

Report to the Schools Forum 13 January 2017

Centrally Retained Funds from the Dedicated Schools Grant for financial year 2017/18 – All Schools (including services formerly funded by ESG)

1 Pupil Growth / Infant Class sizes

- 1.1 At the November 2016 meeting, the Forum deferred a decision on the 2017/18 allocation of the growth fund until we had received a DfE decision on our application to use estimated pupil numbers to fund Holy Trinity Academy (HTA) and Hadley Learning Community (HLC) primary phase in 2017/18.
- 1.2 The DfE have now confirmed that we can use estimated pupil numbers for these two schools. The proposal is therefore to approve £100,000 for a fund for schools:
- experiencing in-year growth in pupil numbers of more than 5%, where that growth was not a result of an increase in the school's admission number that was not supported by the LA;
- 1.3 In 2016/17 this was supplemented by an individual application process for schools, with the Forum taking account the general financial circumstances of the school before determining upon any application
- 3.4.5 ***It is proposed that £100,000, the same amount as 2016/17 is held for funding pupil growth in schools and that the allocations are scaled down if necessary so as to spend no more than this sum. Forum is asked to consider whether it wishes allocations to be formulaic, with an amount per pupil above 5% at 7/12 of the primary AWPU and scaled down if the resulting allocations would exceed £100,000.***

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