

Agenda Item 8

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The Children and Young People's Service

Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 2nd December 2013

Report Title: Growth Fund.

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Purpose:

To inform members of the allocations required from the Growth Fund.

Recommendations:

- 1. That members agree to the allocations set out in Table 1.
- 2. That members note that the Balance Remaining set out in Table 1, less any further allocations agreed by Forum, will be rolled forward and added to the formula allocations in 2014-15.
- 3. That members agree to retain a Growth Fund at £1.5m for 2014-15.

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 academies and is designed to cover required in-year growth in forms of entry and not general variations in numbers experienced during the year.
- 1.2. Schools Forum, at their meeting on 6 December, agreed to allocate £1.5m to a Growth Fund for the benefit of all schools and Academies. On 17th January 2013 the Forum agreed the criteria for allocating the Fund.
- 1.3. Forum on 24th October agreed to add the residual budget from the closed John Loughborough School (JLS) to the Growth Fund and to meet the additional costs associated with the bulge classes at Park View for former Year 10 JLS pupils.
- 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 would be carried forward and added to the formula allocations for the following financial year.

2. Criteria.

- 2.1. The criteria agreed by Forum allow funding are:
 - 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;
 - 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:
 - 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.

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

Table 1. Summary of Resources and Proposed Allocations to Date.

Resources Available				
Original Growth Fund			£1,500,000	
Residual Budget John	Loughboroug	ıh	£632,131	
School			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
Total Available			£2,132,131	
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Application				
School	Number	Туре	£	
Alexandra Primary	30 Places	Expansion	68,895	
Coleridge	60 Places	Expansion	137,791	
Muswell Hill		Over size KS1 Summer	13,667	
		Term		
Rhodes Avenue	30 Places	Expansion	68,895	
Rhodes Avenue		Over size KS1	32,800	
St Aidans		Over size KS1	32,800	
St John Vianney		Over size KS1 Autumn and	19,133	
		Spring		
St Mary CE	30 Places	Bulge	68,895	
St Mary CE		Split site addition	11,000	
St Mary CE		Over size KS1 Summer	13,667	
		term		
Stamford Hill School	30 Places	Bulge	68,895	
Tetherdown		Over size KS1	32,800	
Welbourne	30 Places	Expansion	68,895	
West Green		Over size KS1	32,800	
Weston Park School	30 Places	Bulge	68,895	
Weston Park		Over size KS1	32,800	
Heartlands	216 Places	Expansion	698,310	
Park View		Bulge classes and	322,829	
		additional support.		
Total			1,793,767	
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Balance Remaining			338,364	

4. Recommendations.

- 4.1. That members agree to the allocations set out in Table 1.
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- 4.3. That members agree to retain a Growth Fund at £1.5m for 2014-15.