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Report Title: Growth Fund 2019-20 Update

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Purpose:

To inform members of the Growth Fund liabilities for 2019-20

Recommendations:

1. For Members information, regarding total cost of 2019/20 Growth Fund set out in Table 1.
2. For Members views for the council seeking further guidance from the ESAF, on funding academies on a 7 months allocation basis.

1. Introduction.

- 1.1. This document outlines the purpose of the centrally retained Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Schools Growth Fund and the basis in which it will be distributed to eligible schools by the Authority.
- 1.2. Under the Schools Finance (England) Regulations of 2012, local authorities, with the agreement of the Schools Forum, are permitted to retain DSG to form a specific schools' contingency to support those schools that, with the prior agreement of the Authority, are permanently expanding and those schools experiencing significant in-year pupil roll increases. This specific schools' contingency is known as the Schools Growth Fund.
- 1.3. 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 recoupment academies and is designed to cover required in-year growth in forms of entry and not general variations in numbers experienced during the year.
- 1.4. Schools Forum agreed to allocate **£921,620** to a Growth Fund for the 2019-20 financial year
- 1.5. 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 carried forward and added to the formula allocations for the following financial year.
- 1.6. This funding is equivalent to pro-rata financial-year equivalent to 7 months, from September to March, funding for the number of additional pupils expected to join the school in the Autumn as a result of the temporary expansion within a particular year group. Academies are currently funded for the whole 12 months and council to recoup funding for the 5 months from the ESFA.
2. This funding is intended to support the additional revenue costs associated with the expansion; teaching and support staffing costs, resourcing classroom equipment and share of senior management salaries cost.
3. Payments from the Schools Growth Fund will be profiled over the period for which they cover and will be paid with the monthly budget share payments to schools.

4. Growth Funding Formula (Basis of allocations)

The criteria agreed by the School Forum for allocations from the Growth Fund to support growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet the basic need are:

- Planned new form of entry approved by the Local Authority:

Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) x Expected Pupil Numbers x 7/12 months;	+	A set-up allocation of £500 for each pupil in a standard class size for the relevant setting.	=	Allocation for the year
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- In-year bulge class:
 - Start up and classroom costs as above;
- support 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.

5. Proposed Allocations 2019-20.

5.1. 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.

Indictive Growth Funding Allocation Financial Year 2019-20							
	(a)	(b)	c = (a x b)	(d)	(e = c + d)	(f)	(e x f)
School Names	No of pupil	AWPU	Total	Setup - Cost (£500/pupil)	Total allocation (12 months)	No. of months	Total pro-rate allocation 19-20
Welbourne Primary	30	3,643	109,286	15,000	124,286	7.00	72,500
Park View Academy	27	5,423	146,424	13,500	159,924	7.00	93,289
Harris Academy Tottenham (Academy)	30	5,423	162,694	15,000	177,694	12.00	177,694
Greig City Academy (Academy)	24	5,423	130,155	12,000	142,155	12.00	142,155
St Thomas More Catholic School (Academy)	27	5,423	146,424	13,500	159,924	12.00	159,924
Gladesmore Community School	27	5,423	146,424	13,500	159,924	7.00	93,289
Highgate Wood Secondary	27	5,423	146,424	13,500	159,924	7.00	93,289
Hornsey School for Girls	27	5,423	146,424	13,500	159,924	7.00	93,289
* Additional bulge class 1 - Secondary (TBC)	30	5,423	162,694	15,000	177,694	7.00	103,655
Total Allocation							1,029,084
Academies Growth fund recoupment (April 20 - August 20)							(199,905)
Funding Allocation for the year 2019-20							(921,620)
Balance carried forward							(92,441)

* Additional 1 class in Secondary cohort has not been finalised but has been budgeted for in 2019-20 allocation.

6. Recommendations.

1. For Members information, regarding total cost of 2019/20 Growth Fund set out in Table 1
2. For members view on seeking further guidance from the ESFA to fund academies on the same principal as council fund its schools to avoid funding recoupment every year.

Annex.

Circumstances in which KS1 oversize class funding will be provided.

The legal position is:

Infant class size – *Infant classes (those where most 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.