

SCHOOLS FORUM

2017/18 Contingencies Breakdown

1 Purpose of the Report

This report is to inform the Schools' Forum on how the council has applied the de-delegated school contingency. Any underspend in this area can be carried forward to the next financial year or deducted from the 18-19 de-delegation contingency for maintained school only.

2 Suggested Actions

The Forum is asked to note the contents of this report.

3 Background

The Department for Education (DfE) allow the council to run specific services for the maintained schools, if the maintained schools require this type of support.

The contingency is being managed by finance and each claim is assessed on its merit.

4 Financial Summary

At present there are two claims being assessed. One has been agreed and the recovery plan obtained and accepted, however it will be closely monitored to identify any issues or changes that may affect the school's ability to meet the targets set.

Please see the table below:

Description	Amount
Contingency for Maintained schools in financial difficulties	(£129,510)
School A: has had unusual difficulties in staffing which they have been working with Human Resources department for the last 2 years. The issue is becoming to seriously drain the financial resources of the school and affect they viability. A lump sum has been agreed for them restructure their resources until there is a end to the current situation.	£30,000
Total amount not yet committed.	(£99,510)

- The Early years contingency of £229k is held for Providers of Early Years services. The Early Year's Team decide how best to use that funding which has to be allocated to providers.

6 Conclusion

The schools contingency is available to maintained schools as per the school budget guidance published by the Department of Education (DfE).

Please note that this funding belongs to the maintained schools, any underspends will need to go back into the maintained school budget or carried forward into 18-19. The maintained school representatives at the Schools' Forum will make that decision when a report comes to the Schools' Forum in January 2018.

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