

Swindon Borough Council

Schools Forum

Tuesday, 15 March 2016

Committee Room 6, Civic Offices at 4.00 p.m.

School Members:

Steve Colledge, Chair - Academy Headteacher
Janet Urban, Vice-Chair - Primary Headteacher
Rhian Cockwell, Primary Headteacher
Andrew Henstridge, Primary Headteacher
Ray Williams, Primary Governor
David Bell, Secondary Governor
Charles Law, Special Governor
Jackie Smith, Special Headteacher
Lauren Costello, Academy Headteacher
Wendy Conaghan, Academy Headteacher
Ben Slater, EOTAS
Alison Lowe, Primary Headteacher
Sharon Kirwan, Academy Headteacher
Sue Banks, Secondary Headteacher
Jane Wheatley, Academy Headteacher

Non-School Members:

Kate Adams, Early Years Representative
TBC, Diocese - Bristol
Ruth Lee, Diocese of Clifton
Peter Smith, Trade Unions
Andrew Miller, 16-19 Partnership
Graham Taylor, 16-19 Partnership
Ram Thiagarajah, BME

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AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 3 - 6)
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2016.

3. **15-16 Dedicated Schools Grant Budget Position** (Pages 7 - 22)
4. **Projected 2015/16 Year End School Balances** (Pages 23 - 34)
5. **2016-17 Dedicated Schools Grant Budget** (Pages 35 - 56)

Date of Despatch: 04 March 2016

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SCHOOLS FORUM

TUESDAY, 12 JANUARY 2016

PRESENT: -

School Members:

Steve Colledge, Chair - Academy Headteacher
Wendy Conaghan, Academy Headteacher
Rhian Cockwell, Primary Headteacher
Janet Urban, Primary Headteacher
Jane Wheatley, Primary Headteacher
Andrew Henstridge, Primary Headteacher
Alison Lowe, Primary Headteacher
Susan Banks, Secondary Headteacher
Jackie Smith, Special Headteacher
David Bell, Secondary Governor
Ray Williams, Primary Governor
Charles Law, Special Governor
Ben Slater, EOTAS
Kate Adams, Early Years

**Non-School Members:
Officers:**

Peter Smith, Trade Unions
Peter Nathan, Head of Education
Ian Burbidge, Head of Finance, Schools
Anne Mackay, Finance Manager – Education

Also Present:

Councillor Fionuala Foley (Cabinet Member for Children's Services)

Apologies for absence were received from Ruth Lee (Diocese of Clifton), Andrew Miller (16-19 Partnership), Ram Thiagarajah (BME), Sharon Kirwan (Academy Headteacher) and Lauren Costello (Academy Headteacher).

21. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

22. Public Question Time

The following question was asked in accordance with standing Order 28 –

Questioner

Alastair Dixon-Patterson, Lydiard Park Academy

Question

Mr Dixon-Patterson asked a series of questions relating to (a) clarity on the amount of Dedicated School Grant carried forward at the end of the financial year, (b) the amount of £387,000 of funding received by the Local Authority used for High Needs funding and the impact on the current deficit, (c) central budget funding, (d) whether

proposed funding changes were to be viewed as permanent, (e) reference to proposed balance of funding options submitted at 5.9 in Agenda Item 4 of the report, (f) reference to the Tuition and Exclusions budgets.

Response

The Chair thanked Mr Dixon-Patterson for his questions. The Chair, Mr Peter Nathan, Head of Education, Mr Ian Burbidge, Head of Finance and Mrs Anne Mackay, Finance Manager, Education responded at the meeting.

Members agreed that public questions were to be submitted in writing at least 24 hours prior to a meeting to enable officers to provide a detailed response.

23. 2015-16 Dedicated Schools Grant Budget Position

Mr Ian Burbidge, Head of Finance, Schools, presented a report setting out the latest position of the 2015-16 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget.

Mr Burbidge advised that based on information at the end of November 2015, an overspend of £0.858m was projected against the retained DSG Budget for the current financial year. He drew attention to the change in forecasting following the Special Resource Provision peer to peer banding moderation process and an increase in placements commissioned in September and October 2015.

Members discussed the banding and top-up funding for Special Schools and Special Resourced Provision (SRP) and noted that banding allocations had been mobile over the past five years, making budgeting difficult. The Chair referred to communication sent out by the Finance Department to all Headteachers on the 5th January 2016 advising of the bandings review to address the deficit.

Resolved: That the Schools Forum notes:

(1) That the latest projection on the 2015-16 retained budget was an overspend of £0.858m.

(2) That the unallocated Dedicated School Grant balance would be reduced to £0.240m.

24. 2016-17 Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement and Budget

The Forum considered a report by Mr Ian Burbidge, Head of Finance, Schools, updating the Forum on the 2016-17 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) settlement, including (a) estimates of the level of expenditure to be allocated to Early Years, Schools, Academies High Needs settings and centrally retained budgets, (b) the submission of the Authority Proforma Toolkit to the Education Funding Agency, enabling main stream budgets to be calculated, (c) expenditure proposals for all High Needs block funded items including High Needs students in Mainstream schools, Special schools, Special Resourced Provisions, Alternative Provision, Post-16 and Further Education, Independent and Non-Maintained Special Schools and Other Local Authority Commissioned High Needs, (d) submission of the Section 251 Budget Statement to the Education Funding Agency by end of March 2016.

Mr Burbidge, Head of Finance, Schools, explained that a census was being undertaken to determine future numbers of Early Years pupils and referred to the predicted increase in pupil numbers for 2016. He advised that the Pupil Premium

for Early Years would be based on the census figures for January 2016 and 2017. Members noted that funding for the schools block Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) had increased. Mr Burbidge referred to the increase in pressure as DSG funding for 2 year olds had remained unchanged by the Department for Education. Mr Burbidge continued to guide members through key points in the report commenting on the most significant implications.

Mr Peter Nathan, Head of Education, Mr Burbidge and Mrs Anne Mackay, Finance Manager, Education responded to the following points:

- Work being undertaken to increase the number of Early Years pupils placement take up.
- The increase in the number of High Needs places required in Swindon and how this would affect DSG.
- How options to provide the balance of DSG funding presented in 5.9 of the report would affect each school setting. Forum Members noted that due to the unknown factors that may affect figures presented in 5.9 and the brief consultation period, the Swindon Association of Secondary Headteachers (SASH) was unable to support the options presented in the report.
- The Education Support Grant - the need to submit representations to the Education Funding Agency for financial support following the proposal to reduce the level of funding next year and in subsequent years.
- Clarity on how High Need Bandings had been determined.
- Confirmation that following meetings with School Forum representatives, the Local Authority was in a position to review High Needs banding to address the deficit in the High Needs budget.
- Explanation of Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) and its effect on schools and their budgets.
- Clarity on the makeup of Central Overheads and how EOTAS's (Education Other Than At School) extra payment to Traded Services effected the DSG.
- Confirmation that Early Years was not entitled to utilise school subscriptions and licenses set up for schools by the Department for Education.
- Confirmation that future discussions would need to be undertaken regarding re-modelling Special Resource Provision.

Resolved: That with regard to **Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement 2016/17**, School Forum notes:

- (1) Swindon expects to receive a total DSG settlement of £163.550m in 2016/17.
- (2) The estimated DSG balance at the end of 2015/16 was £0.240m.
- (3) The Early Years block 2016/17 DSG settlement will be subject to revisions by DfE in light of Early Years census information in January 2016 and 2017.
- (4) Further to (3) above, the final settlement will not be confirmed until July 2017.

Early Years Expenditure Proposals 2016/17

- (5) That Schools Forum agrees the proposed 2016/17 Early Years funding rates as shown in Table 7, which will take effect from 1st April 2016.
- (6) That Schools Forum agrees a 2016/17 Early Years budget of £11.636m as shown in Table 7.
- (7) That Schools Forum notes the anticipated overall Early Years budget for 2016/17.

Schools' Budgets 2016/17

(8) That Schools Forum declines the options offered by the Local Authority to balance the DSG funding as presented in 5.9 of the report. Schools Forum members noted that they wished to make a "political" point regarding the relatively low level of funding allocated to Swindon by central government and this was not a criticism of the local authority.

(9) That representation be made to the Education Funding Agency regarding the need to review funding for pupils in Swindon be submitted by the Chair of the Schools Forum together with the Chairs of the Swindon Association of Primary Headteachers, Swindon Association of Secondary Headteachers and Association of Swindon Special Schools Headteachers.

(10) That Schools Forum notes the Notional Special Educational Needs funding top ups payable in 2016/17 at a total estimated cost of £0.400m.

(11) That Schools Forum notes Individual Schools Average Pupil Led funding be reported to the March 2016 meeting of this Forum, which will be used by the Local Authority to claw back funding for excluded pupils during 2016/17.

(12) That School Forum agrees the following de-delegations and proposed length of agreement, each phase of maintained school agreeing for their sector:

- Free School Meal eligibility administration will be charged at £4.80 per pupil in 2016/17 for primary and secondary sectors and was supported until 31st March 2017.
- Trade Union release time will be charged at £1.25 per pupil in 2016/17 and was supported by primary and secondary sectors until 31st March 2017.
- Nylands Campus Outreach Team will be charged at £12.33 per primary pupil in 2016/17 and was supported by primary and secondary sectors until 31st March 2017.

Central Expenditure Proposals 2016/17

(13) That School Forum agrees a total 2016/17 pupil growth budget of £0.616m.

(14) That Schools Forum agrees a total budget for Centrally Retained Services of £1.015m in 2016/17 as shown in Table 12.

(15) That Schools Forum notes the overall budget before the reductions required to balance the budget for 2016/17 as shown in Table 12.

Special Schools and Special Resource Provision Expenditure and Minimum Funding Guarantee

(16) That Schools Forum notes the place funding budget for 2016/17 of £7.704m.

(17) That Schools Forum notes the top-up funding budget for 2016/17 of £8.763m.

(18) That Schools Forum notes that the Minimum Funding Guarantee budget for specialist settings will be £72k for 2016/17.

(19) That following receipt of funding information from the Education Funding Agency, the Head of Finance, Schools be requested to circulate revised Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement and Budget data by end of January 2016.

(20) That School Forum representatives meet with the Head of Education and the Head of Finance Schools regarding re-modelling Special Resource Provision by end of January 2016.

2015-16 Dedicated Schools Grant Budget Position

Schools Forum

Date: 15th March 2016

Author:	Finance Manager Education
Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To advise Schools Forum members of the latest projected 2015-16 Dedicated Schools Grant (“DSG”) retained budget position.
- 1.2 The Local Authority (“LA”) is required to report the position on the DSG budget to the Schools Forum throughout the year and at the financial year end. This report provides Forum Members with the projected year end position against the 2015-16 retained budgets based upon available information at the end of January 2016.
- 1.3 The retained DSG budget is monitored in accordance with standard Swindon Borough Council (SBC) budgetary control procedures and a report is submitted to the Education Leadership Team each month. Updates are also periodically provided to Corporate Board, Cabinet and the Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2. Recommendations

The Schools Forum is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note that the latest projection on the 2015-16 retained budget is an **overspend of £0.722m**
- 2.2 Note that the unallocated DSG balance will reduce to **£0.376m**.

3. Detail

Latest 2015-16 Retained Budget Position

- 3.1 As reported to Schools Forum on 12th January 2016 the overall value of the 2015/16 centrally retained DSG budget is £29.5m.
- 3.2 Attached at **Appendix 1** is the report that was issued to the Education Leadership Team on 19th February 2016 based on information at the end of January. This shows that an overspend of £0.722m is projected across the overall budget. The main reasons for the projected variances and commentaries on all high risk areas are provided in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.3 The LA Finance team has continued to work with Budget Managers to review the financial position to ensure robust forecasts are projected. In setting the retained

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budget officers included an element of contingency funding across some of the high risk budget areas to meet for any unexpected placements commissioned before 31st March 2016.

- 3.4 At this stage the LA is expecting that, although there continues to be a risk associated with the projection, an overspend of £0.722m (0.44%) will occur, which will need to be funded from existing unallocated DSG balances. Following the projected overspend of £0.722m the value of the unallocated DSG balances will be £0.376m. The financial position will continue to be monitored and the final 2015-16 outturn position (subject to external audit) will be represented to the July 2016 Schools Forum after closure of the LA's accounts.

Members of the Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Note that the latest projection on the 2015-16 retained budget is an overspend of £0.722m**
- **Note that the unallocated DSG balance will reduce to £0.376m**

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 There are no proposals included within this report.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 Various financial implications are included in this report relating to management of the retained DSG budget

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 There are no legal or human rights implications arising from this report.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 This report does not make any recommendations that affect these areas.

Links to One Swindon, Plans and Policies

- 5.4 Utilisation of the DSG has a direct link to two of the Council's five priorities – "Right skills, right jobs in the right place" and "Make the best use of Swindon's resources inside and outside the Council".

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.5 As there are no proposals in this report, a DIA has not been completed.

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Risk Management

- 5.6 There are no specific risk management implications not highlighted in the body of the report.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 - Education Leadership Team budget monitoring report
8.2 Appendix 2 – DSG Budget analysis by expenditure type
8.3 Appendix 3 – DSG Profiled budget to date compared with actual spend to date

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Report to: **Commissioning – Education Leadership Team**
 From: Anne Mackay, Finance Manager – Education
 Date: 12th February 2016
 Subject: **Budget Monitoring Report – DSG Services**
 Period: Period to end of January 2016

1) Background

The Council's corporate budget monitoring timetable requires each Group to report its forecast outturn position each month and this report is based on information provided at the end of January. In addition to financial forecasts, information is also provided regarding Budget Manager participation in the on line forecasting process.

Although the DSG position is included in Corporate Board and Cabinet reports it is unlikely that elected members will be overly concerned as this is outside the SBC General Fund and is essentially an issue for the Head of Education and his leadership team to manage in consultation with the Finance Team and Schools Forum.

A summary of how the 2015-16 DSG has been allocated so far is provided below.

Table 1 – DSG 2015-16 Overview

	<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>
<u>Delegated</u>		
Maintained Mainstream schools	45.43	
Maintained Specialist settings (Special Schools and SRP's) (net of £0.510m EFA Post16)	6.59	
Academy Mainstream Recoupment	77.09	
Academy Specialist settings (Special Schools and SRP's) Recoupment	1.46	
Commissioned Services	0.97	
		131.54
<u>Centrally retained for provision</u>		
Disadvantaged 2 year old nursery places	2.79	
Free Nursery Entitlement 3 & 4 year olds	8.2	
In Year Pupil Growth	0.44	
High Need SEN		
Portage, SEN equipment, Therapeutic services etc.	0.74	
SBC top ups – mainstream settings	8.77	
SBC top ups - high need specialist settings	2.12	
HN Contingency	0.32	
Tuition Service	0.89	
Out of Borough placements	2.58	
Post 16 provision (new responsibilities)	2.02	
Exclusions income	(0.35)	28.52
<u>Centrally retained to cover SBC and other costs</u>		
Admissions, Free School Meal eligibility checks, school licences, equal pay etc.	0.95	
		0.95
Total DSG Allocation (not including Early Years Pupil Premium of £0.164m)		161.01

2) Completion of Online Monitoring Forecasts

As part of the budget monitoring reporting process the LA is required to report to Corporate Board how active Budget Managers have been in contributing to the on line information used to collate period end information. For DSG service areas the end of January completion rate was 90.3% (28/31), which is a slight increase on the position for December of 87.1% (27/31).

The Leadership Team is asked to remind Budget Managers of the importance of this exercise and to encourage continued high participation for the remainder of the year.

3) High Risk Areas and Latest Projections

Commentaries on all the main variances have been identified and those areas of the budget, which are inherently high-risk, and therefore have the potential to significantly affect the overall position, are provided below.

Table 2 – Latest Budget Monitoring Position				
<u>High-Risk Areas</u>	Notes	Budget 2015-16 £'000	Projected Variance £'000	Projected Variance last report £'000
Disadvantaged 2 year old place funding	2	2,787	(833)	(833)
Free nursery education (3 & 4 year olds)	3	8,199	330	330
High Needs Top ups (Mainstream)	4	2,116	380	372
High Needs Top ups (Specialist)	4	8,769	87	75
Notional SEN supplements (Mainstream)	5	350	27	27
External Placement Fees	6	2,582	(557)	(524)
HN Contingency	7	315	(315)	(315)
Post 16 HN Provision - New Responsibilities	8	2,022	(64)	(23)
School Exclusions / Dual registrations		(350)	26	26
Tuition Service		890	0	0
Schools Equal Pay Claims		0	31	31
Subtotal High Risk Areas		27,680	(888)	(834)
Other Low risk retained budgets	8	1,783	33	7
Total Retained Budgets		29,463	(855)	(827)
Maintained School Budgets (Mainstream)		45,429	0	0
Maintained School Budgets (Specialist Settings)		7,103	85	85
Commissioned Services		968	(6)	(6)
EFA recoupment for Academies	10	77,091	(105)	(99)
EFA direct funding of High Need places	1	1,460	561	561
Total DSG Expenditure Budgets		161,514	(320)	(283)
DSG Funding allocation	1	(82,453)	1,042	1,042
DSG Funding recouped by the EFA		(78,551)	0	0
Total DSG Funding Budgets		(161,004)	1,042	1,042
EFA 6 th Form Place Funding	1	(510)	0	0
Total DSG		(0)	722	759

The Leadership Team is asked to note the risk areas above and the forecast out-turn position, which will be reported to Corporate Board this month.

The main reasons for the overspend are provided below:

Note 1) DSG Funding Receivable**£1.497m decreased funding**

As reported previously the LA budgeted in 2015-16 for the full DSG allocation by the EFA but the actual cash received is less the amount allocated by the LA to mainstream academies and less High Need places funded directly by the EFA. The budgeted DSG allocation is **£161.004m** including funding for Early Years Pupil Premium and an estimate of the DSG based on January 2016 2 and 3 & 4 year olds census.

As reported in Table 3 the 2015-16 DSG receivable is estimated to be **£81.029m**, a decrease of **£1.424m**. This decrease in funding is due to a net decrease of **£1.012m** in relation to lower Early Years pupil numbers (as per Note 2 £0.839m and Note 3 £0.173m), a deduction from the DSG for EFA Direct Funding of High Need places which is **£0.561m** higher than budgeted. The DSG receivable is increased by **£0.105m** (as per note 9) plus **£0.044m** additional funding for Non Recoupment academies and Newly Qualified Teachers.

As reported previously the confirmed January 2015 3 & 4 year old Spring Census numbers were 2,231 resulting in **£0.073m** less DSG than anticipated at year end, affecting the forecast outturn position for 2015-16. As shown in Table 3 below, the actual DSG received in year is expected to be £80.956m and the overall variance in funding in 2015-16 is **£1.497m**.

Table 3– DSG receivable			
Allocation	Budget	Estimated	Variance
	£m	£m	£m
EFA's DSG Allocation	148.901	148.945	0.044
EFA DSG Early Years (Including Early Years Pupil Premium) (note 2 and 3)	12.103	11.091	(1.012)
Total DSG allocation	161.004	160.036	(0.968)
Less Academy recoupment	(77.091)	(76.986)	0.105
Less EFA Direct Funding of High Need places	(1.460)	(2.021)	(0.561)
DSG Receivable	82.453	81.029	(1.424)
Less 3 & 4 year old Spring 2015 Census adjustment	0.000	(0.073)	(0.073)
DSG expected to be received in year	82.453	80.956	(1.497)

Note 2 – Disadvantaged two year old nursery funding**£0.833m underspend****£0.839m decreased funding**

The budget of £2.787m for 2 year old places is projecting an underspend of **£0.833m** due to slippage of building projects for infrastructure expansions of nursery provision and fluctuations in Department of Work and Pensions data. No change in the projection this month.

The funding is based on the actual pupil numbers at the spring census 2015 (5/12ths) and spring census 2016 (7/12ths). As reported previously the funding forecast has been updated as the average take up is 13 hours but early projections were based on an average of 15 hours participation and a pressure of £0.840m has been identified. The funding will be paid on FTE as for 3 and 4 year olds so Table 4 now reflects the FTE funding rate and budget.

Table 4 – Early Years 2 year old 2015-16 DSG Funding

	2015-16 Participation Budget	2015-16 FTE Budget	2015-16 FTE Projection
January 2015 Census (5/12)	957	574	295
January 2016 Census (7/12)	1,000	600	495
Full Year Equivalent	982	589	411
2 year old funding rate for 15 hours	£2,832.90		
2 year old funding rate for FTE		£4,721.50	£4,721.50
Total DSG receivable	£2,782,144	£2,782,144	£1,942,694
Difference			(£839,459)

The estimated net decrease in 2 year old pupils of 178 FTE will result in a **£0.839m** reduction of DSG.

**Note 3 – Free nursery education (3 & 4 year olds): £0.330m Overspend
£0.173m Decreased funding**

This is an estimate of the 2015-16 outturn position and a **£0.330m** overspend is forecast based on actual take up, the pressure in Maintained settings remains at **£0.140m** and the pressure in Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) settings remains at **£0.170m**. There is also a staffing pressure of £0.19m.

As reported previously this element of DSG is based on participation and the LA anticipates that along with the overspend there will also be a decrease in the amount of Dedicated Schools Grant receivable as the FTE numbers are projected to be lower than budgeted. Early Years DSG is calculated based on 5/12ths of the January 2015 and 7/12ths of the January 2016 Early Years Census. The latest DSG calculation compared to the 2015-16 budget agreed by Schools forum in January 2015 is summarised below.

Table 5 – Early Years 3 and 4 year old 2015-16 DSG Funding

	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Projection
January 2015 Census (5/12)	2,355	2,231
January 2016 Census (7/12)	2,355	2,367.4
Full Year Equivalent	2,355	2,310
3 and 4 year old funding rate	£3,888.06	£3,888.06
Total DSG receivable	£9,156,381	£8,983,576
Difference		(£172,824)

The estimated net decrease in early years' pupils of 45 FTE will result in a **£0.173m** reduction of DSG.

**Note 4 – High Needs Top Ups: Mainstream £0.380m Overspend
Specialist £0.087m Overspend**

The latest projections indicate that the High Needs Top Ups budget is expected to be overspent by **£0.467m**. The specialist forecast has increased by £0.012m for a new high needs pupil and the mainstream forecast has increased by £0.008m. The LA is currently reviewing SENRAP processes to ensure that they are as robust as possible and that there is rigorous moderation of the mainstream applications.

Note 5 – Notional SEN supplements (Mainstream): £0.027m Overspend

Following the release of the October census data the Notional SEN budget is expected to be **£0.027m** overspent.

Note 6 – External Placement fees: £0.557m Underspend

The latest projections indicate that the External Placement fees budget is expected to be **£0.557m** underspent. The latest month on month favourable movement of £0.033m reflects the ending of one placement £0.037m and reduced costs for one placement £0.005m. These savings are offset by an increase in costs for a number of placements £0.009m.

Note 7 – High Needs Contingency: £0.315m Underspend

During the 2015-16 budget setting process Schools Forum agreed that a contingency of £0.315m would be held to cover additional top up and placements costs. The **£0.315m** budget is not sufficient to cover the projected pressure on HN Top ups for all settings at note 4 £0.467m but this is also offset by the underspend forecast for External Placements £0.557m at note 6, i.e. a current net underspend across these cost centres of £0.405m including the High Needs Contingency. Should this prove not to be the case it would require use of the DSG balance unless offsetting savings occur in other parts of the retained budget.

Note 8 – Post 16 – New Responsibilities: £0.064m Underspend

The projected overspend for FE providers has reduced by £0.041m to £0.244m as one pupil has moved away and it has been confirmed that four pupils did not start at a provision and no further placement has been identified. The projected overspend on FE providers includes a £0.068m pressure forecast for a provider that was not been accepted by the EFA on the 2015/16 High Needs return. In ISP provision there is a projected underspend of £0.299m, social care recharges are forecast to be £0.011m higher than budgeted.

Note 9 – Other Low risk retained budgets: £0.033m Underspend

The increase in pressure by £0.026m is related to the payment of 2015/16 growth funding to expanding schools **£0.033m** offset by overall savings from other minor variances totalling **£0.007m**.

Note 10 – EFA recoupment for academies: £0.105m Underspend

The EFA have reduced the amount of DSG funding they expect to recoup for academies by **£0.105m** due to the LA funding part year growth funding for two primary academies and the recoupment was based on the higher pupil number so the LA would in effect be paying twice.

The Leadership Team is asked to note the risk areas above, the forecast out-turn positions and the suggested actions.

4) DSG Balance

In accordance with DfE grant conditions the DSG must be treated by the LA as being ring fenced for specified educational purposes and, in addition to consulting the Schools Forum on how each year's grant is allocated, the Forum must also be advised on any year end surplus or deficits. The latest position is as follows:

Table 6 – DSG Balance	Latest Position
Opening DSG balance bfwd from 2014-15	£1.098m
Less – projected in year deficit (see table 2)	(£0.722m)
Projected DSG balance unallocated	£0.376m

The Leadership Team is asked to note that the unallocated DSG balance is £0.376m and that all expenditure funded from this balance will need to be allowed under the early years and school finance regulations and be agreed by Schools Forum.

5) Subjective Analysis

A summary of the latest projected year-end underspend of £0.855m across the £29.5m centrally retained budget by type of expenditure compared to the budget profiles is shown below. This presents a different view to the more traditional analysis by service area. This is a standard table used by the Finance Team which has been included in the DSG report to improve consistency.

Subjective analysis Delegated DSG January 2016

Group Budget position by expenditure type	Year to date budget £'000	Year to date actual £'000	Year to date variance £'000	Total Budget 2015/16 £'000	Forecast Variance 2015/16 £'000
Employees	1,039	1,050	10	1,247	41
Premises	1,026	1,006	(20)	1,036	(2)
Transport	10	8	(2)	12	(1)
Supplies & Services	997	1,005	8	1,138	(315)
3rd Party Payments	22,412	21,762	(651)	27,857	(549)
Internal Recharges	866	882	16	889	19
Capital Financing	0	0	0	0	0
Income	(2,079)	(2,022)	57	(2,716)	(47)
Total	24,271	23,690	(581)	29,463	(855)

To better understand the above table the following annexes are attached to this report.

- **Annex A** – this shows a breakdown of all the 2015-16 retained budgets by type of expenditure and income and produces the totals in the “Total budget 2015-16” column in table 7 above
- **Annex B** – this shows a breakdown of each services profiled budget to date compared with actual spend to date. This will present useful information for both year to date actuals and full year projections. The aim is to highlight and address variances now, rather than wait until nearer the year end where late changes undermine confidence in our reporting.

The Leadership Team is asked to note the addition of subjective analysis information and the need to agree realistic budget profiles for input to the oracle system.

6) Improving Forecasting

Managers across the LA will be regularly invited to attend discussions on what the barriers to effective forecasting are and how they can be alleviated.

Given that we are accountable to the Schools Forum regarding the effective management of the DSG, monthly meetings with senior Budget Managers will be scheduled through to the end of 2015-16 to take place shortly after the month end forecasting deadlines. This will enable all high risk forecast figures to be challenged and enable the wider budget position to be assessed, particularly on high need budgets, prior to reporting through to corporate board and in some months the Schools Forum.

The Leadership Team is asked to note that the finance team will be inviting budget managers to discuss barriers to effective forecasting and that additional meetings have been scheduled to discuss key areas and the overall DSG position.

7) Summary of Key Recommendations

The Leadership Team is asked to:-

- *Note that the forecast out-turn position, a projected overspend of £0.722m, will be reported to Corporate Board this month*
- *Note the risk areas above, the forecast out-turn positions and the suggested actions*
- *Note that the unallocated DSG balance is currently £0.376m*
- *Note the steps proposed aimed at improving forecasting*

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DSG Budget Analysis by Expenditure Type

Appendix 2

Service Area	2015-16 Budgets by Expenditure Type								
	Employees £'000	Premises £'000	Transport £'000	Supplies & Services £'000	3rd Party Payments £'000	Internal Recharges £'000	Capital Financing £'000	Income £'000	Total £'000
Free nursery education (3&4 year olds)	36.9	-	-	0.3	8,161.4	-	-	-	8,198.6
School subscriptions	-	-	-	186.8	-	-	-	(51.7)	135.1
Disadvantaged two year olds	19.7	-	-	8.0	2,724.0	55.0	-	(19.7)	2,787.0
Equal Pay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central Charges	-	-	-	-	-	615.5	-	-	615.5
DSG NNDR	-	925.4	-	-	-	-	-	(925.4)	-
Nyland Primary Behaviour Support	-	-	-	132.5	-	-	-	(132.5)	-
Trade Union Facilities	28.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	(28.4)	-
Trigger funding	-	-	-	-	390.6	-	-	-	390.6
Pupil Growth set up costs	-	-	-	-	46.0	-	-	-	46.0
Admissions	156.4	-	0.3	12.9	-	55.2	-	(29.5)	195.3
Therapy	-	-	-	-	105.0	-	-	-	105.0
High Needs top ups	-	-	-	-	10,885.6	-	-	-	10,885.6
Statemented Pupils Equipment	-	-	-	130.0	-	-	-	-	130.0
Education Support Services Monitoring	-	-	-	10.0	-	-	-	-	10.0
Out of Borough fees	-	-	-	-	2,803.5	-	-	(221.9)	2,581.6
Travellers children	-	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	2.0
Tuition Services	584.2	53.3	7.0	37.2	160.3	57.2	-	(9.4)	889.8
Post 16 new responsibilities	-	-	-	-	2,333.2	-	-	(311.2)	2,022.0
Broadband Connectivity	-	-	-	383.8	-	-	-	(383.8)	-
The Oakfield project	270.2	45.2	2.0	13.0	-	(18.5)	-	(311.9)	-
Portage	151.5	11.7	2.7	7.3	-	-	-	(21.5)	151.7
Notional SEN	-	-	-	-	350.0	-	-	-	350.0
School Exclusions	-	-	-	30.0	-	-	-	(380.0)	(350.0)
Forums & FSM administration	-	-	-	4.1	-	19.5	-	(21.6)	2.0
High Needs Contingency	-	-	-	315.0	-	-	-	-	315.0
Expense Category Totals	1,247.3	1,035.6	12.0	1,270.9	27,961.6	783.9	0.0	(2,848.5)	29,462.8

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Appendix 3

Service	Cost Centre	Budget to date	Actual to date	Variance to date	Full Year budget	Full year forecast	Full Year Variance
Free Nursery Education Commissioning - three & four year olds	2000	£6,152,040	£6,767,331	£615,291	£8,198,600	£8,528,880	£330,280
School subscriptions	2004	£135,100	£133,577	(£1,523)	£135,100	£133,600	(£1,500)
Free Nursery Education Commissioning - two year olds	2005	£2,101,370	£1,553,599	(£547,771)	£2,787,000	£1,954,241	(£832,759)
DSG Retained Equal Pay	2009	£0	£0	£0	£0	£31,000	£31,000
DSG Retained Contingency	2011	£615,500	£617,785	£2,285	£615,500	£634,500	£19,000
LAC pupil premium	2012	(£96,425)	(£188,958)	(£92,533)	£0	£0	£0
DSG Academy recoupment	2013	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
DSG NNDR	2015	£0	£12,228	£12,228	£0	£12,300	£12,300
Universal Infant Free School Meals	2016	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Nyland Primary Behaviour Support	2019	(£11,041)	(£11,101)	(£60)	£0	£0	£0
Trade Union Facilities	2020	(£4,740)	(£11,816)	(£7,076)	£0	(£7,210)	(£7,210)
Schools' Forum	2021	£1,500	£2,227	£727	£2,000	£2,200	£200
Pupil Growth Trigger Funding	2023	£390,600	£359,710	(£30,890)	£390,600	£423,670	£33,070
Pupil Growth Set Up Costs	2024	£46,000	£72,669	£26,669	£46,000	£72,000	£26,000
Admissions	2025	£167,000	£123,414	(£43,586)	£195,300	£171,920	(£23,380)
Free School Meals administration	2026	(£350)	(£9,996)	(£9,646)	£0	(£4,067)	(£4,067)
Therapy	2027	£78,750	£78,750	£0	£105,000	£105,000	£0
SEN Resourcing Assessment Panel	2028	£9,048,756	£9,383,389	£334,633	£10,885,600	£11,352,724	£467,124
Statemented Pupils Equipment	2029	£126,000	£130,319	£4,319	£130,000	£111,000	(£19,000)
Quality Assurance of commissioned services	2032	£7,500	£10,191	£2,691	£10,000	£10,191	£191
Out of Borough School Fees	2033	£2,169,795	£1,570,934	(£598,861)	£2,581,600	£2,024,607	(£556,993)
Travellers Children	2034	£1,660	£0	(£1,660)	£2,000	£1,000	(£1,000)
Tuition Service	2035	£758,190	£665,644	(£92,546)	£889,800	£889,800	£0
Post 16 - New Responsibilities	2036	£1,685,000	£1,661,978	(£23,022)	£2,022,000	£1,958,310	(£63,690)
Broadband Connectivity	2039	£319,830	£264,558	(£55,272)	£0	£0	£0
The Oakfield Project	2040	£26,705	£87,045	£60,340	£0	£0	£0
Year 11 Protocol	2041	£0	£164	£164	£0	£0	£0
Portage	2042	£124,155	£112,684	(£11,471)	£151,700	£150,258	(£1,442)
Notional SEN	2048	£350,000	£390,776	£40,776	£350,000	£377,200	£27,200
School Exclusions and short term placements	2049	(£291,660)	(£286,735)	£4,925	(£350,000)	(£324,000)	£26,000
High Needs Contingency	2055	£262,490	£0	(£262,490)	£315,000	£0	(£315,000)
New School start-up costs	2056	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
OVERALL TOTAL		£24,260,150	£23,679,324	(£580,826)	£29,462,800	£28,609,124	(£853,676)

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Projected 2015/16 Year End School Balances

Schools Forum

Date: 15th March 2016

Author: Finance Manager Education
Wards: All
Locality Affected: All
Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 The Local Authority (LA) is required to monitor the level of school balances held by schools to provide assurance to the LA's Chief Financial Officer, Director of Children Services and Cabinet Member for Children Services regarding the financial sustainability of individual schools.
- 1.2 The Schools Forum is asked to note the indicative position regarding the level of projected 31st March 2016 School revenue balances compared to the levels assumed when 2015/16 school budgets were set in June 2015.
- 1.3 As part of the LA's control of balances scheme, schools are encouraged to embed effective financial management procedures so that their forecasting of year end balances is accurate. Schools are measured on how effective they are and this report provides a summary of movements between the estimates provided when 2015/16 school budgets were initially set in June and more recent forecasts received from schools in December.

2. Recommendations

The Schools Forum is recommended to note that:

- 2.1 The majority 31 of 41 (76%) of Swindon maintained schools current estimates of their year end balances are close to the estimates provided when budgets were set as measured by the thresholds agreed by Schools Forum and are commended.
- 2.2 Only 3 of 41 (7%) schools have reported significant variances between their current and initial estimates of their projected year end balances and the narrative explanations for the variances provided to Schools Forum.
- 2.3 Latest Estimated school balances (adjusted to exclude in-year Academy conversions) are forecast to be £3.97m, which is 15% higher than initial estimates of £3.45m.
- 2.4 One maintained school and the Special Resource Provision (SRP) for one mainstream school began the year in a deficit position and both are anticipating being in deficit at 31st March 2015. The maintained school is being supported by the LA as it works to balance its budget over the current and next two years. SRP funding is part of an ongoing review by SRP providers, Schools Forum members and the LA.

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- 2.5 The LA will present further information on school balances at the July 2016 Schools Forum showing how each school's estimate compared to their final year end positions.
- 2.6 Projected year end balances have also been collected from mainstream schools with a Special Resource Provision (SRP) and from schools providing a commissioned service, Children Centre or community facilities. The rating for the maintained school includes the total variances in the projected balances for the additional facilities as the thresholds agreed by Schools Forum did not include the separation of these facilities.

3. Detail

Background

- 3.1 The January 2012 Schools Forum agreed the criteria for a revised scheme to monitor and manage Swindon schools balances. The main focus of the revised scheme is to improve forecasting and encourage schools with excess balances to utilise them effectively for the benefit of pupils already in school as is expected by DfE. It is also very important for schools with relatively low balances to undertake accurate forecasting to avoid them encountering a deficit position.
- 3.2 The balances control scheme is made up as follows;
 - 3.2.1 Schools are asked to project their closing year end balance in December – these estimates are compared to the initial estimates submitted when annual budgets were set in June (this is the subject of today's report).
 - 3.2.2 After the year end when final school balances are quantified these values are compared to schools December estimates (this is reported to Schools Forum each July)/ Explanations are sought from those schools whose estimates proved to be inaccurate as measured against the parameters agreed by the Forum which are proportionate to school budgets.
 - 3.2.3 After setting their new year budget in June schools are asked to provide a summary of how and when they are planning to utilise their brought forward balances. The LA reviews these plans to ensure funds are being committed against the areas which were approved by the Schools Forum and whether resulting uncommitted balances are in line with agreed target levels per pupil.
 - 3.2.4 The LA finance and internal audit teams also assess whether committed balances are actually being spent in accordance with school plans on an on-going basis, targeting specific schools which are exhibiting signs of poor financial health and/or are being audited

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- 3.3 Given the uncertainty of medium term school funding the LA has not been overly concerned with the level of school balances over the last year. The focus of the LA balances control scheme is still essentially to encourage effective financial planning so that all schools have an accurate understanding of whatever levels of balances they hold. In line with DfE expectations the local scheme has scope for the LA to claw back excessive balances which would then be made available for distribution across other schools in the following years funding allocations.
- 3.4 In July the LA will report actual year end balances compared to forecasts. Forum Members are advised that proposing claw backs is not the LAs preferred course of action but it would be inappropriate and unfair if any school had high balances which were not being adequately managed when funds could be re-distributed to other schools where they could be spent on current pupils.

Detail

- 3.5 The initial part of the balances control scheme measures the effectiveness of schools in forecasting their year end balances. This exercise was completed by all maintained schools in December 2015 and estimates have now been compared to initial projections arising from the school budget setting exercise in June. The scheme has a range of actions for the LA to follow depending upon the significance of the variance between final and forecast balances. Based on the difference between June and December forecasts the results for the 2015/16 financial year would be as per Table 1 below;

Table 1 – Monitoring the accuracy of School financial forecasting			
Sector	Provisional Outturn compared to July Estimate	LA Action	No. as at March 2016
Small / Medium Primary i.e.	Within £25k	• School highly commended	14
	Within £50k	• OK	1

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ISB up to £1.200m	Above £50k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand reasons a commentary has been provided to Schools Forum Supportive intervention by Finance/Audit team to help improve forecasting process. Claw back after 2nd breach - where overall balances held exceed 8% of annual funding 	2
Large Primary i.e. ISB above £1.201m	Within £40k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School highly commended 	12
	Within £80k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OK 	4
	Above £80k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand reasons a commentary has been provided to Schools Forum Supportive intervention by Finance/Audit team to help improve forecasting process. Claw back after 2nd breach - where overall balances held exceed 5% of annual funding 	1
Secondary	Within £50k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School highly commended 	1
	Within £100k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OK 	0
	Above £100k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review required understanding reasons & commentary to be provided to Schools Forum Supportive intervention by Finance/Audit team to help improve forecasting process. Claw back after 2nd breach - where overall balances held exceed 2% of annual funding 	0
Special	Within £40k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School highly commended 	4
	Within £80k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OK 	2
	Above £80k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review required understanding reasons & commentary to be provided to Schools Forum Supportive intervention by Finance/Audit team to help improve forecasting process 	0

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claw back after 2nd breach - where overall balances held exceed 5% of annual funding 	
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- 3.6 The above table demonstrates that the majority (31 of 41 or 76%) of Swindon maintained schools appear to have been effective in forecasting their final 31st March 2016 positions when setting their budgets in June. The 76% of schools identified as “highly commended” shows an improvement when compared to the monitoring completed in July 2015 when 55% were in this category which is encouraging.
- 3.7 A summary showing the position across all schools is attached at Appendix 1. The level of each schools opening balances as at 1st April 2015 are also shown to enable trends to be identified. Forum Members are asked to note one maintained school is anticipating being in deficit at 31st March 2016. The latest year end estimates of £3.97m are £0.514m (15%) higher than initial estimates when school budgets were set in June. These totals exclude one school where conversion to academy status occurred during the current financial year. This summary also excludes Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) balances which can be accumulated by schools up to 3 years.
- 3.8 It is important to acknowledge that forecasting is only one indication of how well schools are managing their balances and further information will be provided throughout the year to the Schools Forum as summarised at paragraph 2.2 above.

Narrative explanations from schools

- 3.9 The three schools with a “Red” forecasting rating and significant variances and between the revenue balances forecast in June 2015 and December 2015 were contacted and asked to provide Schools Forum with an explanation, the schools contacted are in Table 2 below;

Table 2 Schools with significant variances in their forecast balances			
School	Forecast June 15	Forecast Dec 15	Variance
Even Swindon Primary	£64,174	£157,379	£93,205
Grange Infant	£69,988	£154,062	£84,074
Greenmeadow Primary	£66,178	£116,630	£50,452

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- 3.9.1 Even Swindon Primary School - forecast balance £0.093m higher in December– A key member of the school leadership team has been on long term absence leading to the delay in planned projects. Additional projected expenditure relating to the new build was cautiously estimated and the actual costs have been lower.
- 3.9.2 Grange Infant School – forecast balance £0.84m higher in December Vacancy savings from the delay in replacing the substantive Headteacher, this delay has led to delays in planned projects. The school has also made general savings in other budget areas.
- 3.9.3 Greenmeadow Primary School – forecast balance £0.051m higher in December – Savings made to contribute to continuance of governor-agreed projects in 2016-17

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 There are no alternative options presented in this report

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 LAs and their Schools Forums are required to monitor the level of balances held by schools and to ensure local arrangements are in place which ensure excessive balances are not held

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 There are no legal or human rights implications arising from this report.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 This report does not make any recommendations that affect these areas.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 A Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) has not been done as this report does not make any recommendations that affect services.

Risk Management

- 5.5 The key risks arising from this report are that ineffective monitoring by schools could lead to them encountering financial difficulties. Conversely the LA would not wish to see any individual school accruing excessive surplus balances which could have been used to improve standards and attainment for pupils currently in school

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6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – 2016 Projected 2015 16 Year End School Balances.

Appendix 2 - Projected School Balances 2015/16 compared to June 2015 forecasts.

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Schedule of Projected v Budgeted School Revenue Balances 2015/16

Appendix 1

Schools	Opening Revenue Balances 1st April 2015	Forecast Revenue Balances 31st March 2016 (June 2015)	Forecast Revenue Balances 31st March 2016 (December)	Variance between June and December Forecasts	Category of school budget	Ratings Red - Explanations Required Amber - OK Green -
Abbey Meads Community Primary School	£116,404	£86,151	£138,792	£52,641	LP	A
Abbey Meads Childrens Centre	£9,748	£8,403	£6,908	(£1,495)	LP	n/a
Abbey Meads Sunshine Club	£43,669	£48,545	£63,039	£14,494	LP	n/a
Abbey Meads Community Focused	£127,412	£140,258	£134,526	(£5,732)	LP	n/a
Beechcroft Infant School	£81,467	£48,126	£77,483	£29,357	SMP	A
Bishopstone Church of England Primary School	£34,231	£23,069	£19,674	(£3,395)	SMP	G
Bridlewood Primary School	£101,456	£89,857	£88,689	(£1,168)	SMP	G
Brook Field Primary School	£162,300	£128,544	£158,562	£30,018	LP	G
Catherine Wayte Primary School	£208,357	£117,808	£171,851	£54,043	LP	A
Chiseldon Primary School	£19,077	£10,627	£10,277	(£350)	SMP	G
Colebrook Junior School	£89,220	£82,865	£79,929	(£2,936)	SMP	G
Covingham Park Primary School	£71,236	£14,238	£34,626	£20,388	LP	G
East Wichel Primary School	£71,454	£20,579	£39,417	£18,838	SMP	G
Eldene Primary School	£48,269	£54,612	£28,619	(£25,993)	LP	G
Eldene Primary School SRP (CLD)	£33,137	£33,137	£66,472	£33,335	LP	n/a
Even Swindon Primary School	£170,309	£64,174	£157,379	£93,205	LP	R
Even Swindon Primary School Outreach	£0	£1,108	£1,200	£92	LP	n/a
Even Swindon Primary School SRP (SSL)	£0	£10,867	£18,800	£7,933	LP	n/a
Grange Infant School	£171,146	£69,988	£154,062	£84,074	SMP	R
Grange Junior School	£147,094	£161,324	£181,290	£19,966	SMP	G
Greenmeadow Primary School	£114,865	£66,178	£116,630	£50,452	SMP	R
Haydonleigh Primary School	£67,864	£38,807	£60,000	£21,193	LP	G
Lainesmead Primary School	£55,981	£33,296	£28,196	(£5,100)	LP	G
Lawn Primary School	£53,016	£27,399	£39,366	£11,967	LP	G
Liden Primary School	£31,287	£22,682	£36,226	£13,544	SMP	G
Nythe Primary School	£53,112	£38,202	£17,320	(£20,882)	SMP	G
Oakhurst Community Primary School	£146,806	£141,198	£159,504	£18,306	LP	G
Oaktree Nursery and Primary School	£114,509	£84,126	£79,163	(£4,963)	LP	G
Oliver Tomkins Church of England Infant School	£46,867	£11,451	£19,955	£8,504	SMP	G
Oliver Tomkins Church of England Junior School	£78,907	£36,733	£45,708	£8,975	SMP	G
Orchid Vale Primary School	£65,813	£51,776	£27,853	(£23,923)	LP	G
Red Oak Primary School	£90,841	£206,487	£88,188	(£118,299)	LP	A
Red Oaks Primary School - Hearing Impaired	£1,500	(£479)	£4,745	£5,224	LP	n/a
Red Oak Primary School -LDD	£0	£0	£5,779	£5,779	LP	n/a
Red Oak Primary School - SRP	£1,500	(£7,290)	£30,841	£38,131	LP	n/a
Robert le Kyng Primary School	£158,721	£140,913	£140,913	£0	LP	G
Robert le Kyng Primary School SRP (PD)	(£41,172)	(£79,519)	(£81,146)	(£1,627)	LP	n/a
Ruskin Junior School	£117,197	£97,577	£158,706	£61,129	LP	A
Ruskin Junior School - SRP (ASD)	(£196)	£16,961	£17,653	£692	LP	n/a
South Marston Church of England Primary School	£95,713	£45,910	£48,591	£2,681	SMP	G
St Francis Primary School	£110,398	£116,938	£130,802	£13,864	LP	G
Wanborough Primary School	£43,284	£34,450	£22,233	(£12,217)	SMP	G
Westrop Primary School	£58,834	£45,729	£70,736	£25,007	SMP	G
Wroughton Infant School	£92,995	£64,752	£60,407	(£4,345)	SMP	G
Wroughton Junior School	£90,033	£43,954	£63,495	£19,541	LP	G

Isambard School	£480,324	£387,701	£387,701	£0	SEC	G
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EOTAS	£147,018	£147,018	£150,465	£3,447	SEC	G
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Brimble Hill School	£199,588	£106,018	£152,588	£46,570	SPE	A
Crowdys Hill School	£258,161	£267,060	£212,000	(£55,060)	SPE	A
St Lukes School	(£143,604)	(£116,096)	(£113,603)	£2,493	SPE	G
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Schedule of Projected v Budgeted School Revenue Balances 2015/16

Appendix 2

Schools	Opening Revenue Balances 1st April 2015	Forecast Revenue Balances 31st March 2016 (June 2015)	Forecast Revenue Balances 31st March 2016 (December)	Variance between June and December Forecasts	Category of school budget	Ratings Red - Explanations Required Amber - OK Green -
Abbey Meads Community Primary School	£116,404	£86,151	£138,792	£52,641	LP	A
Abbey Meads Childrens Centre	£9,748	£8,403	£6,908	(£1,495)	LP	n/a
Abbey Meads Sunshine Club	£43,669	£48,545	£63,039	£14,494	LP	n/a
Abbey Meads Community Focused	£127,412	£140,258	£134,526	(£5,732)	LP	n/a
Beechcroft Infant School	£81,467	£48,126	£77,483	£29,357	SMP	A
Bishopstone Church of England Primary School	£34,231	£23,069	£19,674	(£3,395)	SMP	G
Bridlewood Primary School	£101,456	£89,857	£88,689	(£1,168)	SMP	G
Brook Field Primary School	£162,300	£128,544	£158,562	£30,018	LP	G
Catherine Wayte Primary School	£208,357	£117,808	£171,851	£54,043	LP	A
Chiseldon Primary School	£19,077	£10,627	£10,277	(£350)	SMP	G
Colebrook Junior School	£89,220	£82,865	£79,929	(£2,936)	SMP	G
Covingham Park Primary School	£71,236	£14,238	£34,626	£20,388	LP	G
East Wichel Primary School	£71,454	£20,579	£39,417	£18,838	SMP	G
Eldene Primary School	£48,269	£54,612	£28,619	(£25,993)	LP	G
Eldene Primary School SRP (CLD)	£33,137	£33,137	£66,472	£33,335	LP	n/a
Even Swindon Primary School	£170,309	£64,174	£157,379	£93,205	LP	R
Even Swindon Primary School Outreach	£0	£1,108	£1,200	£92	LP	n/a
Even Swindon Primary School SRP (SSL)	£0	£10,867	£18,800	£7,933	LP	n/a
Grange Infant School	£171,146	£69,988	£154,062	£84,074	SMP	R
Grange Junior School	£147,094	£161,324	£181,290	£19,966	SMP	G
Greenmeadow Primary School	£114,865	£66,178	£116,630	£50,452	SMP	R
Haydonleigh Primary School	£67,864	£38,807	£60,000	£21,193	LP	G
Lainesmead Primary School	£55,981	£33,296	£28,196	(£5,100)	LP	G
Lawn Primary School	£53,016	£27,399	£39,366	£11,967	LP	G
Liden Primary School	£31,287	£22,682	£36,226	£13,544	SMP	G
Nythe Primary School	£53,112	£38,202	£17,320	(£20,882)	SMP	G
Oakhurst Community Primary School	£146,806	£141,198	£159,504	£18,306	LP	G
Oaktree Nursery and Primary School	£114,509	£84,126	£79,163	(£4,963)	LP	G
Oliver Tomkins Church of England Infant School	£46,867	£11,451	£19,955	£8,504	SMP	G
Oliver Tomkins Church of England Junior School	£78,907	£36,733	£45,708	£8,975	SMP	G
Orchid Vale Primary School	£65,813	£51,776	£27,853	(£23,923)	LP	G
Red Oak Primary School	£90,841	£206,487	£88,188	(£118,299)	LP	A
Red Oaks Primary School - Hearing Impaired	£1,500	(£479)	£4,745	£5,224	LP	n/a
Red Oak Primary School -LDD	£0	£0	£5,779	£5,779	LP	n/a
Red Oak Primary School - SRP	£1,500	(£7,290)	£30,841	£38,131	LP	n/a
Robert le Kyng Primary School	£158,721	£140,913	£140,913	£0	LP	G
Robert le Kyng Primary School SRP (PD)	(£41,172)	(£79,519)	(£81,146)	(£1,627)	LP	n/a
Ruskin Junior School	£117,197	£97,577	£158,706	£61,129	LP	A
Ruskin Junior School - SRP (ASD)	(£196)	£16,961	£17,653	£692	LP	n/a
South Marston Church of England Primary School	£95,713	£45,910	£48,591	£2,681	SMP	G
St Francis Primary School	£110,398	£116,938	£130,802	£13,864	LP	G
Wanborough Primary School	£43,284	£34,450	£22,233	(£12,217)	SMP	G
Westrop Primary School	£58,834	£45,729	£70,736	£25,007	SMP	G
Wroughton Infant School	£92,995	£64,752	£60,407	(£4,345)	SMP	G
Wroughton Junior School	£90,033	£43,954	£63,495	£19,541	LP	G

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Author:	Head of Finance – Education
Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 The Schools Forum meeting on 12th January 2016 received a report on the 2016/17 Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement and Budget. This report provides members with an update on various budget issues that remained unresolved after that meeting. This report addresses:
- 1.1.1 Changes to DSG Allocation
 - 1.1.2 An update on SRP funding
 - 1.1.3 Pupil Growth & Trigger Funding Policy
 - 1.1.4 Hearing Impaired Outreach Service
 - 1.1.5 Notional SEN
 - 1.1.6 Post 16 funding
 - 1.1.7 New specialist 16 – 19 and Primary provisions
 - 1.1.8 Early Years 30 hours pilot
 - 1.1.9 Free school bids
- 1.2 These proposals contribute towards delivering the Council Vision Priority “Offer education opportunities that lead to the right skills and right jobs in the right places.”

2. Recommendations

The Schools Forum is recommended to:

- 2.1 Give a view on providing an additional £45k of one off funding for Robert Le Kyng SRP. (Para. 3.13)
- 2.2 Note that officers will propose a long term solution for discussion at the October meeting. (Para. 3.14)
- 2.3 Approve the growth and trigger funding policy detailed in Para. 3.15 - 3.26.

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- 2.4 Note the continuation of the Hearing Impaired Outreach provided by Red Oaks at a cost of £77,483. (Para. 3.27)
- 2.5 Note that officers intend to review the Notional SEN policy and will present options to the July meeting for discussion. (Para. 3.28 – 3.32)
- 2.6 Note that a report will be presented to the July Schools Forum with draft Post 16 funding allocations for the 2016/17 academic year. (Para. 3.33 – 3.36)
- 2.7 Note the intention to open a new 16 - 19 form provision at Crowdys Hill. (Para. 3.37 – 3.38)
- 2.8 Give its views on the intention to open a new primary provision at Crowdys Hill. (Para. 3.39 – 3.42)
- 2.9 Note that Swindon has been selected to pilot the 30 hours of Early Years provision. (Para. 3.43 – 3.46)
- 2.10 Note that five bids have been submitted to the EFA to provide new free schools in Swindon. (Para. 3.47 – 3.56)

3. Detail

Settings

- 3.1 The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is ring fenced funding provided by the DfE to meet the educational needs of early years, school age and all 0 to 25 year old high need pupils, any decisions on how the grant is utilised indirectly affects all settings.

Decisions made by the Director of Children's Services (DCS) in setting the 2016-17 Budget

- 3.2 Forum will be aware that the LA put forward a number of options to balance the DSG budget for 2016-17 at its meeting in January. Forum will also recall that they were unable to recommend a preferred option stating that this reflected the inadequate funding provided to the LA and not the LA's methodology for balancing the budget.
- 3.3 The DCS subsequently decided that the fairest way to reduce budgets was to apply a 1.508% reduction to all mainstream funding factors. This approach was seen as the most equitable as the reduction would be in proportion to the funding factor.
- 3.4 In addition to the mainstream changes noted above the DCS also reduced the banding values for both specialist settings (special schools and SRPs) and mainstream SEN top up rates. A letter was sent to all schools to advise them of these changes, a copy of the letter can be found at Appendix 1.

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- 3.5 The Local Authority submitted the Authority Proforma Toolkit to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) on 20th January 2016 after the last Schools Forum Meeting. This toolkit calculates individual Primary and Secondary School as well as Academy budgets for 2016/17. It uses the October Schools Census information and the formula funding rates agreed at the October 2015 Schools Forum (with minor adjustments agreed in January 2016).
- 3.6 The Authority is required to provide schools with budget information by 29th February 2016 subject to ratification of the Toolkit by the EFA. The LA has received ratification from the EFA and issued schools budgets on 26th February 2016.

Special Resource Provision Funding

- 3.7 Forum members will be aware that some SRPs are facing significant shortfalls in their funding. A working party was formed of all SRP representatives to review the funding arrangements of all SRPs, this involved each SRP submitting its income and expenditure information in a standard format to allow for comparison.
- 3.8 The review identified that for 2015/16 there was £4.301m of recurring income, which was matched with £4.271m of operating costs, leaving a surplus of £30k spread across the various settings, (one setting failed to provide any financial data). However of the thirteen settings, eight were experiencing shortfalls with the remaining seven showing surpluses. There are 2 schools who host more than one SRP and it is noted that when these SRPs are viewed together they show a small net surplus with one SRP making a loss and the other a surplus. There are a number of one off items that have been excluded from these comparisons.
- 3.9 Each setting was asked to identify leadership & administration costs separately from direct teaching staff, this enabled direct operating costs to be compared between settings. The comparison also showed that there are a number of different models for allocating overhead costs with different settings having a different approach. It should be noted that a moderation exercise on the allocation of costs has not been carried out.
- 3.10 The overall conclusion is that whilst the system overall contains sufficient funding to meet all unmoderated operational costs, the funding is not necessarily being directed to those settings that have higher operational costs. A summary of the initial comparison is included at Appendix 2
- 3.11 The income forecasts have been updated to reflect the revised banding values that have been proposed as part of the 2016/17 budget proposals. This provides for total funding of £4.421m.

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- 3.12 The September intake of secondary age SRP pupils has now been included in the updated budgets and the result of this and a number of changes to the top ups and supplements required has realised a surplus of £35k when compared to earlier indicative SRP budgets. In addition following discussions with Crowdy's Hill Special School they have confirmed that they would require £30k to cover setup costs not the £40k that was budgeted for post 16 provision.
- 3.13 Officers met with the SRP review group on the 3rd March to discuss the option of providing Robert Le Kyng with this £45k as a one off injection of funding for 2016/17. The group were asked for their views on this proposal; the majority were in favour of the one off support. There was a concern from a number of members that this could become an annual issue and any medium to long term solution needed to be constrained within existing budgets.
- 3.14 The SRP review group have formed a small working group to review the current funding mechanism to identify a sustainable long term solution to SRP funding and consultation will continue with the SRP review group with a view to bringing a long term solution to the October meeting for discussion and approval.

Members of the Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Give a view on providing an additional £45k of one off funding for Robert Le Kyng SRP.**
- **Note that officers will propose a long term solution for discussion at the October meeting.**

Schools Growth Policy

- 3.15 At the July 2015 Schools Forum a recommendation was approved to request the School Admissions Forum to establish a task group to review the existing pupil growth policy, which is predominately, set up for primary schools to expand on a phased basis. The task group met in November 2015 to review alternative options for school expansion and how the policy should be adapted to manage pupil growth at special and secondary schools. A draft policy was circulated for consultation during February 2016.
- 3.16 This policy covers the following for primary, secondary and special schools.
- 3.16.1 New provision pre- opening start- up funding and
- 3.16.2 In year trigger funding for LA planned expansions.

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- 3.17 Historically new schools and expansions were provided with additional funding for purchasing furniture and equipment (F&E) of £11.5K per classroom. For future capital related schemes there will not be a separate budget for set up costs and the F&E will be included in the capital budget for the scheme rather than the DSG.

Pre-opening start-up costs

- 3.18 The Department for Education published a new free school presumption in September 2015, which stated the requirement for Local Authorities to provide all pre-opening capital and revenue funding for a school that has been identified as required. The funding is to cover all staffing, legal, administration costs from April leading up to the school opening in September.

3.18.1 Primary school pre-opening set up costs are set at a maximum of £100K

3.18.2 Secondary school pre-opening set up costs are set at a maximum of £170K

3.18.3 Special school Pre-opening set up funding for new special schools is set at a maximum of £40K per phase (Primary with early years or Secondary with Post 16). There is no set up funding for 19 – 25 provision.

Trigger Funding

- 3.19 The task group of the Schools Admissions forum considered the optimum approach to opening new schools and school expansions to be through a phased approach. It is considered that the funding mechanisms and impact on existing school places through alternative methods are extremely difficult to estimate accurately.
- 3.20 In 2013 Schools Forum approved a trigger funding policy for LA approved expansions that provided a degree of protection to schools where actual pupils joining expansion classes were below the planned increase.

Primary Trigger Funding

- 3.21 The current approved policy is to fund 7/12 actual change in additional pupils in expanding classes (Years 1-6) with a protection for Reception at 21 pupils. This level of minimum funding protects the expanding school to cover the establishment of an additional class against a situation where the actual number of pupils is lower than expected.

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- 3.22 The formula is based on providing a teacher at M6 and a mid-level TA, although this does not prevent the school using the funding more flexibly.

Secondary Trigger Funding

- 3.23 The model for secondary school expansions is set up to meet the place and curriculum requirements that are additional to the primary model. The model is based on providing teachers at M6 and mid-level TAs, as with the primary model this does not prevent the school using the funding more flexibly.
- 3.24 The minimum funding is provided at 8FE is established based on 12 teachers per year (2 English, 2 Maths, 1 Humanities, 2 Science, 2 PE, 1 MFL, 1 ICT and 4 TA's). The leadership team are assumed to cover the remaining class, and are included based on part time Assistant Head teacher and a teaching Head teacher based on the size of the year group. Total minimum funding guaranteed therefore is 12 times M6 teacher and 4 times mid-level TA, to cover all staffing costs. All of the above are funded for 7/12 of the year i.e. September to March. The full year funding in subsequent years will be based on October census data on a lagged basis plus 7/12ths of estimated September intake.
- 3.25 The expansion is based on an 8FE school and will be calculated proportionally according to the size of expansion e.g. For a 2FE expansion (minimum trigger funding guaranteed will 2/8 of the above)

Special Schools and SRPs

- 3.26 Due to the funding mechanisms for special school and SRP places there is no requirement to develop a separate policy for providing additional SEN places. SEN places are commissioned by the Local Authority and £10K is provided for each commissioned place, including any increases. Top-up funding is provided in addition according to the individual needs of the child with an Education Health and Care Plan.

Members of the Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Approve the growth and trigger funding policy detailed above.**

High Needs Commissioned services

- 3.27 Forum will remember that the Hearing Impaired unit at Ridgeway School was closed at the end of August 2015, with additional support being commissioned from Red Oaks to enable the provision of an outreach service to support pupils still at Ridgeway. It is proposed to continue this commission at the cost of £77,483 for the 2016-17 year. The funding for this service will come from savings on the NNDR budget £19k, the commissioned services budget £11k

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and a reduction in the high needs contingency budget of £47.4k (this will leave the high needs contingency budget at £252.4k)

Members of the Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Note the continuation of the Hearing Impaired Outreach provided by Red Oaks at a cost of £77,483.**

Notional SEN Top Up Funding

- 3.28 Last year at its March meeting Forum agreed to implement a revised calculation method to assess Notional SEN top up funding. The previous method involved calculating the Notional SEN funding using October 2014 census data. The revised method was to assess the Notional SEN expenditure using both October 2014 5/12ths and October 2015 7/12ths census data with a claw back for funding over allocated in May. This method was deemed to be fairer to all schools as it reflects the characteristics of the pupils attending the school in each part of the year.
- 3.29 Forum requested that this item was brought back for review after the first year of operation. The revised mechanism has resulted in an increase in costs of £27,350 above the budget of £350,000. There was a net increase of 24.5 statemented pupils between 2014 and 2015; however the number of LPA pupils fell by 212.4 over the same period. There were twenty four schools that received an additional payment in January 2016, however seven schools needed to make a repayment as the Notional SEN paid in May was higher than that required for the whole year. (Appendix 3).
- 3.30 The LA is proposing to carry on with the current funding calculation basis; however the LA is proposing to only make one payment in January 2017 to cover all Notional SEN payments for the year. This revised approach will ensure that a school will only receive a payment if one is required and will avoid the need to reclaim funding from schools that have been overfunded.
- 3.31 As forum members will be aware the Notional SEN spend has been increasing over the last few years as demonstrated by the table below:-

Year	No of Schools receiving Notional SEN	Total cost of Notional SEN £000's
2013/14	18	256
2014/15	19	280
2015/16	26	377

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- 3.32 DfE guidance is that Notional SEN should only be payable to a minority of schools with a disproportionately high number of high needs or SEN pupils. The LA is proposing to review the Notional SEN process as with twenty six out of seventy four schools receiving Notional SEN, it would appear that the current mechanism is not working as originally intended. Officers intend to present options for a new Notional SEN mechanism to the July schools forum for discussion.

Members of Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Note that officers intend to review the Notional SEN policy and will present option to the July meeting for discussion.**

Post 16 update

- 3.33 The budget agreed for the 2015/16 financial year for post 16 new responsibilities is £2,022,000 and is allocated across a range of providers to meet the needs of young people aged 16-25 with high needs.
- 3.34 The projected spend at the end of January is £1,958,358 which represents an underspend of £63,642 against the budget.
- 3.35 The total number of high needs students projected in July SF data was 390 and the actual number of students at January 2016 is 344. Of the initial projection of 390 there were 69 students identified as having high needs but where no provision had been identified. This has reduced to 26 students with unknown destinations where the pupils have been identified as being Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).
- 3.36 The budget for 2016/17 is set at £2,000,000 and a full report will be submitted to the July Schools Forum setting out the projected allocations based on student destinations, which are being arranged now.

Members of the Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Note that a report will be presented to the July Schools Forum with draft funding allocations for the 2016/17 academic year.**

New Post 16 Provision – September 2016

- 3.37 On the 18th November 2015 a Cabinet Panel approved the expansion of Crowdy's Hill Special School from September 2016. The decision extended the age range from the current 11-16 status to include post-16 students, thereby enabling the school to offer educational provision for the full 11-19

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age range. When full, it is anticipated that the proposed sixth form will provide up to 50 places for 16-19.

- 3.38 The EFA have confirmed that they will not be funding the new sixth form provisions in 2016/17. As with the current post 16 provision, the funding from the EFA would have been recouped from the DSG at £10,000 per pupil. The LA has provided a budget to fund the new sixth form provision for 25 places from September 2016.

Members of Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Note the intention to open a new 16 - 19 form provision at Crowdy's Hill Special School.**

New Special School Primary Provision

- 3.39 The Local Authority is due to commence a period of formal consultation on the proposal to lower the age range of Crowdy's Hill special school from 1 September 2016.
- 3.40 The proposal to lower the age range has been developed in the light of significant pressure across the borough to provide additional SEND primary places due to the increased number of statements and Education Health and Care Plans and the borough expanding as a whole. The additional provision will start with 16 places and eventually provide 36 places for children aged 4 to 11 with complex learning difficulties.
- 3.41 Other options have been investigated, however, given the development already being undertaken on the Crowdy's site, this has presented the opportunity to co-locate a Primary provision on site.
- 3.42 In January the proposed 16/17 budget considered by the Schools Forum allocated additional High Needs funding to meet the demand for additional primary places. In February Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet approved a capital budget for the additional places.

Members of Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Give its views on the intention to open a new primary provision at Crowdy's Hill.**

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Early Years - 30 hour pilot implications

- 3.43 In January 2016 it was confirmed that Swindon's bid to become an 'Early Implementer' for this high profile government initiative had been successful. In September 2016, Swindon will join seven other LAs sharing funding of £13m, to act as a pilot area to inform policy, ahead of the national roll-out from September 2017.
- 3.44 In addition, a further 25 authorities will join this work, acting as 'Early Innovators' looking at specific issues. All participants will share further funding of £4m to assist with this work.
- 3.45 Full details of the pilot and the full scheme are yet to be fully released, but officers attended a working group with the DfE on the 22nd February 2016 and to qualify for the 30 hours entitlement from September 2017 parents will need to be earning the equivalent of 16 hours at National Living wage. They do not need to be working 16 hours per week, therefore, if a parent only works 10 hours per week but is earning the equivalent of 16 hours at National Living Wage (this is age dependant to what rate this will be) they will qualify.
- 3.46 Each parent can earn up to £100k to qualify. Therefore, if both parents each earn £99k they can qualify. If either parent earns £100k or more they will not qualify regardless of the second parents level of income. More details will be reported to the forum in July 2016.

Members of Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Note that Swindon has been selected to pilot the 30 hours of Early Years provision.**

Potential Free School Bids affecting Swindon

- 3.47 In September 2015 the Department for Education announced a new presumption that requires every new school to be a Free School. Swindon has had two successful bids for secondary free schools; they are the Great Western Academy opening in north Swindon for September 2018 and The Swindon Church of England Academy opening in Wichelstowe also for September 2018.
- 3.48 The Department for Education runs a process that has two application "waves" per year for sponsors wishing to set up a new free school. This process is determined by the Department for Education and is outside of Local Authority control. The current Wave (11) closed on 2nd March 2016, for schools opening in September 2017 at the earliest.

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- 3.49 Once an application from a sponsor has been submitted, it is assessed by the government on the need for places it meets. The sponsor is invited to interview and an announcement on approved new schools is expected in June/July 2016.
- 3.50 Swindon has adopted an approach to work with education providers to identify need for places and support free school applications with access to data. On the 10th November 2015, the Local Authority hosted an event at the University Technical College Swindon to advertise to potential academy and free school sponsors the characteristics of Swindon, the education strategy and our place planning pressures. The event was attended by about 40 providers and representatives from the Regional Schools Commissioners office
- 3.51 As a result of the engagement work that has been conducted there have been five free school applications submitted during the recently closed wave. Two mainstream primary schools to serve Wichelstowe and the New Eastern Villages, two special schools and an alternative provision. A further primary school application to serve north Swindon is expected in the next wave (September 2016).
- 3.52 Special free schools have different funding arrangements to mainstream schools and in both special and alternative provision free schools, funding is comprised mainly of two elements:
- 3.52.1 Base funding received directly from EFA;
- 3.52.2 Top-up funding agreed on a case by case basis with the authority (ies) or school(s) that commissions places within the provision.
- 3.53 A special free school may also receive funding for commissioned services (such as home tuition) from a local authority or school. Base funding for special free schools is £10,000 per FTE place. When a special free school is opened, the EFA will decide on the number of places to be funded each year, based on the free school's plans and the number of pupils actually attending the school. We expect that this funding will be paid by the EFA directly to the free school and not recouped from the Local Authority Dedicated Schools Grant.
- 3.54 Alternative provision free schools, usually from the third year of the free school's operation, the EFA will start to deduct an appropriate proportion of the base funding from the dedicated schools grant of the local authorities who commission, or whose schools commission places at the alternative provision free school.
- 3.55 There may be situations where the funding deducted from the dedicated schools grant of the relevant local authorities does not constitute the total
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Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Ian Burbidge on 01793 464384 or iburbidge@swindon.gov.uk

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base funding for places which the EFA determines to pay to the free school. Therefore it is important for discussion locally with schools and relevant local authorities about what the alternative provision free school intends to provide and that it is meeting the demand for alternative provision.

- 3.56 Swindon Borough Council is supporting the five applications submitted in wave 11.

Members of Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Note that five bids have been submitted to the EFA to provide new free schools in Swindon.**

National Fair Funding Formula and F40 update

- 3.57 It is proposed that a meeting will be held with head teacher associations to discuss the contents of the National Fair Funding Consultation document when this is released. Schools Forum are asked to consider whether they wish to have an additional meeting to discuss and respond to the consultation.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 Members of the Forum may provide alternatives in the course of the meeting.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 Various financial implications are included in this report relating to management of the retained DSG budget.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 Legal and Human rights implications have been taken into account in preparing this report. It is considered that the recommendations are compatible with Convention Rights.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 No additional implications were raised in the preparation of this report.

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Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 The proposals within this report are designed to allocate funding targeted at disadvantaged pupils and at pupils with low prior attainment and / or special education needs in order to narrow the attainment gap between these and other pupils.

Risk Management

- 5.5 Any specific risk management implications are highlighted in the body of the report.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Letter to Head teachers – 29th January 2016
- 8.2 Appendix 2 – Overview of SRP Budgeted Income and Expenditure for 2015/16
- 8.3 Appendix 3 – Notional SEN funding 2015/16

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Appendix A



Head teachers Swindon Primary, Special and
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Date: 29th January 2016

Dear Head teacher

We are writing to you concerning school budgets for the next financial year. As you may be aware, some difficult decisions have had to be made which are explained below. This is in the context of a wide range of funding reductions in local government.

The Local Authority consulted with Head teachers regarding the 2016/17 budget and prior to the January Schools Forum meeting invited Head teachers to two consultation events. The budget issues were explained and the options being proposed were discussed. In addition the LA circulated documents that showed the financial impact of changes in pupil characteristics on a school by school basis and the details of the financial impact that each option would have on a school by school basis.

At the Schools Forum held on 12th January the LA requested a view from Schools Forum members on the preferred option to balance the 2016/17 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget and the proposed changes to the high need (HN) top-up banding rates. Following significant debate on the impact of the options on the budget for mainstream settings and the reduction in band values for specialist settings, forum members did not agree to any of the options put forward by the LA. Forum members stated that this was not a reflection on the LA but a reaction to the inadequate funding received by Swindon to meet the needs of its students. Swindon is a member of the F40 club and is one of the lowest funded local authorities for funding it receives from central government for its schools.

Subsequent to the preparation of the schools forum papers, additional information was received from the EFA and LA commissioners that reduced the demand on both the mainstream and High Needs budgets. As a consequence of these changes the LA has reviewed the options presented to balance the 2016/17 budget.

The High Needs (HN) savings come from a reduction in the demand for additional places and the reduction of two places in one SRP. These savings have been recycled within the HN block, which has resulted in a smaller reduction in banding values for all HN pupils.

The mainstream savings come from a reduction in Free School Meals Ever 6 numbers for two academies as agreed between the EFA and the LA. In addition there is a saving in the estimated cost for National Non Domestic Rates due to a lower than anticipated increase. These savings have resulted in a reduction in the budget gap to £1,056,780, which means that the reduction in school budgets is lower than was previously advised to Schools Forum.

Subsequent to the Schools Forum meeting, the Head of Education and the Head of Finance, Schools met with some Schools Forum head teachers to explain the changes and the revised proposals.

2016/17 Budget decisions

The Interim Director of Children Services (DCS) has delegated authority to set the DSG budget after due consultation and consideration of the recommendation of Swindon's Schools Forum.

The five original options were ranked by the LA to establish which provided the best outcome for the highest number of schools and which option had the biggest impact on the lowest number of schools. The option to reduce all factors by x% had the best overall ranking and therefore is the LA's preferred option although the LA recognises that this option may not have been the one that provided the best outcome for individual schools. In the LA's opinion this option is equitable as the reduction to each factor is in proportion to the factor value.

The DCS is proposing that an overall reduction of all mainstream school funding factors of **1.508%** is implemented to balance the budget; this will be undertaken in conjunction with a lower than anticipated reduction in banding values.

The attached appendix shows the detail and summary of mainstream school and academies' 2016/17 adjusted individual school budgets (ISB) once the reduction of 1.508% has been applied to all factors.

The DCS has proposed that the HN banding values for Special and SRP settings are as follows:

Current Band and Supplement Values				
	2015/16		Proposed 2016/17	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
Band Values	£	£	£	£
Bespoke Package	No change		No change	
Band 1	£12,029	£12,662	£11,668	£12,282
Band 2	£10,826	£11,396	£10,501	£11,054
Band 3	£7,217	£7,597	£7,001	£7,369
Band 4	£4,511	£4,748	£4,376	£4,606
Band 5	£3,609	£3,799	£3,500	£3,685
Band 6	£1,804	£1,899	£1,750	£1,842
BESD Graduated Response Assessment Class	£2,550	£2,684	£2,550	£2,684
Primary band values are 95% of secondary values				

The DCS has proposed that the HN banding values for pupils in mainstream settings are as follows:

Mainstream High Needs Top-up rates		
	2015/16 Budget	Proposed Budget 2016/17
Band 1	£8,640	£8,285
Band 2	£7,200	£6,845
Band 3	£5,760	£5,405
Band 4	£4,320	£3,965
Band 5	£2,880	£2,525
Band 6	£1,440	£1,085
Bespoke	No change	No change

The DCS has advised the Education Funding Agency of Swindon's decision on funding for all mainstream schools and academies within the LA area by the statutory deadline of 21st January 2016.

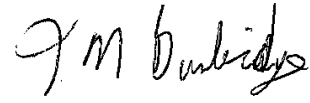
Help & Support

The LA schools finance team are currently preparing budget templates to be circulated to all settings, these will include details of how each settings funding is calculated. It is anticipated that these will be with schools shortly after the half term holidays. If you have any queries please contact Anne Mackay amac-kay@swindon.gov.uk or Ian Burbidge iburbidge@swindon.gov.uk and they will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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Peter Nathan
Head of Education
Swindon Borough Council

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Head of Finance, Education

Appendix 2 - Overview of SRP Budgeted Income and Expenditure for 2015/16

	The Commonweal School - PD	Robert Le Kyng Primary School - PD	Westlea Primary School - PD	Kingsdown - ASD	Lydiard Park Academy - ASD	The Ridgeway School & Sixth Form College - ASD	Ruskin - ASD	Eldene Nursery & Primary School - CLD	Millbrook Primary School - CLD	Red Oaks - LDD	The Commonweal School - SpLD	Even Swindon - SSL	Red Oaks - SBI	Overview
Average No. of Pupils	2015/16 18.58	2015/16 10.00	2015/16 6.00	2015/16 15.00	2015/16 15.00	2015/16 12.00	2015/16 10.00	2015/16 10.00	2015/16 9.00	2015/16 10.00	2015/16 29.25	2015/16 15.42	2015/16 13.00	2015/16 173.25
ii ANNUAL REVENUE FUNDING														
A) Place Plus Funding	£392,267	£245,567	£219,592	£380,407	£407,780	£352,289	£249,380	£192,716	£194,190	£207,600	£529,805	£333,941	£536,436	£4,241,969
D) Pupil Premium	£0	£5,280	£2,640	£4,675	£2,805	£4,675	£1,320	£9,240	£1,320	£1,320	£0	£3,960	£3,960	£41,195
E) Other Income	£3,999	£1,409	£2,423	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,131	£0	£9,597	£0	£0	£18,559
Total Annual Funding	£396,266	£252,256	£224,655	£385,082	£410,585	£356,964	£250,700	£201,956	£196,641	£208,920	£539,402	£337,901	£540,396	£4,301,724
iii ANNUAL SPENDING														
A) Staffing - Teaching, Leadership is shown below	£420,612	£256,750	£160,569	£357,073	£302,794	£199,531	£133,995	£126,155	£169,718	£189,416	£315,610	£223,331	£453,215	£3,308,769
B) Premises	£15,308	£9,151	£6,782	£7,358	£10,529	£47,757	£8,017	£9,507	£8,772	£6,945	£3,580	£19,371	£2,719	£155,796
C) Supplies and Services	£26,695	£24,845	£50,827	£23,960	£23,785	£28,435	£28,533	£26,362	£13,519	£13,612	£26,599	£75,972	£43,172	£406,318
D) Loan Repayments	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£45	£0	£0	£54	£99
Total Annual Revenue Spending	£462,615	£290,747	£218,178	£388,391	£337,108	£275,723	£170,545	£162,024	£192,010	£210,018	£345,790	£318,675	£499,161	£3,870,982
Gross Surplus / (deficit) on SRP Service	-£66,349	-£38,491	£6,477	-£3,309	£73,477	£81,241	£80,155	£39,932	£4,631	-£1,098	£193,613	£19,226	£41,235	£430,741
A) Staffing - Leadership, Administration and other staff costs	£68,866	£9,214	£13,065	£11,106	£97,998	£41,218	£23,123	£13,295	£9,118	£13,100	£56,340	£21,576	£22,627	£400,646
Leadership as %age of Direct Costs	15%	3%	6%	3%	29%	15%	14%	8%	5%	6%	16%	7%	5%	10%
Leadership as %age of Income	17%	4%	6%	3%	24%	12%	9%	7%	5%	6%	10%	6%	4%	9%
On-going revenue spending	£531,481	£299,961	£231,243	£399,497	£435,106	£316,940	£193,667	£175,319	£201,128	£223,118	£402,130	£340,251	£521,788	£4,271,628
Net Surplus / (deficit) on SRP Services	-£135,215	-£47,705	-£6,588	-£14,415	-£24,521	£40,024	£57,032	£26,638	-£4,487	-£14,198	£137,273	-£2,350	£18,608	£30,095
One off Income	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	-£17,094	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	-£17,094
One off expenditure	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£50,000	£39,500	£10,000	£4,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£103,500
In Year Surplus (Deficit)	-£135,215	-£47,705	-£6,588	-£14,415	-£24,521	£7,117	£17,532	£16,638	-£8,487	-£14,198	£137,273	-£2,350	£18,608	-£56,311
ANNUAL REVENUE FUNDING PER PUPIL														
Average funding per Pupil	£21,324	£25,226	£37,443	£25,672	£27,372	£29,747	£25,070	£20,196	£21,849	£20,892	£18,441	£21,918	£41,569	£24,830
ANNUAL SPENDING PER PUPIL														
A) Staffing - Teaching, Leadership is shown below	£22,634	£25,675	£26,761	£23,805	£20,186	£16,628	£13,399	£12,615	£18,858	£18,942	£10,790	£14,486	£34,863	£19,098
B) Premises	£824	£915	£1,130	£491	£702	£3,980	£802	£951	£975	£695	£122	£1,257	£209	£899
C) Supplies and Services	£1,437	£2,485	£8,471	£1,597	£1,586	£2,370	£2,853	£2,636	£1,502	£1,361	£909	£4,928	£3,321	£2,345
D) Loan Repayments	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£5	£0	£0	£4	£1
Average spend per pupil	£24,894	£29,075	£36,363	£25,893	£22,474	£22,977	£17,054	£16,202	£21,334	£21,002	£11,822	£20,671	£38,397	£22,343
Direct Cost of SRP Service														
A) Staffing - Leadership, Administration and other staff costs	£3,706	£921	£2,178	£740	£6,533	£3,435	£2,312	£1,329	£1,013	£1,310	£1,926	£1,400	£1,741	£2,313
On-going revenue spending	£28,600	£29,996	£38,540	£26,633	£29,007	£26,412	£19,367	£17,532	£22,348	£22,312	£13,748	£22,070	£40,138	£24,656
Recurring cost of Service	-£7,276	-£4,770	-£1,098	-£961	-£1,635	£3,335	£5,703	£2,664	-£499	-£1,420	£4,693	-£152	£1,431	£174

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Appendix C - Calculation of Notional SEN funding and spending 2015-16

Notional SEN Funding 2015/16					October 2014 Census Data			October 2015 Census Data			Spend Apr - Aug		Spend Sep - Mar		Total Notional SEN Spend	Funding less Spend	Amount of Notional SEN due	Amount Paid in May 2015	Balance to Pay / Recover	Change in Statemented pupils	Change in LPA pupils
School Name	Total Funding allocated for SEN (£701.57 PRI and £1000 SEC per Low Prior Attainment pupil)	Total Deprivation Funding allocated via FSM and IDACI	40% of Deprivation Funding deemed to be SEN related	Total Notional SEN Funding	Total Low Prior Attainment Pupils Oct 2014	Statemented Pupil Numbers as at Oct 14 (excluding SRP)	Low Prior Attainment pupils less Statemented Pupils	Total Low Prior Attainment Pupils Oct 2015	Statemented Pupil Numbers as at Oct 15 (excluding SRP)	Low Prior Attainment pupils less Statemented Pupils	Notional Spend on Statemented pupils @ £6,000	Notional spend on non statemented LPA pupils @ Primary £701.57, Secondary £1,000	Notional Spend on Statemented pupils @ £6,000	Notional spend on non statemented LPA pupils @ Primary £701.57, Secondary £1,000							
	A	B	C	D = A + C	E	F	G = E - F	H	I	J = H - I	K = F * £6,000 * 5/12	L = G * LPA rate * 5/12	M = I * £6,000 * 7/12	N = J * LPA rate * 7/12							
Abbey Meads Community Primary School	£53,605	£127,014	£50,806	£104,411	76.41	5	71.41	77.75	8	69.75	£12,500	£20,874	£28,000	£28,545	£89,919	£14,492	£0	£0	£0	3	-1.66
Beechcroft Infants	£51,119	£122,373	£48,949	£100,068	72.86	3	69.86	68.92	6	62.92	£7,500	£20,423	£21,000	£25,750	£74,673	£25,396	£0	£0	£0	3	-6.94
Bishopstone School	£5,544	£4,773	£1,909	£7,454	7.90	0	7.90	12.88	1	11.88	£0	£2,310	£3,500	£4,862	£10,672	£3,218	£3,218	£0	£3,218	1	3.98
Bridlewood Primary School	£30,217	£22,877	£9,151	£39,367	43.07	2	41.07	45.69	3	42.69	£5,000	£12,006	£10,500	£17,471	£44,976	£5,609	£5,609	£602	£5,006	1	1.62
Brook Field County Primary	£54,187	£43,451	£17,381	£71,567	77.24	8	69.24	73.53	7	66.53	£20,000	£20,239	£24,500	£27,227	£91,967	£20,399	£20,399	£10,420	£9,980	-1	-2.71
Catherine Wayte Primary School	£45,340	£27,447	£10,979	£56,319	64.63	5	59.63	68.12	5	63.12	£12,500	£17,430	£17,500	£25,832	£73,262	£16,943	£16,943	£6,464	£10,479	0	3.49
Chiseldon Primary School	£17,122	£22,746	£9,098	£26,220	24.40	0	24.40	26.69	3	23.69	£0	£7,134	£10,500	£9,695	£27,329	£1,109	£1,109	£0	£1,109	3	-0.71
Colebrook Infant Academy	£23,846	£22,941	£9,177	£33,022	33.99	3	30.99	29.58	2	27.58	£7,500	£9,059	£7,000	£11,287	£34,846	£1,824	£1,824	£2,799	£976	-1	-3.41
Colebrook Junior School	£23,426	£36,862	£14,745	£38,171	33.39	2	31.39	29.20	1	28.20	£5,000	£9,176	£3,500	£11,541	£29,217	£8,954	£0	£0	£0	-1	-3.19
Covingham Park Primary School	£46,629	£64,434	£25,774	£72,402	66.46	5	61.46	76.42	6	70.42	£12,500	£17,967	£21,000	£28,819	£80,286	£7,884	£7,884	£299	£7,585	1	8.96
Drove Primary School	£116,428	£178,273	£71,309	£187,737	165.95	7	158.95	127.46	5	122.46	£17,500	£46,465	£17,500	£50,117	£131,582	£56,155	£0	£0	£0	-2	-36.49
East Wichel Primary School	£32,572	£82,322	£32,929	£65,501	46.43	2	44.43	51.10	5	46.10	£5,000	£12,987	£17,500	£18,866	£54,353	£11,147	£0	£0	£0	3	1.67
Eastrop Infant School	£22,032	£14,046	£5,619	£27,650	31.40	2	29.40	27.35	3	24.35	£5,000	£8,595	£10,500	£9,965	£34,061	£6,410	£6,410	£2,074	£4,336	1	-5.05
Eldene Primary School	£81,679	£226,963	£90,785	£172,465	116.42	4	112.42	107.03	4	103.03	£10,000	£32,864	£14,000	£42,165	£99,029	£73,436	£0	£0	£0	0	-9.39
Even Swindon Primary School	£121,465	£243,516	£97,406	£218,871	173.13	10	163.13	168.26	10	158.26	£25,000	£47,687	£35,000	£64,768	£172,455	£46,416	£0	£0	£0	0	-4.87
Frendale Community Primary	£59,406	£183,051	£73,220	£132,627	84.68	8	76.68	82.56	7	75.56	£20,000	£22,414	£24,500	£30,923	£97,837	£34,790	£0	£0	£0	-1	-1.12
Goddard Park Primary School	£49,445	£518,161	£207,265	£256,709	70.48	7	63.48	82.33	10	72.33	£17,500	£18,556	£35,000	£29,601	£100,657	£156,052	£0	£0	£0	3	8.85
Grorse Hill Primary	£72,274	£181,388	£72,555	£144,829	103.02	10.5	92.52	92.85	10	82.85	£26,250	£27,045	£35,000	£33,906	£122,201	£22,628	£0	£0	£0	-0.5	-9.67
Orange Infant School	£38,724	£19,589	£7,836	£46,560	55.20	2	53.20	47.13	1	46.13	£5,000	£15,550	£3,500	£18,879	£42,929	£3,631	£0	£1,150	£1,150	-1	-7.07
Orange Junior School	£24,260	£39,713	£15,885	£40,145	34.58	5	29.58	53.89	5	48.89	£12,500	£8,647	£17,500	£20,008	£58,655	£18,510	£18,510	£4,420	£14,090	0	19.31
Greenmeadow School	£21,186	£82,745	£33,098	£54,283	30.20	1	29.20	29.97	0	29.97	£2,500	£8,535	£0	£12,265	£23,300	£30,983	£0	£0	£0	-1	0.77
Haydon Wick Primary School	£19,846	£82,923	£33,169	£53,015	28.29	4	24.29	25.48	4	21.48	£10,000	£7,100	£14,000	£8,791	£39,891	£13,125	£0	£0	£0	0	-2.81
Haydonleigh Primary School	£39,774	£60,305	£24,122	£63,896	56.69	3	53.69	73.90	4	69.90	£7,500	£15,696	£14,000	£28,607	£65,802	£1,906	£1,906	£0	£1,906	1	16.21
Hazelwood Academy	£29,870	£116,994	£46,798	£76,668	42.58	4	38.58	45.87	4	41.87	£10,000	£11,277	£14,000	£17,135	£52,412	£24,256	£0	£0	£0	0	3.29
Holy Cross Primary School	£25,138	£61,542	£24,617	£49,754	35.83	7	28.83	41.42	6	35.42	£17,500	£8,428	£21,000	£14,496	£61,423	£11,669	£11,669	£5,197	£6,472	-1	6.59
Holy Familt Catholic Primary	£41,514	£211,883	£84,753	£126,267	59.17	8	51.17	55.33	6	49.33	£20,000	£14,959	£21,000	£20,188	£76,147	£50,120	£0	£0	£0	-2	-1.84
Holy Rood Catholic Primary School	£39,264	£32,516	£13,006	£52,271	55.97	4	51.97	73.17	6	67.17	£10,000	£15,191	£21,000	£27,489	£73,680	£21,409	£21,409	£3,411	£17,998	2	15.20
King William Street Primary	£25,045	£48,748	£19,499	£44,544	35.70	3	32.70	30.54	5	25.54	£7,500	£9,559	£17,500	£10,452	£45,011	£466	£466	£0	£466	2	-7.16
Lainesmead Primary School	£89,774	£240,110	£96,044	£185,818	127.96	7	120.96	121.16	5	116.16	£17,500	£35,359	£17,500	£47,538	£117,898	£67,920	£0	£0	£0	-2	-4.80
Lawn Primary School	£47,787	£151,955	£60,782	£108,569	68.11	9	59.11	63.10	8	55.10	£22,500	£17,280	£28,000	£22,550	£90,330	£18,239	£0	£0	£0	-1	-4.01
Lethbridge Primary School	£24,417	£44,849	£17,940	£42,357	34.80	11	23.80	42.67	9	33.67	£27,500	£6,958	£31,500	£13,779	£79,738	£37,381	£37,381	£16,810	£20,571	-2	9.87
Liden Primary School	£55,432	£95,810	£38,324	£93,755	79.01	6	73.														

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