

Schools Forum 26th May 2017

Agenda Item: Statutory duties for maintained schools previously funded by the Education Services Grant - initial information for 2018/19

- 1 Following the Forum vote for 2017/18 funding in January 2017, the local authority committed to providing early information for 2018/19, so that the Forum could make a decision for that year having had time to consider the proposals.
- 2 To start this process, an updated schedule has been provided of relevant services. Based on the DfE's proposals, only maintained schools will be asked to contribute, for duties that relate only to maintained schools.
- 3 As financial year 2018/19 is still some time away, the information presented is indicative only at this stage. The main additional information that has been added is details of the FTEs of staff employed on duties relating to maintained schools in each service.
- 4 The costs presented are subject to changes between now and April 2018, for instance:
 - Some services may be subject to restructures between now and then;
 - Further schools may convert to academies, impacting upon the costs of supporting maintained schools;
 - Pay awards and other inflationary pressures could change the cost bases
- 5 One issue on which the Forum may wish to express a view is whether it would be useful for the traded element of the services included to be described alongside the statutory duties. Some of the services (e.g. HR, finance and asset management) have SLAs with schools in addition to the performance of these statutory duties and to see both elements together could clarify the rationale behind the sums requested.

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