

SCHOOLS FORUM

Fourth Draft Schools Budget 2016/17

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to consider a Schools Budget for 2016/17 found in Appendix A

Suggested Action

- 2 Members are asked to consider and comment upon the attached budget (Appendix A), and agree the recommendation in para 0.4

3 Revisions made since last forum

As per Forums request at the January Forum, the third draft has been revised to reach the agreed £500k carried forward balance (£497 in reality). From this new baseline the following adjustments have been made.

1. A contribution of £25k has been ringfenced to accommodate the pre-opening costs incurred ahead of the ASD unit opening at St Crispins.
2. Budget has been transferred from Support for Inclusion to the general provision for pupils with SEN. Support for Inclusion no longer has the cost of running the Parent Support Workers and the staff saving made in 2015/16 is on going. The £200k transferred will be used to (where agreed as part of the Alternative Provision Review) pay for Resource Unit top ups, and changes in special school pupil age ranges and profiles.
3. The Foundry College Budget has been reduced by 2% in line with the impact being felt by other schools and academies across the borough.
4. There has been a £5k increase in the cost of inspections of Kilns at Secondary schools.
5. The carried forward figure has been amended in line with the budget monitoring position as at the end of January 2016.

The amount forecasted to be surplus at the end of March 2017 is now expected to be £838,000.

4 Recommendation

To adopt the Budget found in Appendix A

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