

Agenda Item 8

TITLE Draft 2020/21 Schools Block Budget

FOR CONSIDERATION BY Schools Forum on 18 December 2019

WARD (All Wards);

LEAD OFFICER Director of Children's Services - Carol Cammiss

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Schools Forum are requested to agree the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and to confirm that a consultation paper showing the indicative school budgets for 2020/21 be issued to schools requesting feedback from all schools by 10th January. This will enable the final school budgets for 2020/21 to be considered by Schools Forum In January 2020 prior to submission to the Education and Skills Funding Agency by the specified January deadline.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This is the Draft 2020/21 Schools Block budget for discussion and agreement prior to consultation with all schools.

**2020/21 Draft Schools Block Budget
December 2019**

.01 Purpose of the Report

This report provides the draft Schools Block Budget for 2020/21 for consideration by the Schools Forum and reflects the consensus view of the members of the Task and Finish Group.

.02 Recommendations

Forum Members are requested to confirm the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and agree that a consultation with all schools on the proposed indicative school budgets be undertaken in early January. The views of schools will then be considered by Schools Forum at the January meeting prior to submission of the final proposals to the Funding Agency in accordance with the notified deadline.

.03 Background

The Department for Education (DfE) has, as reported at October Schools Forum, made a number of changes to the schools block funding for 2020/21 and the final funding allocation is anticipated by 20th December 2019.

The funding allocation will reflect final pupil numbers from the October 2019 schools census and updated pupil data used in the funding formula.

Schools Forum has established a Task and Finish Group to review the elements of the funding formula and make recommendations to the Schools Forum on the most appropriate formula to reflect the needs of schools in the Borough.

The members of the group are:-

Derren Gray, Head of The Piggott all-through academy (Chair)

Chris Coniam School's Business Manager, The Bulmershe maintained secondary

Carol Simpson School's Business Manager, The Colleton maintained primary

Brian Prebble Head of Rivermead maintained primary

Elaine Stewart Head of Aldryngton maintained primary

Kim Tomlin School Business Manager All Saints maintained primary

Sue Lunn School Business Manager Willowbank Infants

The Task and Finish Group met on 18th September 2019 to consider various options for funding in 2020/21 that had been prepared during the summer. However the announcement of additional national funding (£2.6bn) for 2020/21 and proposals to increase the Minimum Per Pupil Funding Levels meant that much of the initial work was by then out of date.

However the group identified the principles and factors that would be used to model the proposed formula for 2020/21. These were as follows:

- The Primary / Secondary ratio would remain unchanged at 1:1.29
- The formula factors would be inflated by 4% with the exception of free school meals which would be increased by 1.84%
- Lump sums would be modelled at £150k, £135k and £110k
- Primary Low Attainment would be increased to £800 per pupil (from £500 per pupil in the current year)
- The Minimum Funding Guarantee would be set at +1.0% to provide year on year increases in per pupil funding with a cap on gains of 6% applied.

In October 2019 the ESFA provided the Units of Funding for 2020/21: £3,954 for Primary schools and £5,093 for Secondary schools and issued a version of the modelling tool that would enable the Council to prepare initial budget projections using the above criteria. At this stage the modelling was based upon October 2018 census data but this enabled consideration of the effects of the changes above and the impact on schools of the additional funding previously announced.

.04 The Funding Options

On 5th November the Task and Finishing Group reconvened to consider the models that had been prepared. Following careful consideration of the options the group recommended the model which retained the Lump Sum at £150k thus providing some continued protection for small primary schools This rationale was favoured as the Lump Sum allocation in the National Funding Formula is moving upwards (£110,000 in the current year and £114,400 in 2020/21 and would probably stabilize at around £125,000 over the next few years).

For completeness the group requested that we produce a version of the recommended model using the MFG set at +1.84% in line with the factor used in the NFF and by reducing the capping accordingly to 5.25% - the maximum that works. Whilst this would increase most, but not all, of the primary allocations the losses to the secondary sector were considerable and deemed to be unacceptable.

Following discussions between the Chair of Schools Forum and the Chair of the Task and Finish group Appendix 1, attached, is based upon the model unanimously recommended by the Task and Finish group. This has now been updated to reflect the provisional pupil numbers from the October 2019 schools census, although final confirmation of the numbers and updated pupil data will only be available as part of the DSG settlement in December.

The Appendix provides for each school a comparison of the pupil numbers in the current year and for 2020/21 together with the budget for the current year, the indicative budget for 2020/21 and details of the increase (or decrease where there has been a drop in pupil numbers) for the new financial year.

	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools	Primary Numbers	Secondary Numbers	Total
Schools with increased pupil Nos	26	7	211	428	639
Schools with decreased pupil Nos	28	3	-211	-93	-304
Total	54	10	0	335	335

Minimum Per Pupil Funding	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools	Primary Protection	Secondary Protection	Total
Level of Protection	14	4	£553,531	£408,949	£962,480
Range of Protection	£532 to £119,537	£27,751 to £183,158			
Net effect of Capping and MFG					£43,326

.05 Financial Summary

Table A - Compares 2019/20 Budget allocated to schools with the Draft Budget for 2020/21 allocation to schools.

Description	Number on roll	Total £000	Growth fund £000	TOTAL £000
2020/21 Draft Budget	24,691	110,497	(800)	109,697*
2019/20 Budget	24,356	104,222	(800)	103,422
Increase	335			6,275

*Please note that this is the income expected using the estimated October 2019 pupil numbers that are still being validated by the DfE.

.06 Summary

This is the draft school block budget which uses the provisional October 2019 census and the new PUF, SUF and premises costs that were published by the DfE in October. These figures should be used with caution and for planning purposes only. The actual budget proposals for 2020/21 will be finalised in January 2020 for submission to the Funding Agency by the 21st January 2020.

Please see Appendix A.

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December 2019

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Appendix A

URN	LAESTAB	School Type	School Name	19-20 NOR	20-21 NOR	Variance	19-20 Post MFG Budget	20-21 Post MFG Budget	Variance	% increase
Total				24,356	24,691		103,421,576	109,696,891		
109850	8722116	Primary	Aldryngton Primary School	314	311	-3	1,159,040	1,198,875	39,836	3.44%
135459	8723372	Primary	All Saints CofE (Aided) Primary School	275	269	-6	1,245,261	1,231,075	-14,186	-1.14%
109836	8722100	Primary	Bearwood Primary School	256	260	4	1,075,628	1,102,694	27,066	2.52%
109936	8722245	Primary	Beechwood Primary School	366	354	-12	1,357,085	1,372,418	15,333	1.13%
142181	8724001	Secondary	Bohunt School Wokingham	805	1047	242	3,951,384	5,237,258	1,285,874	32.54%
109983	8723048	Primary	Crazies Hill CofE Primary School	92	97	5	464,928	487,193	22,265	4.79%
144571	8723312	Primary	Earley St Peter's Church of England Primary School	484	482	-2	1,708,182	1,814,361	106,179	6.22%
109855	8722121	Primary	Emmbrook Infant School	173	177	4	736,202	756,097	19,895	2.70%
109863	8722130	Primary	Emmbrook Junior School	246	252	6	955,663	1,019,283	63,620	6.66%
140953	8722002	Primary	Evendons Primary School	346	346	0	1,224,242	1,315,701	91,459	7.47%
109829	8722088	Primary	Farley Hill Primary School	208	205	-3	803,219	820,715	17,496	2.18%
110012	8723315	Primary	Finchampstead CofE VA Primary School	114	111	-3	512,070	518,441	6,370	1.24%
142182	8722003	Primary	Floreat Montague Park Primary School	162.25	227.25	65	814,606	1,079,131	264,525	32.47%
109924	8722232	Primary	Gorse Ride Infants' School	158	142	-16	682,772	652,408	-30,364	-4.45%
109877	8722148	Primary	Gorse Ride Junior School	231	219	-12	924,779	921,233	-3,546	-0.38%
110015	8723319	Primary	Grazeley Parochial Church of England Aided Primary School	189	202	13	814,198	866,005	51,808	6.36%
145284	8722163	Primary	Hatch Ride Primary School	197	198	1	769,964	810,160	40,196	5.22%
109929	8722237	Primary	Hawkedon Primary School	628	618	-10	2,198,000	2,386,108	188,108	8.56%
131689	8722246	Primary	Highwood Primary School	269	306	37	1,152,359	1,304,194	151,834	13.18%
109930	8722238	Primary	Hillside Primary School	421	418	-3	1,554,690	1,630,476	75,786	4.87%
109840	8722106	Primary	Keep Hatch Primary School	394	388	-6	1,472,494	1,513,880	41,386	2.81%
109830	8722089	Primary	Lambs Lane Primary School	223	200	-23	896,885	859,117	-37,768	-4.21%
131192	8723371	Primary	Loddon Primary School	517	515	-2	1,812,786	1,977,338	164,552	9.08%
136637	8724053	Secondary	Maiden Erleigh School	1387	1383	-4	6,657,600	6,979,814	322,214	4.84%
145281	8722067	Primary	Nine Mile Ride Primary School	339	345	6	1,227,596	1,298,711	71,115	5.79%
138367	8724000	Secondary	Oakbank	510	509	-1	2,717,474	2,840,299	122,825	4.52%
145283	8722132	Primary	Oaklands Infant School	168	172	4	679,783	710,391	30,608	4.50%
145282	8722062	Primary	Oaklands Junior School	253	251	-2	957,353	990,598	33,245	3.47%
109981	8723046	Primary	Polehampton Church of England Infant School	170	168	-2	702,984	701,944	-1,040	-0.15%
134899	8723370	Primary	Polehampton Church of England Junior School	239	240	1	934,512	948,580	14,068	1.51%
109927	8722235	Primary	Radstock Primary School	421	394	-27	1,513,163	1,525,628	12,465	0.82%
109894	8722167	Primary	Rivermead Primary School	410	418	8	1,462,725	1,602,933	140,209	9.59%
109989	8723057	Primary	Robert Piggott CofE Infant School	106	108	2	489,726	508,375	18,650	3.81%
109993	8723061	Primary	Robert Piggott CofE Junior School	179	181	2	736,614	767,458	30,844	4.19%
145285	8723330	Primary	Saint Sebastians Church of England Primary School	146	141	-5	682,176	669,315	-12,861	-1.89%
109886	8722157	Primary	Shinfield Infant and Nursery School	268	271	3	1,122,702	1,138,817	16,114	1.44%
109976	8723041	Primary	Shinfield St Mary's CofE Junior School	356	357	1	1,350,547	1,389,811	39,264	2.91%
872999	8722004	Primary	Alder Grove Primary School	17.5	17.5	0	144,378	145,521	1,143	0.79%
110016	8723320	Primary	Sonning CofE Primary School	209	207	-2	807,811	833,032	25,221	3.12%
133383	8722247	Primary	South Lake Primary School	415	420	5	1,508,589	1,617,359	108,769	7.21%
145286	8724048	Secondary	St Crispin's School	958	983	25	4,598,400	4,950,564	352,164	7.66%
110041	8723368	Primary	St Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School	418	414	-4	1,476,276	1,560,582	84,307	5.71%
109972	8723037	Primary	St Nicholas Church of England Primary, Hurst	136	137	1	594,769	603,393	8,624	1.45%
109987	8723055	Primary	St Paul's CofE Junior School	385	384	-1	1,416,313	1,471,399	55,086	3.89%
144455	8723341	Primary	St Teresa's Catholic Academy	309	305	-4	1,126,409	1,160,810	34,401	3.05%
110062	8724051	Secondary	The Bulmershe School	959	1019	60	5,015,345	5,519,594	504,249	10.05%
109878	8722149	Primary	The Colleton Primary School	389	375	-14	1,424,205	1,451,562	27,357	1.92%
144637	8722006	Primary	The Coombes Church of England Primary School	398	418	20	1,449,401	1,582,394	132,993	9.18%
110060	8724049	Secondary	The Emmbrook School	733	761	28	3,799,323	4,113,194	313,871	8.26%
139853	8724050	Secondary	The Forest School	664	576	-88	3,337,182	3,049,292	-287,889	-8.63%
109921	8722227	Primary	The Hawthorns Primary School	426	423	-3	1,503,534	1,630,026	126,492	8.41%
136880	8724047	Secondary	The Holt School	1067	1104	37	5,121,600	5,557,908	436,308	8.52%
136891	8724505	Secondary	The Piggott School	1194.5	1220	26	5,370,576	5,718,663	348,087	6.48%
142166	8724060	Secondary	Waingels College	1031	1041	10	4,995,036	5,277,227	282,192	5.65%
109869	8722137	Primary	Walter Infant School	273	271	-2	1,031,321	1,056,519	25,198	2.44%
109837	8722101	Primary	Wescott Infant School	160	155	-5	662,309	661,507	-802	-0.12%
109899	8722184	Primary	Westende Junior School	237	237	0	934,858	975,839	40,981	4.38%
139900	8722001	Primary	Wheatfield Primary School	165.5	182.5	17	703,350	764,883	61,534	8.75%
109839	8722105	Primary	Whiteknights Primary School	419	412	-7	1,599,784	1,647,345	47,561	2.97%
109889	8722160	Primary	Willow Bank Infant School	180	181	1	723,563	745,505	21,941	3.03%
109890	8722161	Primary	Willow Bank Junior School	239	242	3	921,207	969,327	48,120	5.22%
139899	8722000	Primary	Windmill Primary School	196.5	199	3	864,262	879,518	15,257	1.77%
109876	8722146	Primary	Winnersh Primary School	443	414	-29	1,586,854	1,583,988	-2,866	-0.18%
109988	8723056	Primary	Woodley CofE Primary School	314	311	-3	1,183,532	1,223,105	39,573	3.34%
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			AWPU Primary				2,922	2984		
			AWPU KS3				3,944	4178		
			AWPU KS4				4,558	4924		
			MPPL				606,356	962,480		
			MFG				919,781	520,268	1%	
			CAP				-54,054	-476,942	5%	