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**The Children and Young People's Service**

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**Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 16 January 2014**

**Report Title: Dedicated Schools Budget 2014/15, including Schools Block and proposals for centrally retained budgets 2014/15.**

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**Purpose:**

To update members on the indicative Dedicated Schools Budget for 2014-15.

To consider the budgets that the Council wishes to retain or de-delegate in 2014-15.

**Recommendations:**

1. That members note the indicative DSG for 2014-15 and the changes in Pupil Premium.
2. That members agree the retention of the services set out in Section 3.3.
3. That members agree to retain funding for:
  - a. The Music Service,
  - b. School to School Support,
  - c. Supplementary schools
  - d. Integrated Working and Family Support,
  - e. LAC Residential Placements,

- f. Corporate Overheads,**
- 4. That members agree to a permanent transfer of the CERA budget to the High Needs Block to support commissioning services.**
- 5. That primary school representatives agree to de-delegate:**
  - a. The Contingency for Schools in Financial Difficulties,**
  - b. Trade Union Duties**
  - c. Support to Underachieving Ethnic Minority Groups**
- 6. That secondary school representatives agree to de-delegate:**
  - a. The Contingency for Schools in Financial Difficulties,**
  - b. Trade Union Duties**
  - c. Support to Underachieving Ethnic Minority Groups.**
- 7. That members note the latest position on the Early Years Block.**

## **1 Introduction.**

- 1.1 We reported to the Forum on 2 December 2013 on the expected Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and the other elements that form the 2014-15 Dedicated Schools Budget (DSB). This report updates the Forum with the latest information on the DSB.
- 1.2 In our previous report we outlined the budgets that the Council would seek to retain or de-delegate. The Forum on 2 December 2013 agreed to set up a working party to look at the budgets in greater detail to help inform decision making at this meeting.

## **2 Dedicated Schools Budget - Update.**

- 2.1 We reported to the last meeting that the Pupil Premium had been confirmed at £1,300 per eligible Free School Meal (FSM) primary pupil but the secondary amount had not been confirmed. The latter has now been set at £935, substantially below the £1,200 originally projected and only £35 above that for 2013-14. For 2014-15, the Looked After Children pupil premium will increase to £1,900 and eligibility will be extended to pupils who have been looked after for one day or more, as well as children who have been adopted from care under a special guardianship or residence order. All other elements of the pupil premium remain at 2013-14 levels.
- 2.2 Concurrent with the announcement in respect of the secondary FSM rate for 2014-15, the DfE also announced that the final primary FSM pupil premium for 2013-14 would be £953, an increase of £53. This will be passported to maintained primary schools once paid to Haringey .
- 2.3 It was reported in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement that money would be made available to fund the provision of free school meals but details of both capital and revenue allocations are not yet available.
- 2.4 The indicative DSG was published on 18th December and is set out in Appendix 1. The overall sum has been reduced by £0.299m to reflect the abolition of the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) as previously announced. Table 1 compares the budgets for the CRC with the reductions required; the differences will need to be contained within the DSB. The indicative settlement for each block is discussed in the following sections.

### **Table 1 Reduction in the Dedicated Schools Grant in respect of the Carbon Reduction Commitment.**

Block	Budget	Reduction	Difference
	£000	£000	£000
Schools	220	258	-38
Early Years	21	25	-4
High Needs	14	16	-2
Total	255	299	-44

### 3 The Schools Block.

3.1 The Schools Block, once CRC is taken into account, is largely in line with that estimated for the December meeting. The October data on which the 2014-15 budgets will be based are now available and the Cabinet of Haringey Council agreed on 17 December 2013 the funding formula changes (Model 2) recommended by the Forum. Work is now underway on the final budget shares due to be submitted to the DfE on 21 January 2014. The submission will be informed by the decisions of this meeting. Forum on 2 December 2013 agreed to the top-slicing of £1.5m for the Growth Fund therefore the major decisions remaining in setting the budget for this block are:

- Whether to transfer funds to the High Needs Block to support children with statements; discussed further in Section 5.
- The top-slicing for centrally retained budgets.
- De-delegations.

3.2 **Centrally Retained Services.** The working party established by the Forum to consider these budgets in greater detail met on 16 December. The working party were agreed on the retention of certain budgets and required further information on others. The services are grouped according to the outcome of the working party's deliberations.

3.3 **Services that the working party were in favour of retaining:**

3.3.1 Admissions (£421.4k) which is a statutory service.

3.3.2 Schools Forum (£10k) which is also a statutory service.

3.3.3 Licences (£62k) which is a Government advised top-slice.

3.3.4 Governor Support (£135k) which is a historic commitment.

3.4 **Services for which the working party required further information (all are historic commitments).**

3.4.1 Music Service (£168k). The working party were broadly supportive of retaining this service but required information on which schools benefitted from the service; this has been provided in Appendices 2a

and 2b. The Head of Music will be present at the meeting to answer questions.

- 3.4.2 School to School Support (£390.8k). See Appendix 3.
- 3.4.3 Supplementary Schools (£26.7k). The working party were broadly supportive of this service but required further information on how provision was overseen; this will be provided at the meeting.
- 3.4.4 Integrated Working and Family Support (£350k). The working party were unclear about what support was actually provided to schools and questioned whether this should be social care rather than Schools Budget. Further information was requested on this service and is attached as Appendix 4.
- 3.4.5 LAC Residential Placements (£1,000k). The working party was broadly supportive of this but required further information. This information is provided in Appendix 5.
- 3.4.6 Corporate Overheads (£280.1k). The working party acknowledged the necessity of providing accommodation and support services but requested further information on the level of ICT recharges. This will be provided at the meeting.
- 3.4.7 Capital Expenditure from Revenue Account (CERA) (£489k). The working party recognised the need for capital investment for expanding schools. Further information was requested on capital bids to the DfE and the increase in pupil numbers. Mindful of the pressure on the High Needs Block and in order to minimise the impact on schools of this pressure, officers believe that this budget should be permanently transferred into the High Needs Block. As a result, the schools capital programme will become fully reliant on capital grants from the Government, supplemented by bids for additional funds as advised in the HNB report.

### **3.5 Delegation and de-delegation of services.**

- 3.5.1 Contingency for Schools in Financial Difficulties (Pre-delegation budget £220k). The working party supported the continued de-delegation of the contingency.
- 3.5.2 Trade Union Duties (Pre-delegation budget £198k). The Council is recommending de-delegation of this service for 2014-15. The working party did not support this. Members of the working party were of the opinion that it should be delegated and that a Service Level Agreement would then be offered to all schools and academies. Information on this service is provided in Appendix 6 and a representative from HR will be present at the meeting.

- 3.5.3 Support to Under-achieving Ethnic Minority Groups (Pre-delegation budget £766k). Whilst requiring further information, the working party were supportive of de-delegation. See Appendix 3.

#### **4 The Early Years Block (EYB).**

- 4.1 The indicative 3 and 4 year old allocation for 2014-15 is based on January 2013 data and will be updated once the January 2014 data is available. The Two year Old funding differs because of a change in funding for extension of the free entitlement. Instead of funding all projected places for the full financial year, only those eligible under phase 1 (September 2013) will be funded in the summer term. The additional trajectory funding does not fully compensate for this. Appendix 7 illustrates the impact and financial implications from 2014-15 onwards.

#### **5 The High Needs Block (HNB).**

- 5.1 The HNB shown in Appendix 1 is indicative. Data on numbers was submitted to the DfE by all local authorities on 23 December and, depending on the national position, allocations may be adjusted.
- 5.2 There is a separate report on the HNB on this agenda. There is a projected in year overspend of £0.777m, explored in more detail in that report. The Forum will need to agree on how this funding is to be contained.