# Agenda Item 24

# SCHOOLS FORUM

# 2018/19 Growth Fund Criteria Report December 2017

### 1 **Purpose of the Report**

This report is to ask the Schools Forum to support the Council's proposal to "topslice" the school block budget by £800k in order to fund the 2018/19 growth fund which exists to fund the Council statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient school places in Wokingham.

This is a significant reduction on the 2017/18 "topslice" of £1,300k, increasing the school block allocation to schools by £500k in comparison to the current year.

#### 2 **Recommendations**

The Schools Forum is asked to approve the proposal.

#### 3 Background

Growth funding is built into local authorities' school block national funding formula allocation, and has been calculated based on the new criteria agreed at the October 2017 School Forum.

As it's within the schools block, a movement of funding from the schools formula into the growth fund would not be treated as a transfer between blocks. The Schools Forum does however still need to agree the total growth fund.

The growth fund can only be used only to:

- support growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need
- support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation
- meet the costs of new schools

Local authorities are responsible for funding these growth needs for all schools in their area, for new and existing maintained schools and academies. Local authorities should fund all schools on the same criteria.

The costs of new schools will include the lead-in costs, for example to fund the appointment of staff and the purchase of any goods or services necessary in order to admit pupils.

This will also include post start-up and diseconomy of scale costs. These pre and post start-up costs should be provided for academies where they are created to meet basic need.

#### 4 Suggested Action

The School's Forum are requested to approve the estimated funding requirements for 2018/19 of £800k please see Appendix A and to note the estimated requirement for 2019/20 which is detailed in Appendix B.

#### 5 Supporting information

Further information can be found on the DfE website, Schools Revenue Funding Arrangement 2018 to 2019 Guide.

#### 6 Financial Summary

Please see the following appendices for detail:

Appendix A – Estimated funding required in 2018/19. Appendix B – Estimated funding required in 2019/20.

## **Piers Brunning**

#### Senior Specialist (People and Place)

December 2017

**Coral Miller** 

Interim Schools Finance Manager

December 2017

2018-19 CM Growth fund analy	ysis	under	<u>new sc</u>	<u>heme</u>							
Table A											
		Key stage	e 1 Awpu	2780.81	30	83424.3	Full yr 7	7/12th			
				sept							
	Year										
Schools - New classes	left	Number		Start	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	stimated Tota
Colleton	2			2012					40,553		40,553
Grazeley		15		2014				24,332			24,332
Shinfield St Marys		30		2015		40,004	48,664				48,664
Loddon Beechwood	-	30 15		2016 2016		48,664 24,332					48,664
Beechwood Highwood	-	30		2016	48,664	24,332					24,332 48,664
	-	- 30		2017	-0,004						40,00
Contingency for bulge class if required		75			98,790						98,790
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Table B											
Basic need new and growing schools (funded on estimat						02.000	62.000		liding scale	)	
Per Pupil funding	ea fr	om AP I)	secondar 500		125,000	93,000	62,000	31,000			
				lump sum	80,500	67,500	54,000	40,500	27.000	31,000	
Per Pupil funding			250				.,			,	
			Empty								
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Windmill		30							34,500		34,500
Wheatfield		30	2	2014				48,000			48,000
Montague Park		30				82,500		,			82,500
Bohunt - Sec school 5 year groups		240				213,000					213,000
Floreat Silver Meadow (Shinfield West)		30		2018	88,000						88,000
Total Academy											466,000
TOTAL Estimate for 2018-19											800,00 800,00
Budget Requirement											

Appendix B											
2019-20 CM Growth fund analy	sis u	inder n	ew sche	me_							
Table A		Key stage	e 1 Awpu	2780.81	30	83424.3	Full yr 7	7/12th			
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	Year			sept							
Schools - New classes	left	Number		Start	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Tota
Colleton	2	25		2012						40.553	40.55
Grazeley	2	25 15		2012					24,332	40,553	40,55
Shinfield St Marys	-	30		2014				48,664	2-1,002		48,66
Loddon		30		2016			48,664				48,66
Beechwood		15		2016			24,332				24,33
Highwood		30		2017		48,664					48,66
Contingency for bulge class if required		75			115,790						115,79
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Table B											
Basic need new schools (funde											
Diseconomy of scale (new classes funded f Per Pupil funding	rom A	PT)	secondary 500		125,000	93,000	62,000	31,000			
Per Papir funding				lump sum	80,500	67,500	54,000	40,500	27,000	31,000	
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		NOR	Empty year								
Windmill		30		2013						38,500	38,50
Wheatfield		30	2	2014					34,500		34,50
Montague Park		30	4	2016			69,000				69,00
Bohunt - Sec school 5 year groups		240	3	2016			182,000				182,00
Floreat Silver Meadow (Shinfield West)		30		2018		75,000					75,00
NEW AND GROWING SCHOOLS											399,00
Total including Budget											750,000
2018-19 (Last Year Allocation) Growth fund Saving from last year.											800,00 -50,00