

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Changes to School block budget</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Schools Forum on 21 February 2018
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific;
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Interim Director of People Services - Paul Senior

<b>OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY</b>
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Not applicable
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<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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Review the changes.
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<b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b>
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<p>The Schools Forum is being consulted on the late adjustment to the School block budget which was caused due to the Late decision made on the council disapplication request to move money from the High needs block to the School block which was rejected by the DfE on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.</p>
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<p>Due to this change a factor that had been set, had to be changed to accommodate the additional funding added to the School block budget.</p>
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## 2018/19 Schools Block changes

### February 2018

#### .01 Purpose of the Report

This report is to consult with the Schools Forum on the 2018-19 Schools block budget changes.

#### .02 Suggested Actions

The Schools Forum are being consulted on behalf of all Wokingham schools on the change to the Schools block budget for 2018/19.

#### .03 Background

As part of the Schools block budget guidance from the DfE, the council were allowed to move 0.5% from the school block budget to the High need block budget only after consultation with the schools and approval from the Schools Forum.

After consultation with the schools and writing a report to Schools Forum in October 2017, the Schools Forum rejected the council's proposal to transfer 0.5% from the Schools block to the High Needs block.

The Council did not agree with that decision and asked the Secretary of State to approve the proposal. On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 the DfE responded and agreed with the Schools Forum and rejected the proposal. **Please see Appendix A.**

Due to this the budget that was submitted to the DfE on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 had to be adjusted, and the DfE wanted the revised budget submitted to them on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Because of the time limit and the additional funding coming into the block the Council had limited time to model and has come up with the following two options

1. Increase the capping limit to 3.5% as we are unable to cap the gains in the Schools block budget by 3% with our correct formula, the impact on the schools are 5 losers and 16 schools have no changes from the indicative OR
2. Increase the MFG to a positive MFG of 0.5% therefore all schools will receive an increase per pupil of at least half a percentage. This option would allow us to keep the capping at 3%. In this option 7 schools lose but this is not because of the formula, 4 of the losers are business rate reduction (only pay 20% business rates when you convert to a Academy) and 3 schools had better prior attainment results. All other Schools has receive an increase from the indicative.

Please see the following original changes for information:

No	Description - changes	17-18 budget	18-19 budget	NFF	Comment
1.	Primary Prior attainment	226.07	500	1,050	Moving toward NFF
2.	Lump sum reduction	175,000	150,000	110,000	Moving toward NFF
3.	Capping	0%	3%	3%	Move to the NFF
4.	Minimum Funding Guarantee	-1.5%	0%	0% to -1.5%	To stop any school losing funding per pupil
5.	Primary & Secondary Ratio adjustment	1:1.27	1:1.28	1:1.29	Moving toward the NFF

#### **.04 Financial Summary**

The Council has chosen to go with a positive MFG of 0.5%. Please see the below that allows the Local authority to do this without an application.

“Subject: Local implementation of the national funding formula (NFF)

Dear local authority finance officers

Local implementation of the national funding formula (NFF)

We’re aware that a large number of local authorities have requested to move as closely as possible to the NFF for 2018 to 2019. As a result, it’s been agreed that the funding regulations will be amended to enable local formulae to include a positive minimum funding guarantee (MFG) up to + 0.5% per pupil. It’s also been agreed to allow the premises factors to be removed from the calculation of the minimum funding levels using the same methodology as that used for the NFF calculation”

Please see Appendix B and Appendix C on the impact on schools in Wokingham.

#### **.05 Conclusion**

The Department of Education (DfE) regulations says that any changes to the funding formula needs to be consulted with all Schools, Academies and the Schools Forum. Due to the late response from the DfE we are consulting with schools and Academy via this Schools forum paper which is available to all schools.

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**February 2018**

**John Ogden**  
**Interim Head of Finance**  
**February 2018**

## APPENDIX B

### 2018/19 to 2017/18 Comparision Table

Primary:Secondary ratio		1:1.28	1:1.28	
		A	B	C
		2018-19	2018-19	
School Name	Change s in the numbe r on roll	Indicative 2018-19 Budget	Final 2018-19 Budget 0.5% MFG	Variance between B - A Final against Draft)
Total		98,248,786	98,742,721	493,935
<b>Gainer</b>				
Aldryngton Primary School	0	1,132,783	1,143,200	10,417
All Saints C.E. (Aided) Primary School	38	1,213,888	1,219,180	5,292
Bearwood Primary School	-5	1,055,383	1,059,826	4,443
Beechwood Primary School	39	1,301,380	1,307,069	5,689
Bohunt Wokingham	273	2,588,446	2,610,510	22,064
Crazies Hill C. E. Primary School	-5	457,988	459,481	1,493
Emmbrook Infant School	11	752,164	755,147	2,983
Emmbrook Junior School	6	941,342	944,031	2,688
Evendons Primary Free School	58	1,074,906	1,089,710	14,804
Farley Hill Primary School	14	775,492	778,564	3,072
Finchampstead Primary School	-2	505,056	506,825	1,769
Floreat Montague Park	60	515,572	545,941	30,370
Floreat Silver Meadow	0	209,109	209,305	196
Gorse Ride Infant School	10	689,645	692,262	2,618
Gorse Ride Junior School	3	939,435	943,325	3,890
Grazeley Parochial Primary School	14	742,853	745,786	2,934
HAWKEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL	-3	2,127,341	2,136,611	9,269
Highwood Primary School	45	1,022,910	1,027,207	4,297
Keep Hatch Primary School	-14	1,429,462	1,441,940	12,478
Lambs Lane Primary School	3	866,549	870,055	3,506
Loddon Primary School	37	1,700,494	1,708,743	8,249
MAIDEN ERLEGH SCHOOL	-8	6,313,182	6,335,864	22,682
Nine Mile Ride Primary School	-13	1,208,791	1,213,831	5,040
Oakbank	61	2,524,932	2,556,693	31,761
Polehampton C E Junior School	-1	902,282	908,530	6,248
Polehampton C of E Infant School	-2	723,802	726,614	2,812
Radstock Primary School	1	1,476,977	1,485,539	8,562
Rivermead Primary School	0	1,406,989	1,415,724	8,735
Robert Piggott CE Infant School	3	532,024	533,893	1,869

Robert Piggott CE Jnr School	2	701,385	707,641	6,256
Shinfield Infant & Nursery Sch	-3	1,102,709	1,107,317	4,608
Shinfield St. Mary's CE (VA) Junior School	52	1,223,046	1,228,345	5,300
Sonning Church of England Primary School	-3	784,478	792,611	8,133
South Lake Primary School	-1	1,470,426	1,481,579	11,153
ST CRISPIN'S SCHOOL	18	4,528,265	4,548,771	20,505
St Dominic Savio Catholic Schl	20	1,452,383	1,460,235	7,851
St Paul's C of E Junior School	0	1,356,141	1,361,885	5,744
ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL	6	1,673,335	1,692,951	19,615
St Sebastians CE Primary Sch	11	691,165	693,857	2,691
St Teresa's Catholic Primary School	-2	1,103,992	1,111,798	7,806
St. Nicholas C.of E. Primary	-2	591,893	593,792	1,899
THE BULMERSHE SCHOOL	75	4,268,739	4,293,017	24,278
The Colleton Primary School	19	1,357,635	1,363,292	5,657
The Coombes C of E Primary	-75	1,379,772	1,411,124	31,351
The Emmbrook School	-52	3,710,780	3,727,727	16,947
The Forest School	-117	3,753,868	3,771,080	17,212
The Hawthorns Primary School	-19	1,450,870	1,465,955	15,085
The Holt School	11	4,698,931	4,728,434	29,503
Waingels College	-37	5,039,023	5,063,535	24,512
Wescott Infant School	6	682,650	685,252	2,602
Westende Junior School	14	919,281	925,912	6,631
Wheatfield Primary School	26	598,942	601,285	2,343
Willow Bank Infant School	-2	695,172	699,740	4,568
Willow Bank Junior School	1	895,276	895,350	74
Windmill Primary School	24	703,227	706,101	2,874
WINNERSH PRIMARY SCHOOL	11	1,597,146	1,604,042	6,896
Woodley CE Primary School	2	1,153,100	1,161,223	8,123

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Hatch Ride Primary School	-10	785,531	774,741	-10,790
Hillside Primary School	-1	1,522,649	1,511,923	-10,726
Oaklands Infant	-6	682,563	679,596	-2,966
The Piggott School	43	5,064,164	5,055,379	-8,785
OAKLANDS JUNIOR SCHOOL	-1	923,834	917,730	-6,104
Walter Infant School	-4	1,004,681	998,443	-6,238
Whiteknights Primary School	-10	1,550,556	1,549,650	-906

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## APPENDIX C

### 2018/19 to 2018/19 Comparision the draft budget against the final budget variance

		INDICATIVE	FINAL 0.5% MFG	VARIANCE to INDICATIV E
LAESTA B	School Name	18-19 Post MFG per pupil Budget	18-19 Post MFG per pupil Budget	18-19 Post MFG per pupil Budget
872206 2	OAKLANDS JUNIOR SCHOOL	3,755	3,731	-25
872206 7	Nine Mile Ride Primary School	3,598	3,613	15
872208 8	Farley Hill Primary School	3,801	3,816	15
872208 9	Lambs Lane Primary School	3,957	3,973	16
872210 0	Bearwood Primary School	4,139	4,156	17
872210 1	Wescott Infant School	4,112	4,128	16
872210 5	Whiteknights Primary School	3,800	3,798	-2
872210 6	Keep Hatch Primary School	3,601	3,632	31
872211 6	Aldryngton Primary School	3,585	3,618	33
872212 1	Emmbrook Infant School	4,179	4,195	17
872213 0	Emmbrook Junior School	3,811	3,822	11
872213 2	Oaklands Infant	4,039	4,021	-18
872213 7	Walter Infant School	3,791	3,768	-24
872214 6	WINNERSH PRIMARY SCHOOL	3,465	3,479	15
872214 8	Gorse Ride Junior School	3,850	3,866	16
872214 9	The Colleton Primary School	3,563	3,578	15
872215 7	Shinfield Infant & Nursery Sch	4,130	4,147	17
872216 0	Willow Bank Infant School	3,950	3,976	26
872216 1	Willow Bank Junior School	3,794	3,794	0

872216 3	Hatch Ride Primary School	3,908	3,854	-54
872216 7	Rivermead Primary School	3,517	3,539	22
872218 4	Westende Junior School	3,846	3,874	28
872222 7	The Hawthorns Primary School	3,446	3,482	36
872223 2	Gorse Ride Infant School	4,257	4,273	16
872223 5	Radstock Primary School	3,508	3,529	20
872223 7	HAWKEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL	3,404	3,419	15
872223 8	Hillside Primary School	3,651	3,626	-26
872224 5	Beechwood Primary School	3,635	3,651	16
872224 6	Highwood Primary School	4,353	4,371	18
872224 7	South Lake Primary School	3,518	3,544	27
872303 7	St. Nicholas C.of E. Primary	4,320	4,334	14
872304 1	Shinfield St. Mary's CE (VA) Junior School	3,822	3,839	17
872304 6	Polehampton C of E Infant School	4,044	4,059	16
872304 8	Crazies Hill C. E. Primary School	4,978	4,994	16
872305 5	St Paul's C of E Junior School	3,550	3,565	15
872305 6	Woodley CE Primary School	3,696	3,722	26
872305 7	Robert Piggott CE Infant School	4,361	4,376	15
872306 1	Robert Piggott CE Jnr School	4,031	4,067	36
872331 2	ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL	3,450	3,491	40
872331 5	Finchampstead Primary School	4,430	4,446	16
872331 9	Grazeley Parochial Primary School	4,396	4,413	17
872332 0	Sonning Church of England Primary School	3,790	3,829	39
872333 0	St Sebastians CE Primary Sch	4,608	4,626	18
872334 1	St Teresa's Catholic Primary School	3,550	3,575	25
872336 8	St Dominic Savio Catholic Schl	3,491	3,510	19
872337	Polehampton C E Junior School			26

0		3,791	3,817	
872337 1	Loddon Primary School	3,401	3,417	16
872337 2	All Saints C.E. (Aided) Primary School	4,496	4,515	20
872200 6	The Coombes C of E Primary	3,484	3,563	79
872404 8	ST CRISPIN'S SCHOOL	4,817	4,839	22
872404 9	The Emmbrook School	4,915	4,937	22
872405 1	THE BULMERSHE SCHOOL	5,046	5,074	29
872200 0	Windmill	4,611	4,630	19
872200 1	Wheatfield Primary School	4,453	4,471	17
872200 2	Evendons Primary Free School	3,511	3,559	48
872200 3	Floreat Montague Park Primary School	5,697	6,100	403
872400 0	Oakbank	5,260	5,326	66
872400 1	Bohunt School Wokingham	4,949	4,991	42
872404 7	The Holt School	4,553	4,582	29
872405 0	The Forest School	4,813	4,835	22
872405 3	MAIDEN ERLEGH SCHOOL	4,581	4,598	16
872406 0	Waingels College	4,714	4,737	23
872450 5	The Piggott School	4,417	4,409	-8
872200 4	Floreat Silver Meadow Primary School	11,949	11,960	11

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## Background

The Secretary of State rejected the council's application to move 0.5% from the Schools block budget to the High needs budget.

## Analysis of Issues

Too much funding in the Schools block budget to cap growth at 3%. Because this is the National Funding formula suggestion we wanted to keep increase to a maximum of 3%, we adjusted the minimum funding guarantee to half a percent, so all schools in Wokingham will see an increase of at least 0.5% per pupil. Schools with falling rolls are improved deprivation factors will still lose.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

*The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.*

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)			
Next Financial Year (Year 2)			
Following Financial Year (Year 3)			

#### Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

**Cross-Council Implications** (how does this decision impact on other Council services, including properties and priorities?)

#### Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

#### List of Background Papers

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