

Dedicated Schools Grant and Local Formula Issues 2012-15

Schools Forum

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Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- To advise Forum members of the estimated Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and Pupil Premium (PP) position, the indicative centrally retained budget requirement and various issues relating to school funding in 2012/13.
- To seek Forum approval to proposed changes in the local fair funding formula.
- To advise Forum members of potential changes to Special Needs funding.
- To advise Forum Members of the actions and decisions that will need to be taken at or before the 6th March 2012 Forum meeting in order for 2012/213 individual school budget shares (ISB's) to be allocated.

Recommendations

The Schools Forum is requested to:

- Note the LAs provisional estimate of Swindon's 2012/13 DSG (£138.344m – Table 1) and PP (£3.644m – Table 2) settlements compared to the current year.
- Note the LAs provisional estimate of the centrally retained budget requirement for 2012/13 (£17.218m – Appendix B).
- Agree changes to the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) as set out at paragraph 3.4E.
- Review and consider/ agree changes to the local fair funding formula in respect of:
 - Former Specialist School Funding (Appendix C)
 - Former Standards Fund and Ministerial Priority Funding (Appendices D, E and F).
- Note that changes in provision and funding of Special Schools will be required in 2012/13 provisionally estimated at an additional annual cost of £500,000 (paragraph 4.4).
- Note that changes in provision and funding of Special Resource Provision in mainstream settings will be required in 2012/13 provisionally estimated at an additional annual cost of £250k (Table 4 at paragraph 4.5).
- Note the timetable leading up to the issue of 2012/13 delegated school funding allocations (paragraph 7.1).
- Agree that two meetings of the Schools Forum Sub Group are held on 16th and 23rd February to enable the LA to share information and develop proposals regarding 2012/13 funding.

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1. Reasons

- 1.1 The LA is required to manage the local fair funding formula in accordance with the School Finance Regulations and to issue Individual School Budget shares by no later than 31st March each year. Although the overall value of DSG and delegated budget allocations for 2012/13 cannot be calculated until every School and Academy's January 2012 pupil census information has been validated, the LA has undertaken provisional estimates of key figures, which are described in this report.
- 1.2 In December 2010 the DfE announced various immediate changes to school revenue funding including the removal of all ring fencing and the transfer of former Standards Fund grants into the DSG. DfE also announced the reduction in Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) protection for individual schools from +2.1% to -1.5% per pupil. It was clear that further more significant changes would be introduced in future years and a national consultation process was duly implemented to progress this. In order to minimise disruption to individual Swindon schools, the Schools Forum agreed last March that the LA should, where possible, replicate previous Standards Fund funding formulas for 2011/12 but that this would be reviewed for future years. Following consideration of proposals made by the LA in October a series of Schools Forum Sub Group meetings were held during November and December which provided opportunities to develop proposed changes to the local formula which are included in this report for Forum consideration
- 1.3 This report provides Forum members with the following information relating to 2012/13:
 - Section 2 - Swindon's provisional estimated DSG and PP settlements
 - Section 3 - The estimated centrally retained budget requirement
 - Section 4 - Proposed changes to place based funding in SEN settings
 - Section 5 - Proposed formula changes arising from discussions with the Schools Forum Sub Group during November and December
 - Section 6 - The estimated overall funding available for distribution to Schools and Academies
 - Section 7 - The timetable for issuing 2012/13 school funding allocations.
 - Section 8 – Provisional conclusions relating to Swindon school funding

2. Funding Available 2012/13

DSG

- 2.1 The 13th December 2010 school funding announcement advised that 2011/12 Guaranteed Unit of Funding (GUF) rates would be frozen at

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2010/11 levels. The 13th December 2011 announcement has confirmed that GUF's are to be frozen for a further year although changes to the overall DSG distribution formula may be implemented, probably on a phased basis, in future years. For 2012/13 this means that both the LA and Schools/Academies will have to absorb the impact of inflation and other cost pressures. Swindon's GUF rate of £4,696.48 per pupil remains the 25th lowest of 151 Authorities and £386.08 per pupil (8.2%) lower than the national average.

- 2.2 The DSG will continue to be based on January PLASC data and additional funding will be provided for pupil growth identified in January 2012. As in previous years funding for September 2012 increases will not be funded by DfE until 2013/14 and trigger funding (see section 3) will need to be earmarked by the LA within the retained budget. Set out in the table below is a summary of Swindon's estimated 2012/13 DSG settlement compared to the current year:

<u>Table 1 – Pupil and DSG Projections 2012/13</u>	2011/12 Actuals	2012/13 Provisional Estimate	Annual Change
School and Alternative Provision pupil census	27,713	27,865	+152
Early Years census	1,592	1,592	-
Total DSG eligible pupils	29,305	29,457	+152
Guaranteed Unit of Funding	£4,696.48	£4,696.48	-
Total DSG settlement	£137.630m	£138.344m	+£0.714m

- 2.3 School Forum Members are advised that this is a provisional estimate only based on projected trends applied to the October 2011 census as discussed with the School Place Planning and Performance and Information teams. This estimate will be refined to reflect information from the January census, although, as in previous years, the final grant value will not be confirmed by DfE until June. In calculating the 2011/12 DSG, Forum Members may recall that the LA significantly underestimated the early year's census and steps will be taken to improve this for 2012/13. The LA is provisionally assuming the DfE calculation is accurate.
- 2.4 The LA has not previously included Elective Home Educated pupils on its census as this is optional. Such pupils can be included but only where the LA is providing a significant contribution towards the education of these pupils. There is a risk that this could add pressure to the DSG if subsequent costs of provision exceed the value of grant received. There are currently 67 such pupils in Swindon which would attract additional

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DSG of approximately £315k. The LA is assessing likely future costs compared to funding and the position will be confirmed at the March Forum meeting.

- 2.5 The provisional calculation of the 2012/13 DSG funding settlement is estimated at **£138.344m** which equates to a year on year increase of **0.5%**. Elsewhere on this agenda is a report on the 2011/12 retained budget position which identifies that approximately £0.5m arising from LA underspends and unallocated Standards Fund grants may also be available for distribution in 2012/13.

Schools Forum is asked to note that the LA is provisionally estimating the 2012/13 DSG settlement at £138.344m and that, with the addition of £0.5m underspends carried forward from the current year, a total of £138.844m will be available to fund the Retained and Delegated Schools Budget in 2012/13.

- 2.6 Forum members are reminded that a proportion of Swindon's DSG equal to the amount determined by the local formula plus a proportion of centrally retained DSG (and core) funding is recouped by DfE in respect of Academies at the start of the year. This cannot be quantified until the DSG is finalised, the retained budget has been agreed and the local formula rates have been set. In addition the LA will need to estimate the further loss of DSG arising from in year Academy conversions which are likely to take place after 1st April 2012.

Pupil Premium

- 2.7 The Pupil Premium was introduced in 2011/12 and, based on national funding announcements, the overall value is planned to increase from £625m to £2.5bn by 2014/15. This should therefore represent significant additional funding for those schools which have eligible pupils. The LA had assumed that the value per pupil would increase each year proportionate to annual funding and would quadruple over 4 years but, arising from the consultation, DfE have announced that the scope of funding for disadvantaged pupils is increasing. From 2012/13 onwards, any pupil who, as at January is identified as being eligible or was previously eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) at any point during the previous 6 years will attract the premium. It is therefore vital that both schools and the LA encourage parents to register their child as eligible so that schools receive their maximum PP entitlement. Information regarding FSM is published on the Council's website and within the Primary and Secondary Admissions guides.

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- 2.8 The LA's Performance and Information Team is able to track prior FSM eligibility which will enable funds to be included in delegated school budgets from the start of the year. On 14th December 2011, to assist in their financial and service planning, Swindon schools were notified of the 2012/13 PP values which will be as follows:
- **Disadvantaged pupils** – £600 per pupil eligible for FSM over the last 6 years will be delegated to relevant schools. The current year figure was initially £430 but was subsequently increased to £488. The increase to £600 represents a 23% year on year increase.
 - **Service Children** – £250 per Service pupil on roll as at January 2012 will be delegated to relevant schools, a £50 (20%) increase over the current year rate.
 - **Looked After Children** – the LA will receive £600 for every pupil in care for at least six months during 2011/12 (currently £488) which equates to a cash allocation of **£99,000**. Precise details on how this funding will be allocated next year will be presented to the 6th March Forum but it is envisaged this will be similar to the current year as summarised below:
 - **Primary sector** – The majority of funding will be delegated to relevant schools with a proportion retained to provide contingency funding for pupils who may come into care later in the year.
 - **Secondary sector** – As discussed with Secondary Headteachers last year, the LA will retain the majority of this funding to retain two Secondary Behaviour Support staff. As the PP value is increasing, it is likely that some funding will be delegated to relevant schools.
- 2.9 Although the PP is not ring fenced, from September 2012, DfE require schools to publish on-line information on how they have used their funding. New measures will be included in performance tables that will capture the attainment of pupils covered by the PP. DfE have confirmed their longer term intention for the Premium to be mainstreamed within the DSG although timescales are unknown at this stage.
- 2.10 The table below provides estimates of the Pupil Premium funding Swindon will receive in 2012/13 as calculated by DfE and the LA compared to the 2011/12 settlement. As with DSG these estimates will be refined following the January 2012 PLASC and will not be confirmed by DfE until June.

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<u>Table 2 – PP Projections 2012/13</u>	2011/12 Actuals Excluding Academies	2012/13 Provisional Estimate (DfE)	2012/13 Provisional Estimate (LA)
Deprivation (FSM) @ £430 / £600	£1,631,420 (3,794 pupils)	£3,815,100 (6,359 pupils)	£3,510,000 (5,850 pupils)
Service Children @ £200 / £250	£27,800 (139 pupils)	£35,250 (141 pupils)	£35,250 (141 pupils)
LAC @ £430 / £600	£73,530 (171 pupils)	£99,000 (165 pupils)	£99,000 (165 pupils)
Total Pupil Premium	£1,732,750	£3,949,000	£3,644,250
Add in year increases	£229,970		
Total 2011/12 PP funding	£1,962,720		

- 2.11 With regard to FSM pupils, the LAs estimate of 2012/13 eligible pupils is currently lower than the DfE estimate which includes their estimate for Academy Pupils which is being verified. The LA figure may also be marginally understating eligibility as we do not currently hold information on prior FSM eligibility for pupils who join Swindon schools from other LAs. Further work will be undertaken to fully assess the position but at this stage the LA is assuming that the lower figure is applicable.

Forum Members are asked to note the LA's indicative 2012/13 Pupil Premium estimate of £3.644m.

Post 16 Funding

- 2.12 Funding for sixth forms has in the past been paid to the LA by the Young Peoples Learning Agency (YPLA) and directly passed over to relevant settings in delegated budgets. From April the YPLA is being replaced / renamed as the Education Funding Agency and the LA is unclear whether existing payment arrangements will remain during 2012/13. As previously notified by DfE, allocations will reflect the convergence of 16-18 funding rates between schools and the Further Education Sector but precise funding for 2012/13 is unknown at this stage. The value of funding received and directly passed on to Swindon sixth forms at St Josephs and Ridgeway during 2011/12 was £1.855m. As both these settings are now Academies the LA may not have a role in paying sixth form funding in future. This position will be clarified in March.

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- 2.13 The YPLA has also provides the LA with a contribution towards post 16 SEN provision which, in the current year, totalled £662,000. This funding is indirectly used to meet post 16 placement costs at Uplands special schools relating to students with SEN statements. When a student with a SEN statement stays in the school sector for their post 16 learning, the statement is maintained. This funding is shown as income in the retained budget and for 2012/13 is provisionally estimated at **£600,000**.

Funding Beyond 2012/13

- 2.14 At this stage the LA is focussing on assessing the 2012/13 financial position, although estimates of DSG and PP funding receivable in future years will be provided to the 6th March 2012 Schools Forum. Although DfE have announced that overall DSG funding will be frozen throughout the CSR period, there remains a possibility that individual LA funding rates may vary and the LA recently joined the F40 group of low funded Authorities which is lobbying government to implement changes sooner rather than later. Attached at Appendix A is a letter sent to the Secretary of State for Education on 30th November 2011 which was signed by Councillor David Renard and the relevant cabinet member in other F40 Authorities.
- 2.15 There is cause for cautious optimism that Swindon's DSG funding settlement will be improved as DfE have acknowledged that there are long standing inequities in the existing "spend plus" grant distribution system which relies on historic funding/spending decisions going back to 2005/06. There is however uncertainty over how quickly changes will be implemented and transition periods of up to 10 years have been suggested by DfE representatives. Any improvements to Swindon's DSG settlement would directly feed through as increased delegated funding to schools.

3. Centrally Retained Budget Position 2012/13

- 3.1 After provisionally quantifying the estimated DSG settlement value at **£138.344m** the LA has also commenced work to draft the 2012/13 retained budget. This work will be refined over the next few weeks leading up to proposals which will be presented to the 6th March Schools Forum meeting when final decisions will need to be taken on how the grant is to be shared between the LA and Schools/Academies.
- 3.2 Forum Members will be aware that the LA has experienced significant pressure on its retained budget over recent years, primarily as a result of demands arising from continued pupil growth. The LA was able to contain spending within the retained budget agreed by the Forum during 2010/11

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(when a £49,000 underspend was achieved) and a separate report on today's agenda indicates that a favourable year end position is also projected for 2011/12 (£248,000 underspend).

- 3.3 In order to maximise the likelihood of this continuing in 2012/13 it is vital that a realistic retained budget is set and the LA would welcome the opportunity of discussing this with Schools Forum Sub Group members during February. This proved very useful last year as the LA was able to facilitate meaningful dialogue by sharing detailed information on current costs and planning assumptions relating to key areas such as Out of Borough placements and the impact of planned pupil growth on set up costs and trigger funding. The following dates which despite one falling in half term, have been provisionally agreed with the Chair of the Forum and Sub Group, are suggested:

- Thursday 16th February – 9.30 to 11.30 venue TBC
- Thursday 23rd February – 9.30 to 11.30 venue TBC

Forum Members are asked to agree the above meetings of the Schools Forum Sub Group which all members of the Forum are invited to attend.

- 3.4 Forum members will be aware that a substantial amount of funding retained by the LA is actually spent on the provision of services by other agencies or is temporarily retained pending in year allocation to Swindon schools. Attached at Appendix B to this report is a schedule showing draft 2012/13 estimates for each element of the retained budget compared to the current year. These estimates will be refined over the next few weeks and key issues to bring to Forum members attention at this time, including options to reduce central spending and/or increase delegations to schools, are summarised below:

A) Out of Borough School Fees

- The LA seeks to avoid Out of Borough placements wherever possible but a number of pupils, predominantly those with acute SEN needs, cannot be accommodated within Swindon schools.
- Latest projections are based on expected costs throughout 2012/13 of all current placements which total £2.588m plus a contingency of £0.212m to cover price increases and potential new in year placements. (A detailed schedule of individual placements will be shared with the Sub Group in February).
- The total Out of Borough budget for 2012/13 is therefore provisionally estimated a **£2.8m** which is a considerable reduction over the current year budget of £3.273m This partially reflects increased placements

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of SEN pupils with more complex needs in Swindon special schools which is reviewed at section 4 of this report.

- The key to minimising out of borough costs is to accommodate a greater number of pupils within Swindon schools although this is limited due to capacity constraints. Significant capital investment would be required in Special Schools and SRP's to alleviate this.

B) Recoupment

- As in recent years Swindon is anticipating being a net exporter of pupils to other LA's as our Special schools and SRP's are expected to be largely full throughout the year.
- Due to pupils finalising their secondary education and leaving the school system the financial position is however expected to improve in 2012/13 and a detailed schedule of anticipated income and expenditure relating to individual pupils will be presented to the Sub Group. Provisional projections of next year's costs and income are as follows:

• Costs paid to Other Local Authorities (OLAs)	£0.395m
• Contingency for new placements	£0.050m
• Less costs recovered from OLA's	- <u>£0.335m</u>
• Net cost to the DSG	£0.110m

C) School Set up Costs

- This is funding retained by the LA but allocated during the year to specific schools that are providing additional places. This includes funding for both new schools that are opening in all year groups or on a phased basis, and covers items such as furniture, loose equipment, ICT, books and teaching materials.
- Costs in 2012/13 are currently estimated at **£0.370m** and a schedule supporting this estimate will be presented to the Sub Group.
- The LA is currently awaiting clarification from DfE regarding revenue funding of the new Croft school. The LA is responsible for capital costs arising from construction etc. although, as a sponsored Academy, the LA will not receive DSG for these pupils or be responsible for funding any on-going provision. Set up costs are however a grey area.
- The funding of set up costs has historically been dealt with as a revenue charge to the DSG and the provisional indicative amount for Croft school is estimated at £300,000, all falling due in 2012/13. The LA is awaiting clarification that any recruitment and staffing costs incurred by the sponsors (the White Horse Federation) prior to the new school opening will be directly funded by DfE and not be a charge on Swindon's DSG. The alternative of funding some costs from capital

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grants is also being investigated, although the level of capital expenditure on schools in Swindon has for many years exceeded the level of grant available, which is insufficient to meet the needs of the growing school age population.

- At this stage the LA is assuming that funding for Croft School set up costs will need to be met from DSG during 2012/13.
- In terms of easing future pressure against this budget the LA is reviewing the level of funding currently provided although this is not considered excessive.
- Alternatively it may be possible for set up costs to be spread over a number of years via an LA loan arrangement, although this would commit a small but increasing proportion of future DSG to fund repayments, given the expectation of further school expansion in the years ahead.

D) Trigger Funding

- Although centrally retained, this funding is allocated in year to those schools which have significant pupil growth. The scheme covers both **planned** (i.e. LA funds all additional pupils in September at new schools which are opening in phases or at schools which have agreed to increase admission numbers following LA requests) and **unplanned** increases (i.e. LA funds pupil increases at any school which experiences above 4% pupil growth in September/January).
- Latest forecasts are that funding of **£0.844m** will be required in 2012/13 and a breakdown will be provided to the Sub Group. In line with DfE guidance no funding is earmarked for Croft school.
- In terms of easing pressure on this budget the LA could limit the scope of future payments to only include planned expansions and not fund general rises in pupil numbers. This would mean that schools in the latter category would not attract additional funding until the following financial year which mirrors the national DSG funding system.
- The table below illustrates the level of recent spending and potential saving to the retained budget if only planned expansion is funded:

<u>Table 3 – Trigger Funding</u>	Planned Expansion	Unplanned Expansion	Total Trigger Funding
2009/10 – actuals	£408.189	£159,603	£567,792
2010/11 – actuals	£684.655	£73,002	£757,657
2011/12 – projection	£837,240	£82,472	£919,712
2012/13 – estimate	£620,000	£224,000	£844,000

- The Schools Forum may wish to consider changing this policy now or refer this matter for further consideration by the Schools Forum Sub

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Group. The LA would not be suggesting this change if the DSG funding rates were not frozen but it will become increasingly difficult to manage the DSG in future years and all options need to be considered.

E) Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF)

- Forum members will be aware that Swindon received additional DSG during 2011/12 to fund the increased early years free nursery entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds from 12.5 to 15 hours per week.
- In response to increasing pressure on the EYSFF budget, as agreed by the Schools Forum, the Early Years Reference Group (EYRG) met recently to identify options on how formula changes could be introduced next year in view of a DSG cash freeze.
- The EYRG acknowledged the financial situation and, assuming the Forum agrees the proposed changes listed below, provisional estimates are that savings identified will offset rising demand costs without a budget increase i.e. a 2012/13 EYSFF budget would be required of **£7.100m**.

Forum Members are asked to agree the following EYSFF changes for 2012/13:

- **Cease transition protection (parachute) payments payable for vacant places in maintained settings resulting in an annual saving of approximately £37k.**
- **Reduce the value of enhancement funding by 50% to £500 per year for quality and £250 per year for flexibility, which together with application of the revised criteria below will result in annual savings of approximately £100k.**
- **Fund enhancements on a pro rata basis so that 1/3 of the above values are paid each term subject to eligibility and not annually as at present**
- **Raise the level at which the quality enhancement is paid to only those settings which have;**
 - **an early years professional/qualified teacher and**
 - **50% of other staff are qualified to at least level 3**

F) Education other Than At School (EOTAS)

- In estimating the costs of EOTAS provision savings of £59k have been identified relating to the vacation of facilities at Hillside which provided services to pregnant teenage mothers. A proportion of this saving is being used to develop an alternative service linked to the Family Nurse partnership. .

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- The LA would however wish to partially reinvest these savings by employing a new 0.9 FTE Reintegration Officer post at an estimated annual cost of £30,000.
- Taking account of both the above items, the provisional EOTAS budget requirement for 2012/13 is estimated at **£1.415m**.

G) Tuition Service

- There is a degree of uncertainty relating to the Tuition Service which currently provides education for 60 pupils.
- Forum Members may be aware that, with effect from September 2011, DfE introduced a statutory requirement for all pupils to access alternative education of 25 hours per week unless medical conditions prevent this. Previously there was no defined minimum.
- The LA is taking steps to increase provision in the most cost effective way and will be going out to tender in the new year to add a service providing broader curriculum activities to small groups of pupils to enable the LA to meet the 25 hour requirement.
- The Tuition Service will continue to integrate pupils as fast as possible but, partly due to new exclusions guidance and current data, demand is likely to increase. In addition management arrangements for this service are under review as part of the Council's Stronger Together programme which may affect future service costs.
- Costings will be developed over the next few weeks but the provisional 2012/13 budget is estimated at **£650k**, which is £150k above the current year.

H) Diploma Formula Grant (DFG)

- As part of the DfE mainstreaming of grants process, funding was centrally retained in 2011/12 to fund 14-19 provision in various Swindon settings. As the Diploma programme ceased earlier this year the LA will not need to retain any further DSG in 2012/13.

I) Increased Delegations

- At the 11th October 2011 Forum meeting members agreed in principle that the LA should develop proposals to increase delegation in a number of areas and updates are provided below:
 - **Schools in Challenging Circumstances** - £150k planned budget reduction is confirmed and is reflected in the 2012/13 proposed budget of **£350k** in Appendix B

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- **SENRAP** – After delegating £500k to primary schools in 2011/12, with a rising number of SEN pupils, the LA does not feel it would be appropriate to reduce SENRAP funding any further during 2012/13 and a budget of **£1.4m** is provisionally proposed.
- **Redundancies and Early Retirement Funding** – A separate report on today's agenda details proposals to apply a stricter funding policy for all school redundancy costs and to cease discretionary LA funding towards support staff early retirement costs. In addition, Academies will not be eligible for any LA support after conversion and a 2012/13 budget of **£25k** is proposed which releases £175k for inclusion in delegated school budgets.
- During the 2011/12 budget setting process a number of other delegations were considered and updates are provided below:
 - **Education Support Service (ESS)** – With effect from September 2011 negotiations with individual schools were concluded which resulted in the LA passing on 7/12 of the retained budget in respect of ESS provision. Full year funding for these schools will be included in their delegated ISB's in 2012/13 and the LA will retain only **£10k** to fulfil the statutory monitoring and a co-ordinating role.
 - **Portage** – Following a full consultation process with service users and staff, the Portage service was reshaped during 2011 to provide a more flexible service within a reduced 2011/12 budget of £111k which released savings of £80k. In setting the 2012/13 budget further savings of £20k have been identified reducing the 2012/13 budget requirement to **£91k**.
 - **Secondary Behaviour Support Team** – The LA service was decommissioned last year which, as planned, releases funding of £74k which was retained in 2011/12 to pay part year salary costs.
 - **Primary and Secondary Strategy Support** – The LA service was decommissioned last year which, as planned, releases funding of £123k which was retained in 2011/12 to pay part year salary costs.
 - **Maternity Costs** – The LA will not be funding any maternity claims from schools during 2012/13 which, as planned, will release £87k.
 - **Youth Engagement Project (YEP) / The Oakfield Project (TOP)** – Due to the practise of secondary schools effectively paying termly in advance, the LA was unable to fully release retained funding for the YEP service which ceased on 31st March 2011. From 1st April

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2011 the LA has, in collaboration with Secondary Headteachers operated the TOP service from the Oakfield Campus. This service is predominantly funded by school contributions but the LA agreed to fund premise costs from the retained budget and provision has been made for **£50k**.

- As agreed at the 11th October Forum meeting, funding released by the LA from reducing the retained budget will not be separately allocated as increased delegations to schools in 2012/13. All reductions to the retained budget effectively enhance the overall funding available for distribution via the local formula by allowing inflationary uplifts to be applied.

J) Convertor Academy Recoupment (LACSEG)

- Forum members will be aware that, as and when schools convert to Academy status, in addition to the value of their delegated budget, they also receive LACSEG (Local Authority Equivalent Central Services Grant) which is a pupil based share of elements of both the retained DSG budget and the LAs core budget.
- The theory is that LAs will reduce their central spending every time an Academy converts although LAs across the country, the LGA and ADCS dispute this is possible at the levels expected by DfE. The LA believes that the majority of costs which are within the scope of LACSEG are fixed and are not directly affected by an Academy conversion.
- With regard to the LA's core budget:
 - Swindon's formula grant loss was reflected in the national Local Government funding settlement – for 2011/12 the loss was £541,000 and for 2012/13 will be £968,000. This is being managed by the Council's cabinet along with wider grant cuts. In response to the recent LACSEG consultation DfE have changed the basis of the core funding recoupment from a national top slice to a Local Authority specific grant cut which has major implication for areas such as Swindon where a high proportion of schools have or are intending to convert.
 - Although protection is in place which will ensure no further grant cuts are experienced in 2011/12 or 2012/13, a very significant loss of grant will be experienced in 2013/14 although the value cannot be quantified at this time. Unless traded services are

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secured with Academies, the LA provision of the Education Welfare and other services are likely to be significantly cut.

- With regard to the retained DSG:
 - Forum members will recall that in setting the current year retained budget, the Schools Forum acknowledged that, having reviewed the proposed retained budget, the LA would not have scope to fund in year losses and it was agreed that a provision of £409,000 needed to be made for the loss of DSG funding in 2011/12.
 - For 2012/13 the LA is proposing that a similar approach is taken and provisional estimates have been made of the loss based on the current recoupment formula (which is under consultation and likely to change) and the number of schools which have already or are likely to convert during 2012/13. This is provisionally estimated at **£666,000** and full details will be provided to the Sub Group in February.

K) Corporate Overheads Charged to DSG

- Schools Forum members have been advised that the LA historically charged approximately £1.5m of corporate and departmental overheads to the DSG. This covers services such as the Director of Children Services (and his management team's) statutory responsibilities and corporate costs which support the delivery of DSG funded services including Human Resources, Payroll, Legal, Democratic, Finance, Audit, Insurance, Property, Procurement, ICT and Office Accommodation costs etc. which are apportioned across all Council departments. For Children's Services, charges are then split between Core and DSG funded services.
- In setting the 2011/12 budget, in recognition of LACSEG and the Council's overall savings strategy, a reduced corporate charge to the retained DSG was agreed of £0.2m and a further similar reduction is being proposed to Cabinet for 2012/13 as part of the Council Tax setting process which, if confirmed in February, will bring the total charge down to **£976,000**.
- To comply with standard accounting practise the LA is required to allocate corporate overheads across DSG services but, during examination of 2010/11 budgets in preparation for increased delegations, it was clear that historic allocation methods were inconsistent. Furthermore the way in which overheads are allocated

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across services now has implications for the Section 251 statement and it is this statement which is used to calculate Academy recoupment values. Pending a review of these allocations, all corporate overheads have been stripped out of service budgets and are included in Appendix B as a separate budget line. This means that the cost of each individual service reflects actual pay and direct running costs.

- 3.5 The LA's initial forecast is that a retained budget of **£17.218m** will need to be agreed by the Schools Forum for 2012-13. This is significantly lower than the 2011/12 budget agreed by the Schools Forum of £19.323m, demonstrating the LAs commitment to maximising the proportion of DSG available for distribution to Schools and Academies.

Forum Members are asked to note that the LAs initial estimate of the 2012/13 retained budget is £17.218m.

4. Special School and Special Resource Provision (SRP) Funding

- 4.1 During the 2011/12 budget setting process Forum members agreed that in view of the national review of SEN, overall funding in the local formula should remain broadly in line with the January 2008 Audit and only relatively minor changes were agreed to reflect increasing provision in specific settings. This mirrored the approach taken with mainstream schools where stability was considered by both the LA and Schools Forum as being the overriding priority for 2011/12 funding. It remains unclear from the DfE consultation papers when any national SEN changes will be implemented and the LA and Special School Headteachers feel that changes are required next year to the funding of special schools to fully recognise changes in demand since their place based funding was set in 2008. Some minor changes are also proposed for SRP's.

Special Schools

- 4.2 In consultation with the Association of Swindon Special School Headteachers (ASSSH) the LA has undertaken a full review of provision which included:
- A reassessment of the number of places required in each setting both now and to recognise and meet estimated changes in demand throughout 2012/13.
 - A review and rationalisation of the bandings which are used to allocate delegated funding in the local formula.

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- 4.3 The outcome of the above exercise, including moderation of the places and bandings was agreed between the LA and ASSSH during November and throughout December the LA has been assessing the potential financial implications of proposed funding changes. Across the sector it is clear that:
- Overall demand for places in special schools has gradually increased.
 - There has been an increase in the proportion of pupils with complex needs which are placed in some special schools
 - Pressure on the LAs out of borough placement budget has eased (as summarised at para 3.4A above) which, at least in part, has arisen due to increasing placements of complex needs pupils in Swindon schools
 - Despite pressures, over recent years, balances across special schools have remained relatively high
- 4.4 The LAs costings of new special school funding models are scheduled to be shared with ASSSH on 19th January and it is likely that this will result in proposals for an overall increase in funding across the sector but with possible reductions in some settings which may need to be phased in over a number of years. For planning purposes the LA is provisionally assuming at this stage that delegated funding to special schools will need to increase from £9.559m in 2011/12 by approximately **£500k** for 2012/13. This increase broadly equates to the LAs proposed reduction to the retained Out of Borough budget and should not detrimentally affect the level of funding allocated to mainstream schools. An update following the ASSSH meeting will be provided to the Sub Group and firm recommendations will be presented to the 6th March Forum meeting.

Forum Members are asked to note the probability that Special school funding will need to increase next year by approximately £500k.

Special Resource Provision (SRP)

- 4.5 In addition to special schools, Forum members will be aware that a network of SRP's are operated across the Borough (in both mainstream Schools and Academies) which are commissioned by the LA to meet SEN demand. Delegated SRP funding of £2.866m was allocated to schools in 2011/12 and a further £65k has subsequently been allocated in year to meet increased provision from the retained SENRAP budget. A commentary on proposed place changes for 2012/13 is provided below:

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<u>Table 4 – SRP Funding</u>	2011/12 Actual Funding	Commentary on recent / proposed changes
Redoaks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Hearing Impaired places • 6 Learning Difficulties & Disability places 	£559,001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £88k extra allocation in 2011/12 budget to fund 3 extra places • £13k SENRAP funding allocated in year for 1 extra place • 1 additional Hearing Impaired place required September 2012
Mountford Manor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 BESD places 	£85,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £85k transferred from Nylands to cover new 6 place unit at Mountford Manor which opened in June 2011 • Further funding required to cover full year costs in 2012/13
Greendown (now Lydiard Academy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 Autistic Spectrum Disorder places 	£233,918	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £85k extra allocation in 2011/12 budget for 3 additional places. • 3 further additional place required September 2012
Robert Le Kyng <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Physically Impaired places 	£210,567	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes required
Eldene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Complex Learning places 	£139,978	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes required
Even Swindon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 Severe Speech and Language places 	£219,880	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes required
Millbrook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 complex learning difficulty places 	£139,978	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes required
Ruskin Junior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Autistic Spectrum Disorder Places 	£212,305	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £52k in year SENRAP funding allocated for 3 extra places • 4 additional places required July 2012 reducing to 2 from September 2012
Westlea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Physical Disability places 	£190,041	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes required

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Kingsdown • 15 Autistic Spectrum Disorder places	£306,510	• 1 additional place required September 2012
Ridgeway • 6 Hearing Impaired places	£97,774	• No changes required
Commonweal • 24 Severe Physical and Learning Difficulty places • 15 Physically Impaired places	£263,956 £207,563	• 6 additional place required September 2012 • 4 additional place required September 2012
Total SRP Funding	£2,866,471	

- 4.6 It is clear from the above schedule that additional places will need to be funded in 2012/13 although appropriate amounts have yet to be determined or discussed with relevant schools.

Forum Members are asked to note that additional SRP funding provisionally estimated at £250k will need to be allocated in 2012/13.

5. Local Formula Rationalisation 2012/13

- 5.1 At the 11th October 2011 Schools Forum meeting the LA presented a report on school funding reform based on information provided in the DfE consultation documents. This confirmed that DfE would not be introducing any changes to the DSG national funding system in 2012/13 but that there was a very strong indication that future fair funding formulas (whether national or remaining local) would need to be simplified to ensure greater consistency across the country. In light of this and the removal of all ring fencing, the LA submitted the following proposals which represented steps towards simplification of funding effective from 2012/13:
- **PSA/Extended Services Cluster Funding** – Forum agreed the LA proposal that all funding would initially be delegated to individual schools which may subsequently agree to collaborate in clusters.
 - **Threshold Pay Grant** – Forum agreed the LA proposal that the value of this funding would be maintained within sectors but transferred as an inflationary uplift to AWPU and SEN place funding factors.

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- **Former Standards Fund Grants and Former Ministerial Priority Funding** – Forum asked that the Sub Group review the implications of the LA proposal that the value of funding across sectors is maintained but transferred as an inflationary uplift to AWPU and SEN place funding factors unless individual schools were significantly affected.
- 5.2 The Schools Forum Sub Group met on four occasions during November and early December and was presented with schedules which illustrated the indicative impact of all the above funding changes based on January 2011 pupil numbers and funding values. The LA could not provide actual funding changes in 2012/13 as these will be based on January 2012 pupil numbers although the figures presented are unlikely to be materially different.
- 5.3 With regard to Cluster funding and Former Threshold Pay Grant allocations, the Sub Group was presented with a schedule showing the impact of changes to individual school funding prior to the LA writing out to Headteachers advising them of this on 7th December 2011. The most significant impact of this change is in the secondary sector as Isambard School currently receive very little Threshold Pay Grant funding as the school was much smaller and staffing costs were much lower when the original grant values were calculated. As a consequence of moving Threshold Pay Grant into sector AWPU values Isambard will benefit by approximately £70,000 per year with corresponding decreases in other secondary schools.
- 5.4 With regard to Former Standards Fund Grants and Ministerial priority funding the Sub Group requested a number of options to be modelled by the LA which has resulted in the following proposals:
 - a) **Specialist School Funding** - A total of £1.360m is currently shared across secondary schools proportionate to the funding they received under previous grant conditions when funding was allocated for specialisms which no longer apply. Attached at Appendix C is a schedule showing the impact of more equitably sharing this funding proportionate to pupil numbers via AWPU increases which was supported by the Sub Group. Highworth Warneford would receive a reduction of approximately £60,000 with other schools either gaining or losing sums of between £300 up to £25,000.

Forum Members are asked to agree that former specialist school funding is allocated via uplifts to 2012/13 Secondary AWPU values. (see paragraph 5.5)

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- b) **Former Ministerial Priority Funding** – A total of £5.514m is currently allocated across all schools based on a range of factors which sought to target funds for personalisation and practical learning which the previous government identified as priorities. The Sub Group proposed that this funding should be more equitably distributed based on pupil numbers with special school places multiplied by a factor of 5. However although all schools currently receive some of this this funding large elements were allocated specifically for deprivation and this funding is not therefore evenly distributed at present. The impact of moving all this funding into AWPU's is therefore significant with a general transfer of funds from more deprived settings. Although it could be argued that the Pupil Premium is increasing funding for more deprived settings, the LA feels that transitional arrangements over 3 years are required in respect of Ministerial Priority funding. Attached at Appendix D is a schedule showing the indicative impact across all schools of moving 33% of this funding into AWPU and Special School places.

Forum Members are asked to agree that 33% of former Ministerial Priority funding is allocated via uplifts to 2012/13 AWPU and special school place funding values and that a further 33% is transferred in 2013/14 and 2014/15. (see paragraph 5.5)

- c) **Former Standards Fund Grants which are currently allocated to all schools** – A total of £11.833m is currently allocated across all schools in accordance with standards fund grant conditions which were prevailing at the time but are no longer relevant. The Sub Group proposed that this funding should be more equitably distributed based on pupil numbers, with special school places multiplied by a factor of 5, whilst retaining existing sector funding levels. Attached at Appendix E is the schedule presented to the Sub Group which showed the indicative impact across all schools which, for the preferred option B, is summarised as follows:

d)

<u>Table 5 – Impact of revised SF allocations</u>	Maximum Gain	Maximum Loss	No of schools with > £30k change
Primary	£59,613	£51,872	14
Secondary	£59,063	£90,203	6
Special	£42,576	£39,250	2

Although the impact on the majority of schools would be relatively minor the Sub Group recognised that some schools would gain or lose significantly and that this change should therefore be

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implemented over two years. In accordance with this suggestion the LA has added option C which retains existing funding methods for 50% of 2011/12 values and moves 50% into AWPU and special school place funding values. The maximum gains and losses shown in Table 5 are therefore reduced by 50%.

Forum Members are asked to agree that 50% of former Standards Fund Grants which all schools currently receive a share of is retained for 2012/13 with 50% allocated via uplifts to 2012/13 AWPU and special school place funding values. (see paragraph 5.5)

- e) **Former Standards Fund Grants which are currently allocated to some primary and secondary schools** – A total of £1.501m is currently allocated across some mainstream schools in accordance with standards fund grant conditions which were prevailing at the time to target specific resources but are no longer relevant. The Sub Group proposed that this funding should be more equitably distributed based on mainstream pupil numbers as estimated at option D which retains existing sector funding levels but with changes implemented over two years. Although the majority of primary schools would only be marginal gainers, a small number would see significant reductions whilst changes in the secondary sector would be much more significant. Attached at Appendix F is the schedule presented to the Sub Group which showed the indicative impact across all schools which, under preferred option D, is summarised as follows:

<u>Table 6 – Impact of revised SF allocations</u>	Maximum Gain	Maximum Loss	No of schools with > £30k change
Primary	£5,889	£35,930	1
Secondary	£63,926	£133,932	9
Special	N / A	N / A	-

Forum Members are asked to agree that 50% of former Standards Fund Grants which are currently allocate to a small number of schools is retained for 2012/13 with 50% allocated via uplifts to 2012/13 AWPU values. (see paragraph 5.5)

Overall Summary

- 5.5 Although the LA feels that steps towards simplification of local formula funding are necessary to avoid huge changes being implemented when a national formula or national criteria are introduced this needs to be manageable for individual schools. As requested by the Sub Group the LA has reviewed the cumulative effect of all the proposed funding changes (excluding cluster funding) on individual schools which is attached at

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Appendix G. This provides a provisional indication of the overall funding changes schools will experience based on January 2011 pupil numbers.

Schools Forum may wish to reflect on Appendix G before making decisions listed at 5.4 above or refer the matter back to the Sub Group for further review.

Minimum Funding Guarantee

- 5.6 In order to ensure the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) protection scheme works correctly and allows the required transfers of funding agreed by the Schools Forum the following items need to be confirmed as being excluded from year on year funding changes in the MFG calculation:

Forum Members are asked to agree that the following items are excluded from the MFG calculation:

- **Cluster Funding**
- **Former Threshold Pay Grant**
- **Former Standards Funds Grants**
- **Former Ministerial Priority Funding**

6. Indicative School Budget Share Allocations 2012/13

- 6.1 As described in section 2 the overall value of the 2012/13 DSG is estimated at **£138.344m** and after retention of **£17.218m** for the retained budget (see section 3) this leaves **£121.126m** for distribution across schools via the local formula – excluding the Pupil Premium. (Early years and sixth form funding is also excluded from this figure and will be paid separately to relevant settings). The overall estimated value of funding available next year to fund 5 to 16 year old pupils compared to 2011/12 is summarised in the table below:

<u>Table 7 – Indicative School Funding</u>	2011/12	2012/13
Delegated ISB's to Schools and Academies	£118.348m	£121.126m
Indicative year on year £ change		+ £2.778m
Indicative year on year % change		+2.3%
Add balance available from 2010/11 and 2011/12		+£0.500m
Total year on year £ change		+£3.278
Total year on year % change		+2.8%

- 6.2 As shown at Table 1 Swindon's DSG settlement is only expected to increase by approximately 0.5% in 2012/13 as no inflationary increases are being paid by DfE. The steps taken by the LA to increase delegation and reduce other areas of spending will however allow overall funding to schools to increase next year by approximately **2.8%**.

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- 6.3 The table below provides a provisional early estimate of the overall funding position across Swindon schools for age 5 to 16 pupils. It is important to recognise that the position for individual schools will be primarily determined by their January 2012 pupil numbers and whether they have gained or lost funding arising from the formula rationalisation described at section 5 above.

Table 8 – 2011/12 to 2012/13 Indicative School Funding				
	2011/12 £m	2012/13 £m	Change £m	Change %
DSG	118.348	121.626	+3.278	+2.8%
PP (exc LAC)	1.889	3.545	+1.656	+87.7%
Totals	120.237	125.171	+4.934	+4.1%

Forum Members are asked to note that the provisional amount of 2012/13 funding available for distribution to Schools and Academies for 5 to 16 year pupils is £125.2m.

- 6.4 The above estimates will be refined in light of the January 2012 PLASC and discussions with the Sub Group during February. The position for individual schools will also be calculated and anonymously presented to the Sub Group prior to the 6th March Schools Forum meeting. Final decisions on all 2012/13 funding matters will need to be taken either today or at the March meeting including:
- Early Years Single Funding Formula – as detailed at section 3 above
 - Special Schools – as outlined at section 4 above
 - Special Resource Provision – as outlined at section 4 above
 - Formula rationalisation – as proposed at section 5 above
 - Gorse Hill Discretionary funding – as detailed in a separate report on today's agenda

7. Timetable for Issue of 2012/13 School Funding Allocations

- 7.1 Set out below are the key stages leading up to the LA issuing 2012/13 funding allocations to schools and Academies:

Action	Deadline
1. 17 th January Schools Forum notes key issues and considers/agrees SRP and local formula changes including MFG exclusions re Cluster Funding, Former Threshold Pay Grant, Former Standards Funds Grants and Former Ministerial Priority Funding	17 th Jan

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2. 19 th January ASSSH meeting reviews LA proposals re 2012/13 Special School Funding	19 th January
3. All Schools/Academies submit their 19 th January 2012 PLASC data to the Performance & Information Team	7 th February
4. Performance & information Team validate data received (dual registrations etc.) and forward pupil numbers information etc. to the Finance Team	14 th February
5. Finance Team refine DSG and PP estimates based on January 2012 PLASC	15 th February
6. 16 th February Schools Forum Sub Group reviews LAs update re DSG, retained budget, SEN plus any issues relating to 2012/13 funding	16 th February
7. Finance Team re-calculate overall DSG and draft individual school budgets reflecting feedback from the sub group	21 st February
8. 23 rd February Schools Forum Sub Group reviews draft individual school budgets (anonymous details only)	23 rd February
9. Finance Team issue provisional individual 2012/13 funding allocations to Schools and Academies to provide early funding indication and enable data to be reviewed and checked.	27 th February
10. 6 th March Schools Forum agrees final DSG, retained budget, SEN proposals, other local formula issues plus any other matters relating to 2012/13 funding	6 th March
11. 7 th March Finance team issues final individual 2012/13 funding allocations to Schools and Academies.	7 th March
<p>NB 1 – Swindon Academy is a sponsored Academy and, in the main is funded directly by DfE other than former Penhill primary pupils which are included in our DSG and recouped as with converter Academies</p> <p>NB 2 – The funding for all converter Academies continues to be based on the LAs local formula but, after the addition of LACSEG, is paid in the following Academic year. There is a strong likelihood that this time delay will cease as a consequence of the recent consultation on school funding reform.</p>	

- 7.2 Forum members are asked, in particular to note the requirement for all Schools and Academies to provide the LAs Performance and Information Team with their 19th January PLASC data by 7th February as requested in a letter from the Group Director – Children sent on 14th December. The LA cannot finalise its DSG calculations or commence individual school funding allocations until PLASC data from every school and Academy has been received and validated. If there are any delays it is unlikely that the

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LA will be able to issue provisional funding allocations to schools before 7th March.

8. Conclusions

- 8.1 Despite the cash freeze in 2012/13 DSG per pupil funding rates and the loss of funding due to Academy conversions, the steps taken by the LA to effectively manage the retained budget in 2010/11 and 2011/12 and to further reduce the value of the retained budget in 2012/13, should enable delegated DSG funding to increase by approximately 2.8% next year. In the current public sector funding climate this is considered a reasonable settlement by the LA. This position will be confirmed and reported to the 6th March Schools Forum meeting. The LA acknowledges however that increased funding is required for special schools and that the settlements for individual schools will vary depending on changes in their pupil numbers and other characteristics.
- 8.2 The LA remains committed to increasing delegation in future years with a view to ensuring Swindon schools are funded as close to the level of an Academy as possible. The table below summarises the gradual transfer of DSG funding from the LA to Schools/Academies:

<u>Table 9 - Summary of DSG sharing between LA and Schools/Academies</u>					
	Retained		Delegated		Total DSG
	Value	%	Value	%	
2010/11 budget	£17.4m	14.8	£100.0m	85.2	£117.4m
2011/12 budget	£19.3m	14.0	£118.3m	86.0	£137.6m
2012/13 provisional	£17.2m	12.4	£121.1m	87.6	£138.3m

- 8.3 The recent DFE consultation on school funding reform makes it clear that local formulas will need to be simplified at some stage in the future and the LA has made a number of proposals at section 5 of this report which are in line with this principle. This means however that some Swindon schools will be receiving challenging budget share allocations next year and the LA welcomes the continuing opportunity to review this with the Schools Forum Sub Group to ensure pragmatic stepped changes are implemented where possible.
- 8.4 Although precise guidance on the level of funding that schools can expect to receive beyond 2012/13 cannot be provided at this time, it is clear that those schools which do not attract high pupil premium funding will find it increasingly difficult to sustain current levels of staffing/spending. Despite this uncertainty it is more important than ever for schools to prepare

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medium term revenue plans covering the next 3 to 5 years. The LA will issue provisional 2013/15 allocations as soon as possible in the new year and will be pleased to provide consultancy support to improve financial planning in any Swindon school.

- 8.5 There would appear to be cause for cautious optimism that Swindon's DSG funding will, over the next few years, become more comparable with the national average which would provide increasing funding for all Swindon settings. For 2012/13 Swindon's DSG Guaranteed Unit of Funding per pupil is £4,696 which is £386 less than the national average. If Swindon were to be funded at the national average, additional DSG of approximately £11.3m (8.2%) would be received and could be passed on to schools as an increase delegated budgets. The LA will continue to collaborate with F40 authorities to lobby for early changes to the DSG distribution formula.

Alternative Options

There are various options presented throughout this report.

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- Various financial issues are included throughout this report. Key risks are:
 - Over estimating the overall DSG, Pupil Premium or Post 16 SEN grant settlements would result in the LA issuing Individual School Budget shares above the value of available funding.
 - Under estimating the value of the retained budget (including provision for Academy conversion recoupments) could result in the LA overspending during 2012/13 and having to carry forward a deficit to 2013/14.
 - Individual schools with reduced funding allocations in 2012/13 will need to take steps to reduce their spending to ensure deficits do not occur.

Legal / Human Rights Implications

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

Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010 Promises)

- Scheme for Financing Swindon Schools and local fair funding formula

Diversity Impact Assessments

- As there are no specific proposals in this report, DIA's have not been completed.

Consultees

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

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Background Papers and Appendices

Appendix A – Copy of letter sent by F40 Authorities including Swindon seeking early reform of school funding.

Appendix B - Summary of Draft 2012/13 Retained Budget.

Appendix C – Schedule of indicative 2012/13 funding changes re specialist school funding which all secondary schools currently receive.

Appendix D - Schedule of indicative 2012/13 funding changes re former ministerial priority funding allocations which all schools currently receive.

Appendix E - Schedule of indicative 2012/13 funding changes re former Standards Fund grants which all schools currently receive.

Appendix F - Schedule of indicative 2012/13 funding changes re former Standards Fund grants which only some schools currently receive.

Appendix G – Summary of indicative cumulative 2012/13 proposed funding changes.

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