(BARKING AND DAGENHAM SCHOOLS FORUM)

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Title: School Funding Update

Report of: CORPORATE DIRECTOR

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Wards Affected: All

Key Decision: No

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Summary:

In accordance with the regulations, the Local Authority must consult with its Schools Forum on items relating to school's funding.

The purpose of this report is to update the Barking and Dagenham Schools Forum on the forecast outturn for the 2012/13 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and to consult the Forum on the allocation of schools funding for 2013/14.

Recommendation(s)

The Schools Forum is asked to:

- (i) To consider and endorse the Local Authority proposal to increase the cost per ARP place by £1,500 in 2013/14 (ref 2.8)
- (ii) To consider and endorse the Local Authority proposals in respect to the funding of vacant places, a temporary period of going over planned numbers and accommodating pupils from other local authorities (ref 2.9)
- (iii) To agree each line of the centrally retained DSG for 2013/14 (ref 2.16)
- (iv)To agree to delegate the detailed review of the 2013/14 centrally retained DSG budget to the Local Authority / Head Teacher Steering Group with the findings and any recommendations being brought back to the full Schools Forum (ref 2.16)
- (v) To agree the growth fund of £3.07m for 2013/14 and agree the proposed allocation criteria for additional classes, new schools and expanding schools (ref 2.18)
- (vi)To agree the de-delegation of £1,925,613 in 2013/14 (agreement by school group) (ref 2.22)
- (vii) To agree to allocate continuation funding of £160,000 to Eastbrook secondary school for 2013/14 to continue the late entrants into the borough at KS4 programme (ref 2.23)
- (viii) To consider and endorse the Local Authorities' 2013/14 final funding formula for the allocation of DGS to schools for 2013/14 (ref 2.28)

(ix)To agree to the Local Authority proposals to move funding between the 2013/14 funding blocks, to apply a sum of £739,462 of carried forward DSG to the High Needs Block and to hold the balance of retained DSG (£4,257,348) within the High Needs Block (ref 2.28 and table 3)

None

1. Introduction and Background

1.1 The Schools Forum is a decision making and consultative body to which matters concerning school budgets are referred, constituted in accordance with the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012, and in respect of which the School Finance (England) Regulations 2012 apply. The Forum is required to meet at least four times a year.

2. Proposal and Issues

DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT - 2012/13 FORECAST OUTTURN

2.1 In June 2012, the Forum were presented with the indicative DSG budget for 2012/13 (excluding retained carry forwards). Table 1 below shows the forecast DSG outturn for 2012/13:

Table 1: DSG Forecast Outturn 2012/13

	2012/13 Budget	2012/13 Forecast	Variance	Reason for Variance
DSG	-£195,646,000	-£195,189,000	£457,000	Transfer of £911k budget allocation to Academy off set by £454k additional DSG (pupil growth)
Allocations to Schools	£172,027,000	£175,703,728	£3,676,728	Includes one off payments to Schools (£2.299m), KS4 late entrants programme at Eastbrook (£160k), 5 additional classes (£287k), NNDR increases (£500k) and pupil growth following finalisation of DSG in June 2012
Early Years PVI allocations	£3,225,000	£3,225,000	£0	An estimated under spend of £160k to be carried forward to the 2013/14 Early Years Block
Centrally Retained	£17,569,000	£17,909,000	£340,000	Covers the agreed carry forward 11/12 of £180k for SEN Panel and £160k For Nursery SEN
Schools in Financial Difficulty	£1,500,000	£1,618,000	£118,000	Refer to table 2
Schools Specific Contingency	£1,325,000	£810,000	-£515,000	Kitchen equipment / replacement refurbishment project
Retained balance	-£6,775,000	£0	-£6,775,000	
2011/12 Carry forward	-£2,298,538	£0	-£2,298,538	
Total forecast under spend	-£9,073,538	£4,076,728	-£4,996,810	

2.2 The Schools in Financial Difficulty contingency has allocated out £1.618m in 2012/13 as detailed in table 2 below. No further allocations are anticipated in 2012/13:

Table 2: Schools Facing Financial Difficulty Contingency 2012/13

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	£	£	
2012/13 Contingency		£1,636,000	
In year allocations:			
Warren recovery plan	-£300,000		
Barking Abbey loan (pending)	-£400,000		
Primary Schools –	-£250,000		
Reading Comprehension			
Project			
The Leys Primary	-£60,000		
Marks Gate Juniors	-£126,000		
Henry Green Primary	-£60,000		
Thomas Arnold Primary	-£80,000		
Warren - 2012/13 school	-£282,000		
payback			
St Joseph's Primary	-£60,000	-£1,618,000	
(Barking)			
Contingency balance		£18,000	

DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT – 2013/14 BLOCK ALLOCATIONS

2.3 The DSG block allocations were confirmed by DfE on 19 December 2012. The total DSG for 2013/14 is £215,626,000 which excludes pupil premium, EFA sixth form funding. The allocation of the DSG by the DfE is detailed below:

	£215,626,000
2 Year Old provision	£4,465,000
Schools Block	£178,436,000
Early Years Block	£10,741,000
High Needs Block	£21,984,000

- 2.4 Two significant sums have been deducted by the DfE prior to confirming final funding levels for 2013/14 which are detailed below:
 - Hospital top slice £338,915 reduction. Hospital schools will be funded direct by DfE from 2013/14. There has been a national top slice, based on pupil numbers, across all authorities to fund hospital schools. In 2012/13 LBBD are forecasting to spend £169,800 on hospital tuition which is considerably less than the actual top slice. DfE have allocated the reduction across all three funding blocks.
 - Removal of the 90% floor protection limit for 3 year olds £387,716 reduction (net). The 90% floor protection limit for 3 years olds was to be removed in full from 1 April 2013 (a reduction of £751,716). Transitional funding of £364,000 has been provided for 2013/14 only which means the net reduction

is £387.716. The current understanding is that the protection funding will be removed in full in 2014/15. This reduction is applied to the Early Years Block.

- 2.5 LBBD received an area cost adjustment for 2013/14 in recognition that schools pay inner London teaching costs despite being funded at outer London rates. The total of the area cost adjustment is £6,798,000 which equates to £200 per pupil. Within the pupil base used to calculate the area cost adjustment were 2.440 (full time equivalent) three and four year olds accessing their 15 hours of free entitlement to nursery education. In funding term this equates to £488,000 and this sum has been moved into the Early Years Block with the remainder of £6.310.000 remaining within the Schools Block.
- 2.6 Table 3 below shows the 2013/14 block values against the estimated spend for 2013/14. The table is followed by a detailed analysis of each funding block:

Table 3: 2013/14 Estimated DSG Expenditure					
	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Schools Block	2 Year Old Funding	Total
Block Value	£21,984,000	£10,741,000	£178,436,000	£4,465,000	£215,626,000
Less non delegated top slice			-£2,849,800		-£2,849,800
Less growth fund			-£3,070,000		-£3,070,000
Anticipated increase in block value		£910,760			£910,760
Estimated expenditure	£24,415,701	£11,820,261	£171,315,460	£4,465,000 (includes a c/f of £768k into 2014/15	£212,016,422
Estimated under / over spend	£2,431,701	£168,501	-£1,200,740	£0	£1,399,462
Estimated high needs growth	-£500,000				-£500,000
Revised estimated under / over spend	£1,931,701				£899,462
Application of 2012/13 carried forward under spend		-£160,000			-£160,000
Application of retained carry forward	-£739,462				-£739,462
TOTAL	£1,192,239	£8,501	-£1,200,740	£0	£0

Note 1 – The estimated under spend against 2 year old funding in 2013/14 is £768,100. The 2 year old funding of £4.465m includes trajectory funding to enable the Local Authority to build capacity to meet its statutory September 2014 targets. Trajectory funding covers the period April 2013 to September 2014 and any under spend in 2013/14 must be carried forward into 2014/15.

HIGH NEEDS BLOCK

2.7 The High Needs Block for 2013/14 is summarised below:

Block value £21,984,000
Estimated expenditure £24,415,701
Estimated growth -£500,000
Application of retained carry forward -£739,462
£1.192.239

- 2.8 The detail of the High Needs Block is shown in appendix 1. A number of elements of the High Needs Block are explained in further detail below:
 - Seabrook House has been allocated an operational budget of £703,100 for 2013/14
 - Fees for children with special educational needs in non maintained schools the 2013/14 budget is based on the assumption that all placements as at November 2012 will be funded for the full year in 2013/14. No demand growth has been built into the budget for 2013/14 on account of Seabrook House opening. Price inflation of 4.2% (£194,200) has been allowed for based on 2012/13 fee increases
 - Funding of £5,851,628 has been allocated for ARP's in 2013/14, an increase of £818,998 on 2012/13's expenditure. DfE have changed their funding methodology for pupils in ARP's. In previous years the number of pupils in ARP's has not been deducted from the total pupil count which forms the basis of the DSG. For 2013/14 DfE has deducted the number of pupils in ARP's from the October 2012 pupil count. This has resulted in a reduction of 255 pupils and the funding attached to these pupils is estimated at £1.4m. The cost of re-instating the ARP pupils within a schools pupil count is estimated at £1.2m. It is appreciated that this will have an adverse impact on some schools and to mitigate this impact it is proposed to increase the cost per ARP place by £1,500. This adds an additional cost of £366,500 to the High Needs Block which is included within the 2013/14 budget provision of £5,851,628. The Schools Forum is asked to consider and endorse this proposal

Decision required – the Schools Forum is asked to consider and endorse the Local Authority proposal to increase the cost per ARP place by £1,500 in 2013/14

- A Head Teacher contingency is funded at £674,400. From April 2014 all schools are expected to meet the first £10k of any additional support requirements of children with a special need (£4k basic entitlement and £6k notional SEN budget). This contingency fund is to enable schools to access funding for high needs children, high numbers of low cost SEN children and exceptional funding
- 2.9 The High Needs Block includes funding for 252 ARP places from 1 April 2013 increasing to 337 funded places from 1 September 2013 (includes 35 places at Seabrook House). Please refer to appendix 2 for the detail of ARP places in

2013/14. Under the new arrangements the funding of vacant places, a temporary period of going over planned numbers and accommodating pupils from other local authorities needs to be addressed within the ARP's, special schools and the Tuition Centre (PRU). The Local Authority is proposing the following arrangements are applied to the ARP's, special schools and the Tuition Centre (PRU):

- To fund the per place element of £10k for all planned places agreed for 01 April 2013 and 01 September 2013
- To fund the top up element monthly, based on a monthly pupil count
- It will be assumed over the summer holidays that provisions are full
- If provisions are asked to go over planned numbers, which is usually for a short period of time, the top up funding only will be paid to the provision for the relevant period
- If provisions accommodate pupils from other local authorities, LBBD will claw back the top up element with the provision receiving the top up funding from the other local authority

The Schools Forum is asked to consider and endorse the Local Authority proposals in respect to the funding of vacant places, a temporary period of going over planned numbers and accommodating pupils from other local authorities

Decision required - the Schools Forum is asked to consider and endorse the Local Authority proposals in respect to the funding of vacant places, a temporary period of going over planned numbers and accommodating pupils from other local authorities

EARLY YEARS BLOCK

2.10 The Early Years Block for 2013/14 is summarised below:

Block value (indicative) £10,741,000
Anticipated increased in block value £910,760
Estimated expenditure £11,820,261
Application of 2012/13 carried forward u/s
Estimated overspend £8,501

- 2.11 The Early Years Block is based on the January 2012 numbers. The final block value will be based on the January 2013 pupil count and will be confirmed in June / July 2013. For this reason it has been necessary to project both the final block value and expenditure on the estimated January 2013 pupil count:
 - The final block value is estimated at £11,651,760 (£10,741,000 + £910,760).
 This is based on estimated additional growth of 10% in the PVI sector up to January 2013 (based on previous growth) and for maintained schools,
 December 2012 numbers have been used plus an additional 5% for January starts

- In terms of expenditure, an additional 10% growth for the PVI sector is assumed. No growth is assumed for maintained schools in 2013/14
- 2.12 The estimated expenditure within the Early Years Block is detailed below:

Early Years Co-ordinators (6fte)	£295,942
Home Portage Scheme (8.74 fte)	£417,560
Early Years Teachers (5.6 fte)	£380,164
Funding of school places	£6,540,109
Funding of PVI places (inc commissioning)	£4,186,486
	£11,820,261

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SCHOOLS BLOCK

2.13 The Schools Block for 2013/14 is summarised below:

Block value	£178,436,000
Less non delegated top slice	-£2,849,800
Less growth fund	-£3,070,000
Cost of School Funding Model	£171,315,460
Estimated under spend	-£1,200,740

- 2.14 When the 2013/14 DSG was finalised in December 2012, London Councils collated block allocations across London. The analysis showed that LBBD's proportion of DSG allocated to the Schools block was the third highest in London at just under 83%. Havering was ranked the highest with 84.94% followed by Enfield with 83.44%. The lowest ranked of the London Borough's was Kensington and Chelsea at 68.22%. The analysis is shown in appendix 3.
- 2.15 The new funding regulations work on the basis that services within the Schools Block and the funding for them should be delegated to schools in the first instance. The regulations allow 3 exceptions to this rule and a 'top slice' from the Schools Block is allowable with School Forum agreement. LBBD have circumstances that fall under exceptions 1, 2 and 3, as detailed below:
 - Exception 1- De-delegated services see section 2.19

Exception 2 - Historical commitments recognising that some funding arrangements have been made in good faith on the basis of previously locally agreed decisions

Exception 3 – Covers the statutory functions of the Local Authority. There are some services that have traditionally been met through the budget for schools which relate to the statutory function of the authority and these are allowable for 'top slice' from the Schools Block.

In respect of both exceptions the expenditure is limited to the value of the 2012/13 budget with no new commitments. Schools Forum is required to approve the amounts on each line for 'top slicing'. Table 4 below details the required 'top slice' for 2013/14:

Table 4: Centrally Retained DSG Budget 2013/14

Table 4: Centrally Ret Description	2013/14 Budget	Detail
Admissions	£536,800	
Aumissions	1330,000	Expenditure incurred in connection with the LA's functions under section 85A of
		the 1998 Act (updated section 46 of the
		2002 Act). Includes administration of
		the system of admissions
Service of Schools	£100,000	Expenditure incurred in connection with
Forum	2.00,000	the LA's functions of running the forum
		as defined under S47A of the 1998 Act
		(addition under S43 of the Education
		Act 2002)
Carbon Reduction	£250,000	£200k originally agreed 28/06/11.
Commitment		Increased it £250k 21/02/12
Capital expenditure	£580,000	ViOP telephony system agreed in
funded from revenue		principle by Schools Forum 21/02/12
School Improvement	£113,800	Previously approved by Schools Forum
		as replacement for Standards Fund
Osh sala Estatas	0450.000	Grant
Schools Estates	£150,000	For Capital Investment team to support
		and project manage builds. Due to the level of expansion and inward
		investment required in future years,
		Schools Forum on 10/10/11 agreed to
		support his on an ongoing basis
School Games	£50,000	Funding for a previously agreed post
Organiser funding	200,000	(Sports Co-ordinator) ceases in March
		2013. School Forum 21/02/12
Trewern Outdoor	£209,000	Forum approval 20/01/11
Education Centre		
Community Music	£410,000	Forum approval 20/01/11
Service		
Advisory Teachers	£330,000	Forum approval 20/01/11
Primary Strategy	£60,000	Previously approved by Schools Forum
		as replacement for Standards Fund
	200 000	Grant
Licences /	£60,200	Note 1
Subscriptions	00.040.000	
	£2,849,800	

Note 1 The DfE will now be purchasing the licenses for the Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA), and the Music Publishers Association (MPA), and recharging local authorities. This retained figure is included in the top-slice to cover the cost. Please note that other licenses will continue to be traded as SLA's in 2013-14, but that the SLA charges will be reduced to reflect these central purchases.

2.16 The Schools Forum is asked to agree each line of the centrally retained DSG for 2013/14. In addition Schools Forum agreement is sought to delegate the detailed review of the 2013/14 centrally retained DSG to the Local Authority / Head Teacher

Steering Group with the findings of the review and any recommendations being brought back to the full Schools Forum. The next meeting of the Local Authority / Head Teacher Steering Group is scheduled for the 3 March 2013.

Decision required – Schools Forum agree each line of the centrally retained DSG for 2013/14

Decision required – Schools Forum agree to delegate the detailed review of the 2013/14 centrally retained DSG to the Local Authority / Head Teacher Steering Group with the findings and any recommendations being brought back to the full Schools Forum in time to make changes for 2014-15.

- 2.17 DfE regulations allow for a growth fund to be held to fund significant pupil growth. A growth fund of £3.07m is required for 2013/14. This covers:
 - £2,650,000 to fund additional classes opened from September 2013. The proposed criteria for allocating this growth is to award £57,000 to each school with a class opening in September 2013 which is additional to the classes opened in September 2012. Additional classes must be part of the growth plan agreed and co-ordinated by the Schools Estates team. Where primary schools have expanded from 1.5 to 2 forms of entry, £28,500 additional class funding will be allocated. The growth fund will cover 46 additional classes from September 2013. If demand for additional classes proves to be greater there will be a need to allocate more money in year to the growth fund. This will have to be funded from the retained carry forward.
 - £420,000 has been earmarked to cover the opening of new schools and proposed school expansions. The criteria for allocating new school funding will be based on a reasonable level of funding to meet the schools need (taking into account funding allocated via the formula if applicable) and for this reason will have to be assessed on a case by case basis. For school expansions an additional one off split site allocation of £40,000 is proposed. This is to be awarded to school expansions of 2 or more forms of entry onto a new separate site. Split sites are defined as a site being split by a public highway. Once again if demand exceeds the £420,000 earmarked provision, the balance will have to be funded form the retained carry forward.
- 2.18 The Schools Forum is asked to approve a growth fund of £3.07m for 2013/14 and agree the proposed allocation criteria for additional classes, new schools and expanding schools, as detailed in 2.17 above.

Decision required – Schools Forum agree the growth fund of £3.07m for 2013/14 and agree the proposed allocation criteria for additional classes, new schools and expanding schools

2.19 Exception 1 is where maintained schools agree that a service should be provided centrally. There is a limited range of services where central provision for maintained schools may be argued for on the grounds of economies of scale or pooled risk. The funding for such items was previously centrally retained but under the new regulations must be delegated to schools through the funding formula and Schools Forum approval must be sought to de-delegate this funding. At its meeting

- on November 28 2012, the Schools Forum agreed, in principle, to the de-delegation of funding that falls under this exception.
- 2.20 In 2013/14 funding of £3,766,457 is newly delegated to Schools and, within this, a sum of £1,925,613 is proposed for de-delegation, as detailed in table 5 below:

Table 5: DSG De-delegations 2013/14

Detail	New Delegation		Proposed Delegation	
	Per pupil (£)	Total (£)	Per pupil (£)	Total (£)
Schools in Financial	£46.85	£1,500,000	-£39.47	-£1,250,000
Difficulty				
School Specific	£10.09	£323,013	-£10.20	-£323,013
Contingency				
Free school meals	£1.56	£50,000	-£1.58	-£50,000
eligibility				
Support for Trade		£0	-£9.55	-£302,600
Union duties				
Additional funding for	£1.53	£49,000	Not to be de-d	elegated
NQT's				
14-16 more practical	£65.83	£719,770	Not to be de-d	elegated
learning options	(secondary			
	only)			
School meals	£34.66	£1,109,674	Not to be de-d	elegated
Licences /		£15,000	Not to be de-d	elegated
subscriptions				
TOTAL		£3,766,457		-£1,925,613

- 2.21 In respect of the newly delegated sum of £719,770 for 14-16 practical learning options. For the first time this allocation is required to be delegated. Historically it has been centrally retained and used to support 14-19 work and keep down the cost of traded services. It currently supports 8 staff. The Local Authority is looking to work with secondary heads to review the service for 2014. To enable this to happen the Local Authority is asking secondary heads to buy back into the 14-19 service for 2013/14 at current levels. The Local Authority will be writing to all secondary heads after the Schools Forum to set out the costs for each school for 2013/14.
- 2.22 The Schools Forum is requested to approve 'de-delegation' of a proportion of their formula funding as detailed in table 5 above. This de-delegation must be voted for by each school group therefore primary and secondary school representatives are requested to vote within their group.

Decision required – Primary and Secondary school representatives are requested to vote by school group to agree to the de-delegation of £1,925,613 in 2013/14

2.23 In respect of the Schools in Financial Difficulty contingency for 2013/14, the 2 Co-Chairs of the Forum request the Schools Forum to consider continuing the funding for the late entrants into the borough in KS4 provision at Eastbrook secondary school. The programme provides up to 40 places in year 10 from January to July. Funding of £160,000 was agreed by Schools Forum in February 2012 for 2012/13 and the same level of funding is requested for 2013/14.

Decision required – the Schools Forum agree to allocate continuation funding of £160,000 to Eastbrook secondary school for 2013/14 to continue the late entrants into the borough at KS4 programme

- 2.24 The revised terms of reference for the Schools in Financial Difficulty sub group will be brought back to Schools Forum in June 2013. This will allow time to fully review the terms of reference with the boroughs Legal department.
- 2.25 Model D was agreed by Cabinet on 19 December 2012 as the formula for the allocation of funding to schools in 2013/14. The 2013/14 funding formula was submitted to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) by the deadline of 22 January 2013. In their email correspondence dated 1 February 2013, the EFA approved LBBD's funding formula quoting '...the authorities' adherence to the finance regulations and proforma appear to meet the required criteria...'
- 2.26 Following the announcement of the final block allocations in December 2012, a few minor amendments were made to the formula prior to its submission to the EFA. These amendments were made to ensure the two principles, endorsed by the Schools Forum at its meeting on 25 October 2012 and agreed by Cabinet on 19 December 2013, were adhered to.
- 2.27 The key factors of the final funding formula for 2013/14, in comparison to Model D agreed by Cabinet, are detailed in table 6 below. Please refer to appendix 4 for a school by school analysis of the final funding formula. Please refer to appendix 5 for a school by analysis of the changes from Model D approved by Cabinet in December 2012 to the final funding formula.

Table 6: Comparison of Model D to Final Funding Formula 2013/14

	Model D	Final Funding Formula 2013/14
AWPU KS 1 & 2	£3,827	£3,868
AWPU KS3	£5,020	£5,009
AWPU KS4	£6,158	£6,146
Сар	6.9%	7.30%
MFG / (CAP)	(£3,193,119)	-£4,047,421
Lump sum	£150,000	£150,000
Primary split site	£100,000	£100,000
Secondary split site	£216,000	£216,000
Pre MFG primary:	1:1.36	1:1.34
secondary ratio		
Post MFG primary:	1:1.41	1:1.40
secondary ratio		
Net primary gain / (loss)	£4,834,778	£10,668,520 (includes
		pupil growth)
Net secondary gain / (loss)	£1,431,173	£1,876,487
Primary 'winners'	44	45
Primary 'losers'	1	0
Secondary 'winners'	8	8
Secondary 'losers'	1	1

2.28 The Schools Forum is asked to agree the Local Authority final funding formula for the allocation of DSG to schools for 2013/14.

Decision required – The Schools Forum is asked to consider and endorse the Local Authorities' 2013/14 final funding formula for the allocation of DSG to schools

2.29 The total cost of the model is £171,315,460

THE MOVEMENT BETWEEN FUNDING BLOCKS FOR 2013/14

- 2.30 In conclusion the Schools Forum is referred back to table 3 which summaries the DSG income and expenditure for 2013/14. To ensure proposed expenditure for 2013/14 is affordable within the overall DSG, the Local Authority proposes the following action:
 - To carry forward the estimated 2012/13 under spend against early years PVI allocations (£160,000) into 2013/14 and apply it to the Early Years Block
 - To move the 2013/14 forecast under spend of £1,200,740 against the Schools Block into the High Needs Block (£1,192,239) and the Early Years Block (£8,501)
 - To apply funding of £739,462 from the retained carry forward from 2012/13 into the 2013/14 High Needs Block

- To hold the balance on the retained carry forward of £4,257,348 (£4,996,810 less £739,462) within the High Needs Block
- 2.31 The Schools Forum is asked to agree to the Local Authority proposals to move funding between the 2013/14 funding blocks and to apply a sum of carried forward DSG to the High Needs Block.

Decision required – The Schools Forum agree to the Local Authority proposals to move funding between the 2013/14 funding blocks, to apply a sum of £739,462 of carried forward DSG to the High Needs Block and to hold the balance of retained DSG (£4,257,348) within the High Needs block (as detailed in section 2.28 and table 3 of this report)

2.32 The funding blocks will be monitoring on a monthly basis and reported to each meeting of the Schools Forum.

3. Options Appraisal

3.1 Not applicable.

4. Consultation

4.1 Not applicable.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The School Funding Formula is contained within the Dedicated Schools Grant

6. Legal Implications

6.1 The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012 govern the constitution and conduct of meetings of the Forum. The School Finance (England) Regulations 2012 determine those matters on which the Local Authority must or may consult the School Forum and those in respect of which the Schools Forum can make decisions. These Regulations make provision for the financial arrangements of local authorities in relation to the funding of maintained schools and providers of prescribed early years provision in England, for the financial year 2012-2013.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1 Risk Management None
- 7.2 **Contractual Issues** None
- 7.3 **Staffing Issues** None

- 7.4 **Customer Impact** None
- 7.5 **Safeguarding Children None**
- 7.6 **Health Issues None**
- 7.7 **Crime and Disorder Issues** None
- 7.8 **Property / Asset Issues** None

Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

None.

List of appendices:

Appendix 1 – High Needs Block 2013/14

Appendix 2 – ARP Places 2013/14

Appendix 3 – DSG Block Allocations Across London 2013/14

Appendix 4 – Final Funding Formula 2013/14 – School by School Analysis

Appendix 5 – Comparison of final funding formula compared to Model D