

2016-17 Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement and Budget

Schools Forum

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Settings Affected:	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.

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1. This report provides Schools Forum members with an update on the estimated value of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and other funding that will be available in 2016/17. It also provides estimates of the level of expenditure that will be allocated to Early Years, Schools, Academies High Needs settings and centrally retained budgets.
- 1.2. The Local Authority is required to submit the Authority Proforma Toolkit on 21st January 2016 to the Education Funding Agency (EFA). This toolkit calculates individual Primary and Secondary School and Academy budgets for 2016/17. It uses the October Schools Census information, together with the results of the December consultation event. The Authority is also required to provide schools with budget information by 26th February 2016.
- 1.3. This report also includes 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 provision.
- 1.4. The Local Authority is required to submit the Section 251 Budget Statement to the EFA by 31st March 2016. An integral part of this financial statement is the use of the Dedicated Schools Grant. Schools Forum is required to agree various aspects of the DSG budget, and the Local Authority is required to consider the recommendations of the Schools Forum in setting the remainder of the Dedicated Schools Grant Budget. This report forms a critical part of that budget setting process.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Members of Schools Forum are now asked to note the following points relating to the 2016/17 DSG Funding Settlement:
 - 2.1.1. Swindon expects to receive a total DSG settlement of £163.550m in 2016/17. (Para. 3.22)

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- 2.1.2. The estimated DSG balance at the end of 2015/16 is £0.240m. (Para 3.19)
- 2.1.3. 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. The final settlement will not be confirmed until July 2017. (Para 3.9)
- 2.2. In respect of the 2016/17 DSG expenditure budget, Members of Schools Forum are now asked to:
 - 2.2.1. Agree the proposed 2016/17 Early Years funding rates as shown in Table 7, which will take effect from 1st April 2016, (Para. 4.6)
 - 2.2.2. Agree a 2016/17 Early Years budget of £11.636m as shown in Table 7. (Para. 4.6)
 - 2.2.3. Note the anticipated overall Early Years budget for 2016/17 (Para. 4.6)
 - 2.2.4. Advise which of the 5 options shown at Annex A is the preferred solution to balance the budget. (Para. 5.1 – 5.13)
 - 2.2.5. Note the Notional SEN funding top ups payable in 2016/17 at a total estimated cost of £0.400m. (Para. 5.16)
 - 2.2.6. Note Individual schools average pupil led funding will be reported to the March 2016 meeting of this forum, which will be used by the LA to claw back funding for excluded pupils during 2016/17. (Para. 5.17)
 - 2.2.7. Agree the following de-delegations and proposed length of agreement, each phase of maintained school will need to agree for their sector;
 - 2.2.7.1. Free School Meal eligibility administration will be charged at £4.80 per pupil in 2016/17 and is supported until 31st March 2017. (Para. 5.20.1)
 - 2.2.7.2. Trade Union release time will be charged at £1.25 per pupil in 2016/17 and is supported until 31st March 2017. (Para. 5.20.2)
 - 2.2.7.3. Nylands Campus Outreach Team will be charged at £12.33 per primary pupil in 2016/17 and is supported until 31st March 2017. (Para. 5.20.3)
 - 2.2.8. Agree a total 2016/17 pupil growth budget of £0.616m, subject to the option chosen to balance the budget. (Para. 6.2 – 6.4)
 - 2.2.9. Agree a total budget for Centrally Retained Services of £1.015m in 2016/17 as shown in Table 12. (Para. 6.5)

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- 2.2.10. Note the overall budget before the reductions required to balance the budget for 2016/17 as shown in Table 12. (Para. 6.6)
- 2.2.11. Note the place funding budget for 2016/17 of £7.704m. (Para. 8.1)
- 2.2.12. Note the top-up funding budget for 2016/17 of £8.763m. (Para. 8.2)
- 2.2.13. Note that the Minimum Funding Guarantee budget for specialist settings will be £72k for 2016/17. (Para. 11)
- 2.2.14. Members of the School Forum are now asked to give a view on the Local Authority's proposals for High Needs Budgets as described in paragraphs 12 to 18 of this report, summarised in Table 21 and listed below:
 - Alternative Provision (Para. 12)
 - Commissioned High Needs Services (Para. 13)
 - Post 16 High Needs Budgets (Para. 14)
 - Mainstream School Top Up Funding (Para. 15)
 - External Placements (Pre 16) (Para.16)
 - High Needs Contingency (Para. 17)
 - Other Centrally Retained High Needs Services (Para.18)

3. Dedicated Schools Grant Funding Settlement 2016/17

- 3.1. On 17th December 2015 the Education Funding Agency (EFA) released information on the Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement for 2016/17. The DSG for 2016/17 comprises:
 - Early Years block covering:
 - Funding for disadvantaged two year olds.
 - The three and four year old entitlement;
 - The Early Years pupil premium
 - Schools block - based on school block units of funding (SBUF) announced in July 2015.
 - High needs block – based on 2015/16 allocation.
- 3.2. The first part of this report describes the DSG settlement in more detail and attempts to add information on some of the aspects of the settlement that are still to be more formally announced. Further adjustments to the settlement information are expected for:

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- Academies recoupment from the schools block;
- Deductions for high needs places in academies and non-maintained special schools;
- Deduction for national copyright licences;
- Updates to the funding for three and four year olds;
- Initial allocations for disadvantaged two year olds; and
- Updates to the Early Years pupil premium.

Early Years - Disadvantaged 2 year old free nursery education DSG

- 3.3. This funding has moved to a participation model whereby the level of grant paid to the LA is to be based on the January 2016 EY census (5/12) and the January 2017 EY census (7/12). Each pupil is entitled to a maximum 15 hours of education; this is equivalent to 0.6 FTE. The FTE census figure is then multiplied by a DfE determined hourly rate for Swindon of £4.97 which equates to £2,832.90 per child per year.
- 3.4. The LA will therefore need to revise its DSG estimate throughout the year and will not know the final 2016/17 grant value until July 2017. The latest estimate for 2016/17 is based on the projected position for January 2016. The LA has assumed for budget planning purposes that there will be no overall increase in the number of pupils between January 2016 and January 2017, any increases will result in a matching increase in the cost of provision. Any increases between January 2016 and August 2016 need to be funded from within the Swindon DSG budget, there is no additional funding provided by the EFA.

Table 1 - Disadvantaged 2 year old DSG estimate 2016/17				
	Estimated Census	FTE equivalent	Funding	Estimated DSG @ £4,721.50
Settlement based on Jan 15 census	492	295		£1,392,843
Jan 16 increase over Jan 15 base	332	199	5/12	£391,491
Jan 17 increase over Jan 15 base	332	199	7/12	£548,087
Total DSG				£2,332,421

Early Years - Free nursery education for all 3 and 4 year olds DSG

- 3.5. Funding will continue to be based on participation as measured by the January 2016 (5/12) and January 2017 (7/12) EY censuses. The FTE census figure is then multiplied by a DfE determined hourly rate for Swindon of £3,888.06 and the final 2016/17 grant value will not be confirmed until July 2017.

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- 3.6. The latest estimate for 2016/17 is based on the January 2015 census data with projected increases for both January 2016 and 2017:
- 3.7. The proposed budget makes no allowance for any funding or costs associated with the proposed increase to 30 hours of provision, Swindon has applied to be a pilot authority for this change in Early Years provision.

Table 2 - 3 and 4 year old DSG estimate 2016/17			
	FTE equivalent	Funding	Estimated DSG @ £3,888.06
Settlement based on Jan 15 census	2,355		£8,674,262
Jan 16 increase over Jan 15 base	149	5/12	£241,384
Jan 17 increase over Jan 15 base	272	7/12	£616,724
Total DSG			£9,532,370

Early Years Pupil Premium

- 3.8. The DSG settlement includes an amount of **£0.165m** for the Early Years Pupil Premium. This funding will be paid to Early Years providers in support of 3 and 4 year olds whose parents are in receipt of various state funded income supplements.
- 3.9. This is a provisional settlement and will be amended to reflect the pupils on the January 2016 census; initial allocations will be announced in summer 2016. The allocations will be updated in summer 2017 based on 5/12 of January 2016 and 7/12 of January 2017 census numbers.
- 3.10. Providers will be paid at a rate of £0.53 per hour, which equates to £302.10 for every 3 or 4 year old that takes up the full 570 hours entitlement.

Overview of Early Years DSG Settlement

- 3.11. The table below shows the overview of the funding anticipated to be received for the Early Years block.

Table 3 - Estimated Early Years Settlement 2016/17	Estimated 2016 Settlement
	£m
Early Years 2 Year Olds	2.332
Early Years 3-4 Year Olds	9.532
EY Pupil Premium	0.165
Estimated EY Settlement 2016/17	12.029

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Schools Block DSG

- 3.12. This is the only area of DSG which can be determined accurately from the outset as funding for 2016/17 will be based on the October 2015 school census multiplied by a DfE determined rate per pupil for Swindon of £4,248.40. This is an increase of £5.36 per pupil over the 2015/16 figure, which reflects the additional funding provided last year for Non-Recoupment Academies being included in the base funding figure for 2016/17.
- 3.13. Swindon has also received funding to reflect pupils who defer their entry into reception classes until after the October census date, e.g. pupils who start school in January, (£127k).
- 3.14. As reported last year pupils attending UTC Swindon and The Croft Primary school (both former Non-Recoupment Academies) are now included within Swindon's pupil count for the purposes of calculating Dedicated Schools Grant.
- 3.15. The following table identifies the current 2015/16 and estimated 2016/17 Schools Block funding settlement of **£126.594m**. The increase in funding is as a result of the EFA including the two Non-recoupment academies into the Swindon settlement, this has increased the schools block funding by £1.419m, which is equivalent to £5.36 per pupil. These figures use October 15 School Census returns.

Table 4 – Schools Block DSG Estimate 2016/17			
Sector	School Census October 2014	School Census October 2015	Change
Primary	18,667	19,389	722
Secondary	10,312	10,379	67
Subtotal Pupil Numbers	28,979	29,768	789
Schools Block Unit of Funding	£4,243.04	£4,248.40	£5.36

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Summary of Schools Block Funding			
	£m	£m	£m
Schools Block Funding Estimate	122.959	126.466	3.507
Reception Uplift	0.000	0.127	0.127
Non Recoupment Academies Cash Transfer Announced Dec 14 (UTCS and Croft)	1.259	0.000	(1.259)
Additional Non Re-coupment Academies Cash Transfer Unannounced	0.181	0.000	(0.181)
Total Estimated Schools Block DSG Settlement	124.399	126.594	2.195

High Needs Block DSG

- 3.16. This area of the grant settlement remains cash limited, based on historic levels of expenditure incurred by Swindon using the 2012/13 Section 251 Schools Budget Statement which in turn was used to allocate the DSG funding blocks in 2013/14. The DfE has acknowledged that this area of the DSG is in need of significant reform and Government announcements have indicated that this will form part of the fair funding review that has been promised for 2016/17.
- 3.17. In 2015/16 Swindon's High Needs Block funding was £24.497m (before the deduction for direct funding of Academy and Post 16 places by the EFA).
- 3.18. The LA has received an additional £387k of funding, this increase is not reflective of Swindon pupils specific High Needs requirements, but is part of a national increase in High Needs funding. High Needs Block funding for 2016/17 is therefore **£24.884m**. Historically Swindon spends considerably more than this on High Needs budgets. More information on High Needs Expenditure is included later in this report.

DSG Balances

- 3.19. In accordance with DfE grant conditions the DSG must be treated by the LA as ring-fenced for specific educational purposes. The Local Authority is permitted to carry forward unused DSG between each financial year. Schools Forum has received a monitoring report on the use of 2015/16 DSG elsewhere on this agenda. This report

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identified the following DSG balance position, which the LA anticipates continuing to hold throughout 2016/17.

Table 5 – DSG Balances Estimate 2016/17	
	£m
Opening DSG balance brought forward from 2014/15	1.098
Less - projected in year deficit (as at December 2015)	(0.858)
Projected DSG balance carried forward to 2016/17	0.240

School Balances

- 3.20. Members of Schools Forum are reminded that Maintained Schools brought forward revenue balances into 2015/16 of £4.629m (£5.395m into 2014/15 – excluding in year academy conversions and £5.025m into 2013/14).

Post 16 Funding

- 3.21. Members of Schools Forum will recall from previous meetings that the EFA has agreed to fund Elements 1 and 2 for Post 16 pupils at Uplands Special School. This funding is recouped from the DSG receivable by Swindon, and thus any increase in places for Post 16 specialist provision results in a reduction in DSG available to be distributed by the LA.

Estimated DSG Settlement and balances In Summary

- 3.22. In Summary the total estimated Dedicated Schools Grant settlement for 2016/17 is estimated to be **£163.550m**, with an estimated carry forward from 2015/16 of **£0.240m**, as shown in the following table.

Table 6 – Total DSG Funding Estimate 2016/17	
	£m
Early Years	12.029
Schools Block	126.594
High Needs Block	24.884
Newly qualified teachers funding	0.043
Estimated DSG Settlement 2016/17	163.550
Estimated 2014/15 DSG Balance	0.240
Total estimated DSG for 2016/17	163.790

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Members of Schools Forum are now asked to note that:

- **Swindon expects to receive a total DSG settlement of £163.550m in 2016/17. (Para. 3.22)**
- **The estimated DSG balance at the end of 2015/16 is £0.240m. (Para 3.19)**
- **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. The final settlement will not be confirmed until July 2017. (Para 3.9)**

4. Early Years Expenditure Proposals 2016/17

- 4.1. The DfE have confirmed Swindon's 2 year old DSG funding rate of £4.97 will remain unchanged in 2016/17, which means that the rate payable will need to stay at £4.95 per hour. Current forecasts indicate increasing pupil numbers through the year and therefore an estimated pressure of £193k is forecast for 2 year olds.
- 4.2. The DfE have confirmed Swindon's 3 & 4 year old DSG funding rate of £2,332.84 per child (based on 570 hours of provision) will remain unchanged in 2016/17 which means that the rate payable will need to stay at £3.85 per hour for term time only settings and £4.00 per hour for settings operating over 48 weeks. Historically there has been a fall in the autumn numbers which rise again towards the spring term and the January census. The LA receives 7/12ths of funding based on the January 2017 census and is estimating that there is £586k of funding that will support expenditure in the Early Years and other blocks.
- 4.3. Schools Forum members are reminded Early Years providers are entitled to be paid for any additional pupils that join after the census date, however the LA does not receive any funding for increases in pupil numbers between January and August. Therefore the budget needs to include an allowance for an increase in pupil numbers.
- 4.4. The Local Authority has established a budget of £0.165m to support the Early Years Pupil Premium. This is a sum equivalent to the initial DSG allocation announced in the settlement.
- 4.5. The 2016/17 Early Years budgets (based on estimates of participation and the proposed funding rates) is shown in the table below. Spending proposals on 2 year old provision include continuation of a DSG contribution towards staffing and publicity costs as previously approved by Schools Forum.

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4.6. The table below summarises the anticipated funding and expenditure for the 2016/17 Early Years block, which illustrates that the 2 year olds budget is expected to overspend by £193k which is offset by an anticipated underspend of £586k from the 3 & 4 year olds budget.

Table 7 - 2016/17 Early Years Funding Rates and budget proposals				
	Estimated FTE places	2015/16 Rates	2016/17 Rates	2016/17 Budget £m
Disadvantaged 2 year old children	523	£4.95	£4.95	2.462
· Basic hourly rate - standard per child				
· Contribution to existing staffing and marketing costs at current levels				0.063
Total Disadvantaged 2 year olds budget (based on planned take up by approx. 865 children at 570 hours)				2.525
3 and 4 year old children				
· Basic hourly rate - per child (38 wks.)	2,818	£3.85	£3.85	6.184
· Basic hourly rate - per child (48 wks.)	1,128	£4.00	£4.00	2.572
Quality enhancement per setting				
· "Good" OFSTED rating		£250	£250	0.050
· "Outstanding" OFSTED rating		£500	£500	
Deprivation enhancement per setting (based on IDA-CI scores)		Up to £5,000	Up to £5,000	0.100
Staffing costs				0.040
Total 3 and 4 year old budget (based on average take up by approx. 3946 children at 570 hours)				8.946
Early Years Pupil Premium				0.165
Total 2016/17 Early Years budget proposals				11.636

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Summary of Funding and Expenditure	2 year old funding summary		3 & 4 year old funding summary	
	£ per pupil	Total position £000's	£ per pupil	Total position £000's
Funding received per child (based on 570 hours of provision)	£2,832.90	£2,332	£2,332.84	£9,532
Expenditure per child (based on 570 hours of provision)	£2,821.50	£2,525	£2,267.16	£8,946
Surplus / (deficit) in funding	£11.40	(£193)	£65.68	£586

4.7. LAs are required to provide all Early Years' settings with indicative funding allocations prior to the start of each financial year. Schools and academies will be notified as part of their main school funding allocations. SBC is required to issue schools budgets by 26th February 2016. Other Early Years providers will receive letters from the Early Years team advising them of their indicative 2016/17 funding by the end of February.

Members of Schools Forum are now asked to:

- Agree the proposed 2016/17 Early Years funding rates as shown in Table 7, which will take effect from 1st April 2016, (Para. 4.6)
- Agree a 2016/17 Early Years budget of £11.636m as shown in Table 7. (Para. 4.6)
- Note the anticipated overall Early Years budget for 2016/17 (Para. 4.6)

5. Schools Budgets 2016/17

Formula funding factors 2016/17

- 5.1. The factors and values payable to mainstream schools through the funding formula were agreed at the October 2014 Schools Forum. These factors and rates are provided below for information.
- 5.2. Schools Forum members are reminded that an adjustment was required to the EOTAS funding for the Riverside facility. A £3.62 reduction to AWPU (BPPE) at KS3 / 4 arising from national adjustment to Base funding and Top Up rates. This is described in more detail later in this report (Para. 12.6).

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Table 8 - 2016/17 Primary and Secondary Schools and Academies Formula Factors		
Factor	Primary £	Secondary £
AWPU (BPPE) KS1-2	£2,766.73	
AWPU (BPPE) KS3		£3,602.24
Less £3.62 EOTAS Top Up / Base change		£3,598.62
AWPU (BPPE) KS4		£4,395.32
Less £3.62 EOTAS Top Up / Base Change		£4,391.70
Lump sum values - per school	£106,700	£175,000
EAL (1,2 & 3yrs)	£574.11	£700.00
IDACI Band 1	£434.00	£434.00
IDACI Band 2	£529.00	£529.00
IDACI Band 3	£608.00	£608.00
IDACI Band 4	£781.00	£781.00
IDACI Band 5	£955.00	£955.00
IDACI Band 6	£1,215.00	£1,215.00
FSM Ever 6	£865.86	£865.86
Lower Prior Attainment – Proxy SEN	£701.57	£1,000.00
NNDR (Business Rates) - per school	Actual cost	Actual Cost
PFI Affordability Gap funding – per school	Actual cost	Actual Cost

2016/17 Budget position

- 5.3. All Head teachers were invited to a briefing session on the 14th December outlining the current position of the overall DSG for Swindon, which showed that based on existing budget pressures there was a predicted shortfall of **£1.240m** in 2016/17.

Table 9 - DSG Block Funding v Expenditure			
Block	Estimated Settlement 2016/17 £m	Estimated Expenditure £m	Variance
Early Years	12.029	11.636	(0.393)
Schools	126.637	125.657	(0.980)
High Needs	24.884	27.497	2.613
Total	163.550	164.790	1.240

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- 5.4. The LA is required to balance the DSG budget, as part of this exercise all Head teachers were invited to a consultation session on the 6th January 2016 to discuss the options that are available to balance the budget.
- 5.5. Swindon has an increasing demand for additional high needs places:-
- 25 Post 16 specialist school places from September 2016 at a new Post 16 provision
 - 54 pre 16 specialist provision places from September 2016 at either new provisions or at expanded current provisions.
- 5.6. LA officers are reviewing centrally retained budgets to establish what savings can be achieved from these budgets.
- 5.7. The top-up budgets for high needs budgets have been maintained at the 2015-16 budget level of £10.857m, therefore there will need to be an adjustment to banding values to reflect the constraint being placed on the budget available.
- 5.8. Where appropriate Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) protection has been provided to ensure no school receives a year on year reduction in funding per pupil of more than 1.5%. Before any of the options were considered 16 schools would have found themselves in a situation where MFG would have been required (total cost £275k), this is mainly due to a change in the distribution and severity of disadvantaged pupils.
- 5.9. The options being consulted on to provide the balance of funding were as follows:-
- Option 1 – A reduction of £5k from the lump sum and a reduction of £56.50 to the AWPU for all key stages
 - Option 2 – A reduction of £68.50 to the AWPU for all key stages
 - Option 3 – A reduction of 1.965% to all mainstream funding factors
 - Option 4 – A reduction of £5.775k from the lump sum and a reduction of 1.5% to all mainstream funding factors
 - Option 5 – A reduction of £2.64k from the lump sum and a reduction of 1.75% to all mainstream funding factors
- 5.10. The impact of these changes is summarised below, all options result in an increase in the number of schools that will be subject to MFG (an additional 33 to 39 schools will be in receipt of MFG protection), with MFG expenditure ranging from £686k to £734k. Full details on a school by school basis can be found in **Annex A**.

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Table 10 - Summary Results of Options 1-5

	DSG bal- ance	Variance to base	Minimum funding guarantee (MFG)	No. of Schools receiving MFG	Increase in MFG protection	Increase in Num- ber of Schools receiving MFG
	£	£000's	£000's		£000's	
Base DSG balance on 15/16 formula factors	£1,239,665	-	£275	16	0	0
Options						
1 - Reduce lump sum £5k & AWP by £56.50	£137	(£1,240)	£1,090	55	£816	39
2 - Reduce AWP by £68.50	£172	(£1,239)	£1,078	52	£803	36
3 - Reduce all factors by 1.965%	£847	(£1,239)	£1,247	49	£972	33
4 - Reduce all factors by 1.5% & lump sum by £5.775k	£114	(£1,240)	£1,151	53	£876	37
5 - Reduce all factors by 1.75% & lump sum by £2.64k	£83	(£1,240)	£1,200	51	£925	35

5.11. A verbal update of the discussions from the consultation event will be provided at the meeting.

5.12. Actual funding for 2016/17 will be based on October 2015 pupil data which the DfE made available to Local Authorities on 11th December 2015. The LA has used this information to calculate schools budgets for each of the options outlined above. These are attached at **Annex A**, final budget information will be subject to the decision of this meeting about which option is the preferred solution to balance the 2016/17 budget.

5.13. New regulations in 2015/16 required Local Authorities to fund schools that have opened in the last 7 years and are still growing on an estimated composite pupil number. This takes account of 5/12ths of the October 15 School Census and 7/12ths of an estimate of the October 2016 school census (rather than funding just on October 2015 school census as is currently the case for established schools and academies). This approach has been applied to 2 schools (Croft & Tadpole Farm)

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and the composite pupil numbers have been built into the Individual Schools Budget Calculations.

- 5.14. Forum members are reminded that schools are not protected against the impact of falling pupil numbers and are expected to anticipate and take appropriate actions to reduce costs in these circumstances. Schools with growing pupil numbers between October 2014 and October 2015 censuses will receive increased funding and schools which are expanding in September 2016 in agreement with the LA will also receive in year trigger funding as described above.

Members of Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Advise which of the 5 options shown at Annex A is the preferred solution to balance the budget. (Para. 5.1 – 5.13)**

Notional SEN Funding

- 5.15. Forum members will remember that at their March 2015 meeting they agreed to amend the mechanism for calculating the Notional SEN payable to each school. The notional SEN calculations will be subject to the decisions made at this meeting and as such it is not possible to bring a detailed schedule of notional SEN by school at this time. This will be brought to the March 2016 meeting as part of the review of the new distribution mechanism.
- 5.16. The current budget proposals contain a Notional SEN budget of £400k based on the current profile of pupils in Swindon; this is an increase of £50k over the 2015/16 budget figure.

Funding per pupil

- 5.17. Previously **Annex A** would have included columns that show for each mainstream school the average 2016/17 pupil led funding calculation i.e. excluding Rates, Lump Sum and PFI allocations. This information will be provided to the March 2016 meeting once Schools Forum's preferred option is known. These rates will be used to claw back funding during 2016/17 if pupils are excluded from schools.

De-Delegation

- 5.18. Schools are reminded that their 2016/17 school budget includes funding for services that the Schools Forum has agreed to de-delegate. De-delegation is where funding is deducted from schools budgets to provide services centrally.

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5.19. During 2014 all maintained schools were consulted about whether they wished to continue with the de-delegation arrangements for a further 3 years, the views at the time from the 3 Head teacher associations were as follows. The EFA have confirmed that Schools Forum should agree funding for services from de-delegations annually.

Table 11 – Responses to the 2015/16 consultation about 3 year de-delegation approval			
Service	SAPH	SASH	ASSSH
FSM Eligibility	3 years	1 year	n/a
Trade Union	3 years	n/a	3 years
NCOT	3 years	n/a	3 years

5.20. The funding to be deducted and the services are as follows:

- 5.20.1. Free School Meals Eligibility Administration – there is continued support for this service from maintained schools and high levels of buyback from Academies. The service is provided by the LA Admissions team. The de-delegation value / charge in all sectors for 2016/17 will be £4.80 per pupil.
- 5.20.2. Trade Union Release time – there is continued support for this service provided by the LA Human Resources team and a high level of buy back from academies. The de-delegation value / charge per pupil in all sectors for 2016/17 will remain at £1.25 per pupil.
- 5.20.3. Nylands Campus Outreach Team – the October 2014 Forum agreed that this service provided by the White Horse Federation from the Nylands campus should be delegated to schools from 2015/16. The Primary AWPUP rate was uplifted by £12.33 per pupil. In order to provide this service centrally the charge for 2016/17 will remain at £12.33.

5.21. The amounts of funding that will be de-delegated from each school will be included within their final budget package.

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Members of the Schools Forum are now asked to:

- Note the Notional SEN funding top ups payable in 2016/17 at a total estimated cost of £0.400m. (Para. 5.16)
- Note Individual schools average pupil led funding will be reported to the March 2016 meeting of this forum, which will be used by the LA to claw back funding for excluded pupils during 2016/17. (Para. 5.17)
- Agree the following de-delegations for one year from April 2016, each phase of maintained school will need to agree for their sector;
 - Free School Meal eligibility administration will be charged at £4.80 per pupil in 2016/17 and is supported until 31st March 2017. (Para. 5.20.1)
 - Trade Union release time will be charged at £1.25 per pupil in 2016/17 and is supported until 31st March 2017. (Para. 5.20.2)
 - Nylands Campus Outreach Team will be charged at £12.33 per primary pupil in 2016/17 and is supported until 31st March 2017. (Para. 5.20.3)

6. Central Expenditure Proposals 2016/17

6.1. In recent years the LA has provided Schools Forum with a full breakdown of all centrally retained budget proposals. Under the school funding reform programme the DfE introduced various categories and the 2016/17 budget proposals below are broken down in accordance with the latest school finance regulations.

Pupil Growth

6.2. Under the school finance regulations the Schools Forum must agree the criteria by which pupil growth funding is allocated and the local policy and values payable next year were agreed in October. These values are shown below together with the associated 2016/17 budget requirements.

6.3. All of the figures are based on the current funding rates which will be amended once the preferred option from above is known; an updated budget will be provided to the March 2016 meeting. All Figures are recalculated using October 2015 Pupil numbers.

6.3.1. Pre-opening start-up costs for a new primary school at £100,000 plus up to £20,000 where the school has a nursery which the LA has requested – **no budget requirement in 2016/17.**

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- 6.3.2. Infrastructure set up costs at £35,000 per 1 Form of Entry primary school – **no budget requirement in 2016/17.**
- 6.3.3. Classroom set up costs at £11,500 per primary class – budget requirement of **£51,750**, (4.5 classes).
- 6.3.4. Pre-opening and infrastructure set up costs at £40,000 for a new specialist phase of provision i.e. primary, secondary, Post 16 – budget requirement of **£80,000.**
- 6.3.5. Trigger funding is payable at the primary sector average of **£3,353** x 7/12ths per pupil providing a maximum of £58,680 (30 pupils) and minimum of £41,075 (21 pupils) – a budget requirement in 2016/17 of **£483,836.**(subject to which option is chosen to balance the budget)
- 6.4. Where a school (other than a free school) is opening or has opened in the last 7 years, then authorities estimate the pupil numbers expected to join the school in September and fund accordingly through the schools budget, rather than through the Growth Fund, Tadpole Farm and The Croft fall into this category. Where previously the LA held funds in the Growth fund for the increase in pupil numbers at these schools, this money will now pass directly into the ISB and be paid as part of the Schools Budget Share.

Members of the Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Agree a total 2016/17 pupil growth budget of £0.616m, subject to the option chosen to balance the budget. (Para. 6.2 – 6.4)**

Other Central Costs

- 6.5. Commentaries on the other centrally held budget proposals for 2016/17 are as follows, the budget for centrally retained budgets are not allowed to be higher than the budget that existed in 2014/15, the exception to this is the school subscription and licences budget which increases based on the number of schools in the borough:
- 6.5.1. **Admissions** – regardless of increases in pupil numbers, pay awards or any other inflationary cost pressures the LA is unable to increase the budget, any shortfalls in the cost of providing the admissions service will need to be offset by spending cuts or provided from core funding. For 2016/17 the budget proposal is **£195,300** in line with the current year.

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- 6.5.2. **School subscriptions and licenses** - Forum members may recall that DfE arranged for a number of licenses (Performing Rights, Copyright etc.) to be nationalised and recharged to LAs in respect of all their schools and academies. In addition the LA still manages the CAPITA SIMS license for maintained schools on a traded service basis. For 2016/17 the budget proposal of **£140,041** (£4,941 more than the 2015/16 budget of £135,000).
- 6.5.3. **Schools Forum administration** – this relatively minor budget is held to cover Forum meeting room hire and refreshments plus F40 subscriptions and attendance at regional and national school funding conferences. As with Admissions, budgets cannot be set above the 2015/16 level of **£2,000** and this therefore is the budget proposal for 2016/17.
- 6.5.4. **Quality Assurance** – this budget is held to help ensure the quality of education provided by schools in Swindon. The budget proposal is **£10,000** for 2016/17.
- 6.5.5. **Travellers children** – this budget is held to support the education of travellers children whilst they are in the Swindon area. The 2016/17 budget proposal is **£2,000**.
- 6.5.6. **Equal pay** – There is still an amount of £500k of central equal pay liabilities to be repaid over 16 years, this is equivalent to **£31,000** per annum and therefore this is the 2016/17 budget proposal.
- 6.5.7. **Central overheads** – For 2015/16 the cost of central overheads charged to the DSG as agreed by Schools Forum is £651,000 (of which an estimate of £16,500 relates to the EOTAS service, reduced from £98,000 in 2014/15). When the DSG was created in 2006/07 it was based upon spending decisions taken by schools forum in 2005/06, which included a budget for Corporate Overheads of £1.426m. This funding was for central support staff and other support costs for Early Years, schools and other DSG funded services. Since 2006/07 SBC staff and other costs have reduced in line with reduced government funding and some services have been delegated to schools. Consequently the corporate overhead recharge has also reduced. Rather than apportion these overheads across all DSG retained services the LA retains a single budget.
- 6.5.8. For 2016/17 Forum Members are now asked to agree the Central Overhead budget of **£634,500** excluding the overheads relating to the EOTAS service.
- 6.5.9. A Summary of the proposed Centrally retained DSG funded budgets is shown in the following table;
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Table 12 – Summary of Proposed 2016/17 Centrally Retained Budgets			
Other Central Budgets	2015/16	2016/17 Proposal	Variance
Admissions	£195,300	£195,300	£0
Schools Subscriptions and Licenses	£135,100	£140,041	£4,941
Schools Forum	£2,000	£2,000	£0
Quality Assurance	£10,000	£10,000	£0
Travellers Children	£2,000	£2,000	£0
Equal Pay	£0	£31,000	£31,000
Central Overheads	£615,500	£634,500	£19,000
	£990,900	£1,014,841	£54,941

Members of Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Agree a total budget for Centrally Retained Services of £1.015m in 2016/17 as shown in Table 12. (Para. 6.5)**

6.6. A summary of all mainstream school funding is provided in the table below:

Table 13 – Summary of Mainstream Schools Budgets 2015/16		
	£000's	£
Maintained Schools and Academies		
- ISB (Maintained Schools)	46,098	
- ISB (Academy Schools)	77,857	
		123,955
Central School Expenditure		
- Pupil Growth (Trigger funding)	484	
- Pupil Growth (Set-up funding)	132	
- NNDR increase	71	
- Central Costs (per table 9)	1,015	
		1,702
TOTAL MAINSTREAM EXPENDITURE 2015/16		125,657

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Summary of Funding and Expenditure before reduction required to balance the budget	
	Total position £000's
Funding received	£126,594
Expenditure	£125,657
Surplus / (deficit) in funding	£937

Members of Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Note the overall mainstream school budget before the reductions required to balance the budget for 2016/17 as shown in Table 12. (Para. 6.6)**

7. High Needs Expenditure Proposals 2016/17

7.1. The January and March 2015 Swindon's Schools Forum agreed High Needs Budgets totalling £26.606m (£2.109m more than the DSG High Needs Block funding provided). Details of these budgets are shown in the following table.

Table 14 – Summary of High Needs Budgets 2015/16		
	£	£
Special Schools and Academies		
- Place Funding (Maintained Schools)	4,665,000	
- Place Funding (Academy)	395,000	
- Top Up Funding (Maintained and Academy)	5,755,400	
- PFI Top Up Funding	285,900	
		11,101,300
Special Resourced Unit (SRP)		
- Place Funding (Maintained Schools)	678,000	
- Place Funding (Academy)	1,235,900	
- Top Up Funding (Maintained and Academy)	2,569,000	
		4,482,900
Minimum Funding Guarantee		28,600

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Alternative Provision		
- Place Funding (Maintained Schools)	825,000	
- Top Up Funding (Maintained and Academy)	429,000	
- CAMHS and Hospital Education Service	473,000	
- Exclusions Income	(350,000)	
- Tuition Service	889,800	
		2,266,800
Other High Needs Provision		
- Commissioned High Needs Outreach and Support Services	967,900	
- Post 16 High Needs provided within Swindon	2,022,000	
- Mainstream Top Up Funding	1,915,600	
- Early Years Top Up Funding	188,000	
- Mainstream Notional SEN Funding	350,000	
- Out of Borough Independent and Non Maintained Special Schools	2,581,600	
- High Needs Contingency	315,000	
- Other High Needs Services		
- Portage	151,700	
- Therapy	105,000	
- Statemented Pupils Equipment	130,000	
		8,726,800
TOTAL HIGH NEEDS EXPENDITURE 2015/16		26,606,400
High Needs Funding 2015/16		24,497,300
Funding Gap for High Needs provision		(2,109,100)

7.2. The remainder of this report will consider each of the budgets shown above, and present recommendations to Schools Forum for consideration in the run up to the 2016/17 budget settlement.

8. Special School and Special Resourced Provision - Place Numbers

8.1. The LA has anticipated a need for 770.4 places during 2016/17. Final commissioning decisions have not yet been agreed. **In total Swindon will require £7.704m of place funding in 2016/17.**

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8.2. As well as Place funding the Local Authority will need to identify sufficient additional resource to pay for the top up funding for each place. **In total Swindon will require a budget of £8.763m to cover top-ups for 2016/17.**

9. Special Schools and Special Resourced Provision – Banding and Top Up Funding

9.1. The current banding model provides funding to all specialist settings on the same basis, however given the budget pressures already identified in this report it will be necessary to amend the banding values to ensure that the top-up funding is maintained within the budget. Details of the current and proposed banding values are provided in the table below.

9.2. The LA has modelled the changes that would be required to enable the current cohort of pupils to be funded from within the proposed budget for 2016/17. This will on average result in a reduction of 8% to each top-up band. No changes are proposed to value of supplements for 2016/17.

Table 15 – Current Band and Supplement Values

	2015/16		Proposed 2016/17	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
Band Values	£	£	£	£
Band 1	£12,029	£12,662	£11,048	£11,629
Band 2	£10,826	£11,396	£9,943	£10,466
Band 3	£7,217	£7,597	£6,629	£6,977
Band 4	£4,511	£4,748	£4,143	£4,361
Band 5	£3,609	£3,799	£3,314	£3,489
Band 6	£1,804	£1,899	£1,657	£1,744
BESD Graduated Response Assessment Class	£2,550	£2,684	£2,295	£2,416
Primary band values are 95% of secondary values				

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Supplement Values	£	£	£	£
Manual Handling	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500
Medical Needs	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500
ASC – SRPs	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000
ASC – Band 1 Special Schools	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
Access to mainstream inclusion	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
SEMH High	£4,275	£4,275	£4,275	£4,275
SEMH Medium	£3,040	£3,040	£3,040	£3,040
SEMH Low	£1,900	£1,900	£1,900	£1,900
British Sign Language	£16,750	£16,750	£16,750	£16,750

10. Special School and SRP – Therapy Supplement

10.1. In 2015/16 the Local Authority amended the funding to Special Schools and Special Resourced Provisions for Speech and Language, Physio and Occupational Therapy, there is no intention to revisit this arrangement as part of this budget.

11. Summary of special School and SRP Expenditure and Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)

11.1. The Local Authority has modelled the impact of the changes to the Banded Top Up and Supplement system described in paragraphs 8 and 9 above. This exercise has identified identifies that 5 Special Schools and Special Resourced Provisions will require Minimum Funding Guarantee protection at a total cost of **£72k**.

Members of Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Note the place funding budget for 2016/17 of £7.704m. (Para. 8.1)**
- **Note the top-up funding budget for 2016/17 of £8.763m. (Para. 8.2)**
- **Note that the Minimum Funding Guarantee budget for specialist settings will be £72k for 2016/17. (Para. 11)**

12. EOTAS PLACE AND TOP UP EXPENDITURE / TUITION SERVICE AND EXCLUSIONS INCOME

12.1. At its January 2015 meeting Schools Forum was advised of the changes to the funding for the EOTAS provision, whereby the place funding for the Stratton PRU and the Riverside unit needed to be increased to £10,000.

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- 12.2. The funding change for the PRU is achieved by transferring funding between top-up rates and place funding.
- 12.3. For Riverside it is slightly more complicated. In 2014/15 the LA delegated funding for 45 Alternative Provision places at Riverside to Secondary Schools. The total delegation was based on a rate of £7,500 per place (£337,500). This was allocated to schools by way of a £32 per pupil increase to the AWPU.
- 12.4. Given the change in the place funding arrangements in 2015/16 the LA un-delegated funding of $45 \times £1,166 = £52,470$ (or £5 per secondary pupil) with a further $45 \times £834 = £37,530$ (or £3.62 per secondary pupil) in 2016/17. The un-delegated funding will transfer from the Individual Schools Budget to the LA's Place funding budget for Riverside to support the increase in place costs.
- 12.5. Currently each provision has 45 places available, at present there is no intention to increase this number, however should there be a significant increase in the number of temporary or permanent exclusions this position will need to be reviewed.
- 12.6. In summary EOTAS budgets for 2016/17 will be as shown in the following table. Schools Forum members will note that the overall level of funding has not changed.

Table 16 – EOTAS Budget Proposal 2016/17			
AP Establishment	Places	Rate	Total
Hospital Education	10	Fixed Grant	£191,500
Marlborough House	12	Fixed Grant	£276,800
Stratton PRU - Places	45	£10,000	£450,000
Stratton PRU - Top Up	45	£8,700	£391,500
Riverside - Places	45	£10,000	£450,000
LA Centrally Held AP Funding Total			£1,759,800
Delegated funds remaining with Secondary Schools to cover Riverside Top Up costs @ £32 - £5- £3.62 = £23.38 (AWPU was increased following the Jan 2014 Schools Forum)	45	£5,500	£247,500
Total Funding			£2,007,300

- 12.7. In addition to the above budgets the Local Authority holds two further Alternative Provision budgets for the Tuition Service (**£0.880m**) and for Income received from exclusions (**-£0.335m**). The Authority has reduced the funding to the tuition service by £9k and the exclusion income expectation by £15k.

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12.8. The Head of Education is proposing to review the arrangements around the tuition service to ensure that it is meeting the needs of pupils in Swindon.

13. Local Authority Commissioned High Needs Services

13.1. None of the Commissioned High Needs services have submitted a business case for additional funding in 2016/17, therefore the LA is proposing to maintain the budgets for these services at their 2015/16 levels.

Table 17 – Local Authority Commissioned and Centrally Retained High Needs Services		
Service	2015/16	2016/17
	Allocation	Proposed Allocation
Commonweal – Physical Impairment Advisory Service	£77,100	£77,100
Even Swindon – Speech and Language	£22,200	£22,200
Millbrook – Specific Learning Difficulties Support Service	£66,900	£66,900
Nylands – Outreach service for emotionally vulnerable pupils	£87,410	£87,410
Nylands – Primary Behaviour Support Team	£232,700	£232,700
Redoaks – Education Audiologist	£11,100	£11,100
Redoaks – Hearing Impaired Support Service	£239,700	£239,700
Uplands – Autistic Spectrum Disorder	£87,000	£87,000
Uplands – Junior Autistic Spectrum Condition Support Service	£135,800	£135,800
Uplands – Visually Impaired Support Service	£240,650	£240,650
Total	£1,200,560	£1,200,560

14. Post 16 Expenditure Proposals

14.1. The 2016/17 financial year budget for Post 16 High Needs pupils educated within Swindon is **£2m** and has been reduced by £22k from its 2015/16 level.

15. Mainstream Schools High Needs Top Up expenditure proposals

15.1. In 2015/16 SBC held the following budgets for mainstream schools SEN. As noted elsewhere in this report there is significant pressure on the SEN budgets. The LA has modelled the top-up funding required by both the Notional SEN budget and the mainstream top-up budget based on the current cohort of pupils, this has resulted in an increased pressure for these two areas as noted in the table 18 below. The

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revised Mainstream Top-up rates are noted in Table 19 below. There is no proposal to increase the stated equipment budget or the Early Years top-up funding budget.

Table 18 – Mainstream Schools High Needs Budgets			
Service	2015/16 Budget	Proposed Budget 2016/17	Variance
Statemented Pupils Equipment	£130,000	£130,000	£0
Notional SEN Additional School Funding	£350,000	£400,000	£50,000
SEN RAP Statemented Pupil Top Up	£1,915,600	£1,927,800	£12,200
Early Years Top Up Funding	£188,000	£188,000	£0
Total Top Up Funding	£2,583,600	£2,645,800	£62,200

Table 19 – Mainstream High Needs Top-up rates		
	2015/16 Budget	Proposed Budget 2016/17
Band 1	£8,640	£7,685
Band 2	£7,200	£6,245
Band 3	£5,760	£4,805
Band 4	£4,320	£3,365
Band 5	£2,880	£1,925
Band 6	£1,440	£485
Bespoke	No change	No change

16. External Placements

16.1. The LA aims to provide places for high need pupils in Swindon settings but there are a number of pupils for which external placements are agreed following consideration by the LA's Multi Agency Panel.

16.2. In recent years there has been a significant reduction in the number of external placements because more places have been offered by Swindon schools which, even with bespoke levels of funding, are usually at a lower cost to the LA than if they were placed externally. During 2015/16 there has been a reduction in Out Of

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Borough places which has enabled the LA to reduce this budget by £400k, as outlined below.

Table 20 – Out of Borough Education fees			
Service	2015/16 Budget	Proposed Budget 2016/17	Variance
Other Local Authority Special Schools - Pre 16	£181,400	£226,600	£45,200
Other Local Authority Mainstream Schools - Pre 16	£65,600	£72,800	£7,200
Non Maintained Special Schools - Pre 16	£113,800	£216,600	£102,800
Independent Special Schools - Pre 16	£1,486,300	£1,445,600	(£40,700)
Non Maintained Special Schools - Post 16	£91,800	£25,200	(£66,600)
Independent Special Schools - Post 16	£864,600	£472,100	(£392,500)
Children's Social Care and Health Contributions	(£221,900)	(£277,300)	(£55,400)
TOTAL Out of Borough Education fees	£2,581,600	£2,181,600	(£400,000)

17. High Needs Contingency

17.1. Currently the DSG supports £315,000 of High Needs Contingency funding. This funding acts as a release valve for all of the High Needs costs that are not place or top up costs for Special Schools or Special Resourced Provisions. In particular it covers overspends on mainstream SENRAP Statemended expenditure, External Placements and Post 16 High needs expenditure. It is proposed to reduce the contingency to **£300k** as part of the 2016/17 budget.

18. Other Centrally Retained High Needs Budgets

18.1. In 2015/16 the Local Authority holds the following additional High Needs budgets. It is not proposed to make any changes to these budgets in 2016/17.

Table 21 – Other High Needs Budgets		
Service	2015/16 Budget	Proposed Budget 2016/17
Saltway Portage Service	£151,700	£151,700
Speech, Language and Occupational Therapy	£105,000	£105,000
Statemended Pupils Equipment	£130,000	£130,000
TOTAL Other SEN Budgets	£386,700	£386,700

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Members of the School Forum are now asked to give a view on the Local Authority's proposals for High Needs Budgets as described in paragraphs 12 to 18 of this report, summarised in Table 21 and listed below:

- Alternative Provision (Para. 12)
- Commissioned High Needs Services (Para. 13)
- Post 16 High Needs Budgets (Para. 14)
- Mainstream School Top Up Funding (Para. 15)
- External Placements (Pre 16) (Para.16)
- High Needs Contingency (Para. 17)
- Other Centrally Retained High Needs Services (Para.18)

19. Summary of High Needs Budgets (with Year on Year Comparison)

19.1. The following table summarises the 2015/16 and proposed 2016/17 High Needs Budgets, as discussed in the preceding paragraphs.

Table 22 – Summary of High Needs Budgets 2016/17					
	2015/16		Proposed 2016/17		Variance
	£	£	£	£	£
Special Schools and Academies					
- Place Funding (Maintained Schools)	4,665,000		4,139,700		(525,300)
- Place Funding (Academy)	395,000		1,180,000		785,000
- Top Up Funding (Maintained and Academy)	5,755,400		5,941,400		186,000
- PFI Top Up Funding	285,900		299,700		13,800
		11,101,300		11,560,800	459,500
Special Resourced Unit (SRP)					
- Place Funding (Maintained Schools)	678,000		680,000		2,000
- Place Funding (Academy)	1,235,900		1,243,700		7,800
- Top Up Funding (Maintained and Academy)	2,569,000		2,460,800		(108,200)
		4,482,900		4,384,500	(98,400)

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Additional High Needs Places					
- Place Funding	0		461,100		461,100
- Top Up Funding	0		361,100		361,100
		0		822,200	822,200
Minimum Funding Guarantee		28,600		72,000	43,400
Alternative Provision					
- Place Funding	825,000		900,000		75,000
- Top Up Funding	429,000		391,500		(37,500)
- CAMHS and Hospital Education Service	473,000		468,300		(4,700)
- Exclusions Income	(350,000)		(335,000)		15,000
- Tuition Service	889,800		880,800		(9,000)
		2,266,800		2,305,600	38,800
Other High Needs Provision					
- Commissioned High Needs Outreach and Support Services	967,900		967,900		0
- Post 16 High Needs provided within Swindon	2,022,000		2,000,000		(22,000)
- Mainstream Top Up Funding (including equipment)	1,915,600		1,927,800		12,200
- Early Years Top Up Funding	188,000		188,000		0
- Mainstream Notional SEN Funding	350,000		400,000		50,000
- Out of Borough Independent and Non Maintained Special Schools	2,581,600		2,181,600		(400,000)
- High Needs Contingency	315,000		300,000		(15,000)
- Other High Needs Services					0
- Portage	151,700		151,700		0
- Therapy	105,000		105,000		0
- Statemented Pupils Equipment	130,000		130,000		0
		8,726,800		8,352,000	(374,800)

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TOTAL HIGH NEEDS EXPENDITURE 2016/17		26,606,400		27,497,100	1,738,000
High Needs Funding 2016/17		24,497,300		24,884,100	386,800
Funding Gap for High Needs provision		(2,109,100)		(2,613,000)	(1,351,200)

20. Summary of overall DSG / EFA Settlement and Proposed Expenditure 2016/17

20.1. Based on the proposals included in this report the overall DSG position for 2016/17 before the options discussed at section 5.3 above, can be summarised as follows:

Table 23 - Overall DSG Funding and Expenditure 2016/17	
	£m
Total DSG and EFA Funding receivable (Section 3)	163.551
Early Years Expenditure (Section 4)	11.636
Mainstream School Expenditure (Section 5)	125.657
High Needs Expenditure (Section 7 onwards)	27.497
Total Expenditure	164.790
Shortfall in DSG	(1.240)

DSG Funding Blocks / Expenditure comparison

20.2. As highlighted above the current budget does not balance and the decisions taken by this meeting will enable a balanced budget to be set. The current position as outlined in table 9 above is repeated here for clarity.

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Table 24 - DSG Block Funding v Expenditure			
Block	Estimated Settlement 2016/17 £m	Estimated Expenditure £m	Variance
Early Years	12.029	11.636	(0.393)
Schools	126.637	125.657	(0.980)
High Needs	24.884	27.497	2.613
Total	163.550	164.790	1.240

21. Other Funding Streams

21.1. In addition to receiving a delegated allocation of DSG funding from the local formula, schools and Early Years setting will receive other sources of funding which are determined by the EFA without any LA or Schools Forum influence. These are briefly described below for information.

21.1.1. Pupil Premium (schools) – schools have experienced stepped increases in the funding per pupil values as DfE have increased the national Pupil Premium grant allocations since its introduction in 2011/12. The LA is not anticipating any further increases and will provide indicative estimates for schools of their 2016/17 grant levels based on October 2014 PLASC data. Schools are reminded that their final Pupil Premium grant values will be determined by DfE based on January 2016 PLASC details. The following values are assumed for 2016/17;

- Looked After Child £1,900
- Disadvantaged (FSM6) child (primary) £1,320
- Disadvantaged (FSM6) child (secondary) £935

21.1.2. Universal Infants Free School Meals – As previously reported to the Schools Forum DfE will be providing funding for all infant meals at £2.30 per meal using the October and January censuses to determine take up levels and no increases are anticipated.

21.1.3. Devolved Formula Capital – Schools will continue to receive a fixed amount per school and an amount per pupil with different values for each sector which at the time of writing have still to be announced, but we expect little change on the 2014/15 values which were:

- Primary lump sum of £4,000 plus £11.25 per pupil

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- Secondary lump sum of £4,000 plus £16.88 per pupil
- Special lump sum of £4,000 plus £33.75 per pupil

22. Alternative Options

22.1. There are various alternatives on how the DSG could be allocated. The LA has a statutory duty to manage and distribute the DSG in accordance with prevailing grant conditions and the school finance regulations. Although under the school funding reform programme DfE are more prescriptive in terms of options and approaches in most cases funding values are locally determined.

23. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

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

Legal and Human Rights Implications

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

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

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

Links to One Swindon, Plans and Policies

23.4. 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

23.5. A Diversity Impact Assessment has not been completed however, the proposals within this report are designed to allocate funding to all Pupils in Swindon, whilst ensuring that disadvantaged pupils, pupils with low prior attainment and / or special education needs are funded at an appropriate level in order to narrow the attainment gap between these and other pupils.

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Risk Management

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

24. Consulters

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

25. Background Papers

25.1. Previous reports to the Schools Forum and documents posted on the DfE web site.

26. List of Annexes

- **Annex A** – Summary of the impact of Options 1-5 to balance the budget