Cost, £83,796 |
| Under existing and agreed criteria Schools forum could anticipate a commitment of; | Commitment, <u>£879,858</u> |
| 5. If agreed, 3 schools (expanded by ½ FE) would qualify for additional support for the 4 th year after expansion. | Cost, £83,796 |
| 6. If agreed, the commitment to support new schools would be: | Cost, £15,000 |
| Total commitments – if agreed | <u>£978,654</u> |

17. It should be noted that ½ FE expansions were relatively few in 2013 and 2014 – both years have only 3 or 4 schools expanded at this level. In the following 2 years there were 7 and 9, ½ FE projects which will significantly increase the demand for PGF support.
18. It should be noted that 2 infant schools were expanded by ½ form of entry. If the PGF funding were to be extended into Key Stage 2 these schools would qualify for support.

Recommendations

That the Schools Forum:

- 1) Consider the report.
- 2) Agree the level of Growth Fund support for ½ FE expanded schools.
- 3) Agree the level of Growth Fund support for new schools.

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