

Agenda Item 9



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Report Title: Growth Fund 2018-19 Update

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Purpose:

To inform members of the Growth Fund liabilities for 2018 -19.

Recommendations:

1. For Members information, regarding total cost of 2018/19 Growth Fund set out in Table 1.

1. Introduction.

- 1.1. The funding changes introduced in April 2013 allow a local authority, with the approval of its Schools Forum, to top-slice a contingency for in year increases in pupil numbers. The Fund applies equally to maintained schools and recoument academies and is design to cover required in-year growth in forms of entry and not general variations in numbers experienced during the year.
- 1.2. Schools Forum agreed to allocate £985k to a Growth Fund for the 2018-19 financial year. In addition, for Heartlands High School (which is an academy), 5/12 (£330k) is recouped by the LA from ESFA (Education and Skills Funding Agency) for overpayment of Growth Fund from 2015-16 to 2017-18.
- 1.3. The 5/12 total amount of £200k for St. Thomas More RC, Greig City Academy and Harris Academy Tottenham will be recouped by LA from ESFA in 2019/20. As academies get the funding from ESFA based on academic year (Sep-Aug) but to start the new class we pay full financial year (Apr-Mar) to academies and then we recoup 5/12 (Nov-Mar) from ESFA in following year's APT.
- 1.4. Officers are required to report all payments made against the Growth Fund to Schools Forum at least once a year. Any unspent Growth Fund will be carry forward and added to the formula allocations for the following financial year.
- 1.5. Our secondary school roll projections from the GLA significantly under projected the numbers expected into year 7 in September 2018. This was a position replicated across many of London's local authorities, In Haringey's case the under-projection appears to be a result of:
 1. Reduced migration out of the borough;
 2. A higher number of Haringey families opting for Haringey schools instead of looking out of borough for secondary education;
 3. A corresponding slight dip in demand for Barnet and Enfield school places.
- 1.6. We are working with the GLA to ensure that future projections capture this unexpected high demand for places but meanwhile there has been a greater call than anticipated on the Growth Fund to support the eight bulge classes needed for September 2018 to ensure sufficiency of places.

2. Criteria.

The criteria agreed by Forum for allocations from the Fund are:

- Support growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need
- Planned new form of entry approved by the Local Authority:

- Classroom funding based on 7/12 months; appropriate basic per pupil entitlement; expected number in class; plus
- A set-up allocation of £500 for each pupil in a standard class size for the relevant setting.
- In-year bulge class:
 - Start up and classroom costs as above;
- Support for additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation
- Ghost funding guarantee KS1:
 - Minimum basic per-pupil funding for 24 pupils in a bulge class established in a previous year: and
- KS1 classes forced to exceed 30 pupils as a result of appeals (further details of this criteria are set out in the Annex):
 - A lump sum equivalent to the funding of a main-scale 1-teacher £32.8k pro-rata to the part of the year.

3. Proposed Allocations.

Table 1 sets out the resources now available in the Growth Fund and the proposed calls against it.

Table 1. Summary of Resources and Allocations to Date.

School	Type	Size of Class	Academies recoupment in 2019/20 for 5/12	2018-19 Payments £	Total £
Growth Fund Budget					(985,370.00)
Recoupment of 5/12 of Growth Fund paid in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 to Heartlands Academy in 2018/19 APT					(330,098.00)
Growth Fund Payments:					
Hornsey School for Girls	Community	27		93,290.00	
Highgate Wood	Community	27		93,290.00	
Park View	Community	27		93,290.00	
Park View	Community	27		93,290.00	
Gladesmore	Community	27		93,290.00	
Bounds Green Infant School	Community	30		72,500.00	
St. Thomas More RC	Academy	27	(66,635.00)	159,924.00	
Greig City Academy	Academy	24	(59,231.00)	142,155.00	
Harris Academy Tottenham	Academy	30	(74,039.00)	177,694.00	
Total Growth Fund Paid			(199,905.00)	1,018,723.00	1,018,723.00
Growth Fund Remaining					(296,745.00)

4. Recommendations.

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Annex.

Circumstances in which KS1 oversize class funding will be provided.

The legal position is:

Infant class size – *Infant classes (those where the majority of children will reach the age of 5, 6 or 7 during the school year) **must not** contain more than 30 pupils with a single school teacher. Additional children may be admitted under limited exceptional circumstances. These children will remain an 'excepted pupil' for the time they are in an infant class or until the class numbers fall back to the current infant class size limit. The excepted children are:*

- a) children admitted outside the normal admissions round with statements of special educational needs specifying a school;*
- b) looked after children and previously looked after children admitted outside the normal admissions round;*
- c) children admitted, after initial allocation of places, because of a procedural error made by the admission authority or local authority in the original application process;*
- d) children admitted after an independent appeals panel upholds an appeal;*
- e) children who move into the area outside the normal admissions round for whom there is no other available school within reasonable distance;*
- f) children of UK service personnel admitted outside the normal admissions round;*

In these circumstances, therefore, it is not necessary to take on an additional teacher; however, it has been the practice in Haringey, and other councils, to continue to provide funding for KS1 classes forced to exceed 30 pupils. The DfE in its allowable criteria recognises this practice and we recommend that it continue as an incentive to schools to willingly accommodate these pupils at the start of their school career. Our recommendations are:

- That class size funding continues in the circumstances shown above.
- That KS1 class size funding recognises the local arrangement that requires a school to take a twin even when this puts the school over number.

- That only one enhancement is made per school even if more than one KS1 class is over-size.