

CENTRAL SCHOOL SERVICES BLOCK FUNDING 2018-19

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Schools Forum approval to centrally retain funding within the Central School Services Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and High Needs Block for 2018-19.
2. To transfer £153,000 of unallocated funding to the Schools Funding Block.

Information and Advice

3. The local authority is required to seek approval from the Schools Forum to centrally retain funding within the Central School Services Block of the DSG. Attached at **Appendix A** to this report is a list of the central budgets the Authority is seeking approval to retain.
4. These centrally retained budgets are contained within the Central School Services block and total £6.654m.
5. The funding allocation is a combination of historic spend and formula using a per pupil amount. The introduction of the formula element has resulted in an additional £102,000 being received for 2018-19.
6. The value of some of the budgets are restricted to their 2012-13 limit and no new commitments are allowed. One of these budgets has been reviewed and as there are no eligible commitments against it this has created a further £51,000 of unallocated funding.
7. The total unallocated funding from paragraph 5 and 6 is £153,000 and it is proposed that this is transferred to the Schools Block. Transfers between the Central School Services Block and the Schools block are not subject to any limit and can be made in consultation with the Schools Forum.
8. This additional funding has already been committed to support the allocation of funding to schools via the funding formula.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schools Forum:

- 1) Approve the Authority's application to centrally retain funding within the Central School Services Block for the services set out at **Appendix A**.
- 2) Approve the transfer of £153k to the Schools Block.

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2018-19 Central School Services Block

Service	Note	Schools Forum	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	Description of Services
Contribution to combined budgets	1	Agreement	2,101	2,101	1. Psychology service 2. Boarding element of LAC placements in INMSS 3. Joint use agreements in academies
Termination of Employment Costs	1	Agreement	1,000	1,000	Ongoing pension enhancement costs
Capital expenditure from revenue	1	Agreement	51	-	
Admissions		Agreement	1,106	1,106	Staffing and running costs
Schools Forum		Agreement	12	12	Direct costs and Clerk
Responsibilities of LA for all schools	2	Agreement	1,712	1,712	1. Asset Management 2. Education Welfare 3. Strategy, Finance and Information
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Transfer to the Schools Block	3	Agreement		153	Unallocated funding
Total Funding Allocation			6,530	6,654	

Note

1. The budget cannot exceed the value agreed in the previous funding period and no new commitments can be entered into.
2. Former retained element of the Education Services Grant
3. Movements from the central school services block to the schools block, or from the high needs block to any other block are not subject to any limit, and can be made in consultation with the schools forum.