

SCHOOLS FORUM

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Subject: Centrally Retained and De-delegated Budgets 2017-18

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Introduction and Context

This report provides details of the budget and usage for items centrally retained and de-delegated from the Schools Block for 2017-18.

Summary

Projected spend on Centrally Retained and De-delegated budgets currently is £171k greater than budget. This overspend is mainly on the Growth Fund as the LA continues to experience increasing pressures on pupil numbers. This has implications for 2018/19 when it is currently anticipated a Growth fund of at least £1.5m will be required.

Recommendations

Schools Forum note the report

Implementation Date:

n/a

Reference to Key Documents/Previous Papers:

Report to Schools Forum January 2017
Report to Schools Forum June 2017



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Title **Centrally Retained and De-delegated Budgets 2017-18**

1. Purpose of the report

1.1. To provide details of the available resources and usage of the centrally retained and de-delegated budgets

2. Background

2.1. Budgets for central retention and de-delegation from the Schools Block are agreed by Forum. The LA provides regular reports on the spend of these monies during the year.

3. Strategy and Context

3.1. As central retention and de-delegation are agreed by Forum, transparency of its use is important.

4. Findings

4.2 Forum in January 2017 confirmed their agreement to budgets totalling £4,847k for Services to be centrally retained or de-delegated from the Schools Block for 2017/18. As outlined at the July meeting, since this time it has become apparent that SIMS licences have been included in the EDIT Service Level Agreement so the amount de-delegated for this has been returned to schools; this makes the amount de-delegated now £2,421.

The projected outturn position for 2017/18 is detailed below.

	Budget 2017-18	Forecast Expenditure £'000	Forecast Variance £'000
<u>Central Retention</u>			
Admissions	280	280	
Forum	27	27	
Building Maintenance	226	226	
Growth Fund	1000	1,170	170
Copyrights	150	150	
School Organisation **	220	220	
Education Welfare **	265	265	
Asset Management **	45	45	
	2,213	2,383	170
<u>De-Delegation</u>			
Contingency	123	213	
Fair Access	524	524	
Equalities	466	467	1
Free School Meals	129	129	
Insurances	529	529	
Supply Cover	539	539	
Facility Time	110	110	
Governors Forum	1	1	
	2,421	2,422	1

** Former Education Services Retained Duties Grant now DSG

4.1. Monitoring at Period 4 shows the spend to be on budget except for an overspend on the equalities Team (£1k) and Growth Fund (£170k). Pupils numbers continue to increase and the Growth Fund is currently projected to outturn at around £1,300k. However, as agreed by June Forum the underspend on centrally retained funding for 2016/17 of £130k has been carried forward to offset this overspend making the net position a £170k overspend. Details of allocations from the Growth Fund are outlined in Appendix A. However, as pressures continue to increase it is estimated a Growth Fund of at least £1.5m will be required for 2018/19. Growth Funding remains part of the Schools Block – discussions on the amount required for the fund will be outlined at a future Forum.

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6 Recommendation

7.1 Schools Forum notes the report.

Growth Funding Update

The Table below shows allocations to schools from the Growth Fund during 2017/18 to date; this is in accordance with the policy agreed by Forum. Funding is currently due to 24 schools totalling £1.2m. Payment has been withheld from 4 schools until their surplus balance falls below 8% then the funding will be released. Estimated spend for the year is £1.3m.

2016-17 Payments from the Growth Fund

	£
Boarshaw	53,382
Bowlee Park	53,382
Cardinal Langley	77,837
Crossgates	16,015
Deeplish Academy	26,691
Falinge Park	77,837
Harwood Park	26,691
Hollingworth Academy	51,892
Kingsway Park	77,837
Hopwood	26,691
Middleton Parish	53,382
Middleton Technology Academy	155,675
Moorhouse	53,382
St Josephs RC	26,691
St Marys, Middleton	26,691
Greenbank	53,382
Whittaker Moss	44,485
Newhey	17,794
Sandbrook	53,382
Castleton	53,382
St Lukes	53,382
Littleborough	26,691
St Andrews Dearley	53,382
Holy Family RC & CE College	77,837
Total Payments due 2017-18	1,237,793
Payments withheld due to surplus	204,632
Net Payments made	1,033,161