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Executive Summary

This report sets out the key decisions to be made in order that the budgets for schools can be finalised for 2018-19.

Schools Forum Actions

A) The Schools Forum is asked to:

- i) Agree by phase (maintained only) to the de-delegated funding, as outlined in section 2.0
- ii) Give views on maintained nurseries participation in two de-delegated schemes as set out in section 2.0
- ii) Agree to the Retained Budgets (all, except for former ESG which is maintained only) – (to be agreed individually) as outlined in section 3.0
- iii) Agree to the £110k block transfer request from the Schools block to the Central block to fully fund licenses and subscriptions in line with ESFA requirements and advice. Noting that this will require a disapplication request to the Secretary of State as this will be over the 0.5% limit which Schools Forum can approve.

B) The Schools Forum is asked to approve the proposed early years block central retentions within the new 5% limit set out in section 5.0 of the report.

1.0 De-delegated Services

1.1 The key actions from the last meeting and the follow up were as follows:

- a) Provide option (s) for a continuing the **maternity insurance scheme** that makes it financially viable by either uplifting rates and/or reducing pay out rates. The break even option identified by the LA is at a rate of £40.15 per pupil and also a reduction of pay our rate to 70% of level prior to October 2017.
- b) Provide further explanation on the cost of determining **free school meal eligibility**. Following a review a reduction in the costs has been identified and the cost is now stated as £147k rather than £171k. This service is funded from maintained primary schools but is also offered as a buy back to secondary maintained and also free and academy schools. Whilst the market is evolving in this area and is subject to change, we would recommend that the service be continued to be funded for a further year in this way to allow for transition. This will also mean that the LA can continue to offer a buyback service which is fully quality assured.
- c) Provide further information on the **Behaviour Services** funding being provided to Secondary Schools within the current allocation. Further information to be provided at the meeting.

- d) Uplift and justification for **trade union** amount increasing to £95k. Whilst the services has been costed at £78k the additional amount for 1 year only will allow prior year commitments to be fully funded before returning to the £78k level.

- 1.2 The rates have now been updated for the latest October 2017 census data. Whilst this has not changed the AWPU figures significantly from the last meeting, the FSM Ever 6 figures have fallen which has increased the amounts from the last meeting. Therefore the overall yield amounts being requested have not changed but with lower numbers overall, a higher unit value is being attributed to this factor to yield the same amount. However, this should not materially impact upon the amounts being taken back from individual schools as there will be fewer FSM ever 6 pupils.

Table 1 – proposed 2018-19 de-delegated rates

| Budget | Basis* | 2017-18 Budget £000 | Proposed 2018-19 Budget £000 | Estimated 2018-19 Primary School Rate £ | Estimated 2018-19 Secondary School Rate £ |
|---|---------------|------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Contingencies (including schools in financial difficulties and deficits of closing schools) | AWPU | 787 | 887 | 41.00 | 41.00 |
| Behaviour support services | FSM Ever 6 | 531 | 531 | 64.55 | 64.00 – being checked |
| Behaviour support services – Summerhouse | FSM Ever 6 | 1,132 | 1,132 | 154.35 | N/A |
| Free school meals eligibility (primary schools only) | FSM Ever 6 | 147 | 147 | 19.97 | N/A |
| Licences/subscriptions | AWPU | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Staff costs supply cover (maternity scheme) | AWPU | 690 | 850 | 40.15 | 40.15 |
| Staff costs supply cover (trade union) | AWPU | 78 | 95 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| School Improvement | AWPU | 670 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Proposed de- delegated budget | | 4,061 | 3,642 | | |

Rates now based upon October 2017 census data as published by EFSA

- 2.6 The Schools Forum is required to formally agree the de-delegated budgets annually, with members for primary maintained schools and secondary maintained schools required to decide separately for each phase. The decision applies to all maintained schools within that phase. A summary of the decisions is provided in section 4.0 to this report. The detailed appendices were

provided at the last meeting and have not been repeated here – the report at the December meeting can be referred to.

- 2.7 Funding for de-delegated services is automatically allocated to academies as part of the schools funding formula and they are able to make their own arrangements for these services. Academies may choose to purchase services from the LA, where they are offered.
- 2.8 For PRUs, nurseries and special schools to use these services there would need to be a separate funding stream from their relative funding block or by individual schools buying in. Maintained nursery schools have indicated a strong interest to participate in the arrangements for maternity and schools in difficulties on a similar per pupil funding basis (this would yield around £20k income for each of the schemes). This would align with the fact that maintained primary schools with nursery schools also participate. Maintained schools are asked for their views on this proposed arrangement.

3.0 Centrally Retained Services

- 3.1 Funding can be centrally retained for some services with agreement from the Schools Forum. The services allowed to be classified under this are set nationally by the DfE with a number of these subject to a limitation of no new commitments nor any increases, other than for the costs of the Schools Forum and admissions.
- 3.2 As noted at the last meeting for items that are within the central block, the funding cannot be moved or diverted to the Schools Block, and therefore it was generally accepted that approval should be granted.
- 3.3 The proposed 2018-19 centrally retained budgets are outlined in Table 2.

Table 2 – proposed 2018-19 centrally retained budgets in Central and Schools Block

| Budget | Approved 2017-18 budget £000 | Proposed 2018-19 budget £000 | Comments | Reference for details of what is covered see the relevant appendix |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| | | | From Central Block | |
| LA duties for all schools | 600 | 600 | This relates to statutory and regulatory duties for all schools in the borough regardless of whether they are maintained, free or academies. | Appendix A – all schools section |
| Places in independent schools for non-SEN pupils | 294 | 294 | LA proposes to continue to top-slice the schools budget to contribute towards the educational costs of looked after children that Southwark is responsible for. | Appendix C (a) |

| Budget | Approved 2017-18 budget £000 | Proposed 2018-19 budget £000 | Comments | Reference for details of what is covered see the relevant appendix |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Admissions | 673 | 673 | LA proposes to continue to retain funding at the same level; this is a statutory LA responsibility and therefore funding cannot be delegated to schools to carry out this function. It is not proposed to increase this contribution. | Appendix C (b) |
| Servicing of Schools Forum | 15 | 15 | LA proposes to continue to retain funding of £15,000 in 2018-19 to cover the costs of servicing the Schools Forum operation including clerking and working groups. It is not proposed to increase this contribution. | Appendix C (c) |
| Licenses & subscriptions | | 73 | Balance of Central Block to be used to fund licenses and subscription (the remaining balance of £110k is dealt with at para 3.6 of the report) | Appendix D |
| | N/A | 1,655 | <i>Total Central Block (agrees to overall allocation)</i> | |
| | | | Schools Block | |
| Growth fund | 600 | 600 | LA proposes to continue to top-slice funding of £600k for the 2018-19 growth fund, based on the same rate and number of additional classes as in 2016-17. The criteria will be agreed for 2018-19. | Appendix B – full detail provided as requested as the last meeting |
| Falling Rolls fund | 100 | 100 | LA proposes to continue to top-slice funding of £100k for the 2018-19 falling rolls fund. The criteria will be agreed for 2018-19. | Appendix B – full detail on criteria provided |
| | N/A | 700 | <i>Total Schools Block</i> | |
| Total | 2,282 | 2,282 | Total Centrally Retained for Central and Schools Block | |

- 3.6 The only change since the last meeting is that we have identified that £73k of the central block can be used to fund licenses and subscriptions (appendix E refers to detail). ESFA have advised us that the only way to fund the balance of the £183k would be to transfer £110k from the schools block to the central block via a disapplication request. This can only be done with the consent of the Schools Forum. The methodology for funding this could be a lump sum reduction which given the number of schools would be just over £1k per school (as 93 schools), in addition to the existing lump sum transfer for the 0.5% transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block. This would be more cost effective than schools funding this charge on an individual basis.

Therefore the Schools Forum is asked whether it would support a disapplication request on that basis to enable the cost to be fully funded. Secretary of State approval is needed as this would put the LA marginally above the 0.5% limit which Schools Forum can approve.

- 3.6 **Maintained Schools only central retention.** The LA continues to hold responsibilities for maintained schools amounting to £353k (same level as agreed by maintained schools for 2017-18 at the January 2017 meeting). These duties continue into 2018-19. The details on these duties are given at Appendix A (maintained schools only). The LA received a transitional grant in 2017-18 of £711k which it will not receive in 2018-19. The LA is having to fund this shortfall (subject to approval within the Council's budget approval process) and therefore the LA is asking maintained schools to approve the continuation of this central retention in 2018-19 by maintained schools.

4.0 Schools Forum Actions

- 4.1 The Schools Forum (maintained schools only) is asked to vote by phase to agree to the de-delegation of the proposed 2018-19 budgets and the basis of de-delegation shown in Table 1 above.
- 4.2 The Schools Forum (maintained schools & academies) is asked to agree that the proposed 2018-19 Budgets shown in Table 2 above are centrally retained before allocating funding through the formula.
- 4.3 Agree to the proposed disapplication request to transfer £110k from schools block to central block to fully fund licenses and subscriptions.
- 4.3 The Schools Forum (maintained schools only) are asked to agree the funding held back from maintained schools only for the matter identified at para 3.6.

5.0 Early Years Central Retentions

- 5.1 The Local Authority retains a proportion of the Early Years Block in order to meet its statutory duties in respect of early education and childcare as set out in the Childcare Act 2016 and related guidance. These include:
- Duty to secure free early education for all three and four year olds and specified two-year-olds,
 - Duty to collect information about individual children receiving early years provision and supply that information to DfE (school and early years census)
 - Duty to fund early education places in all sectors using a locally-determined, transparent formula – the early years single funding formula
 - Duty to secure information, advice and training for childcare providers in their area
 - Duty to provide information, advice and assistance to parents and prospective parents on the provision of childcare in their area

These duties are delivered through three small teams within Children's & Adults services:

- The Free Early Learning Team (3 staff) manages the free early education offer process, including termly headcount/claims process, funding to early years settings and promoting the free entitlement to parents.
- The Early Years Quality Improvement Team (6 staff) provides information, advice and support to the 150 early years group care settings and 350 childminders in Southwark
- The Early Years Consultants (4 staff) in the Standards team provide information, advice and support to schools in relation to the Early Years Foundation Stage

5.2 The Schools Forum is required to agree the central early years block provision in 2018-19. The central retention in 2017-18 was subject to a 7% limit. The areas funded were as follows:

| 2017-18 | £000 |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Early Years Teams Staffing | 539 |
| Early Help Service | 557 |
| Day Nursery Subsidy | 274 |
| Total | 1,370 |

5.3 In 2018-19 the limit for central retentions on the early years block reduces from 7% to 5%. Based upon the December allocations the limit is now £1.138k which will mean that an additional £207k can be held back and the Authority to work with early years settings. We would suggest that this is used to fund the local inclusion fund and the remainder is used to fund the following services.

| 2018-19 Proposed Central Retention on early year block for approval | £000 |
|---|--------------|
| Early Years Teams Staffing | 539 |
| Early Help Service (with the Council topping up the the previous amount by £165k) | 392 |
| Proposal as noted at 5.3 | 207 |
| Total | 1,138 |

5.3 The level of Early Years Block retained funding has been significantly reduced over past two years. For instance in 2016/17, £1.2m of DSG was allocated to subsidising the Council's Day Nursery provision. This was reduced to £274,000 in 2017-18 and is proposed to be reduced to zero in 2018-19. Teams have become more efficient through restructures (e.g. the Early Years Quality Improvement Team was reduced from 16 to 6 posts in 2016) and through taking on additional roles such as the launch of the 30 hours programme with no additional resources.

5.4 It is proposed to reduce the level of Early Years Block funding to the Early Help Service from £557k to £392k as a result of an increase in Council funding (subject to the Council's budget

process). This contributes to a borough wide whole family approach for children 0 to 18 which also includes the Children's Centres programme fully funded by the Council (£2.4m in 2017/18). If support were to be withdrawn from the DSG this service would likely need to be subject to a significant service reduction impacting on many families, including those with young children. An officer will attend the meeting to provide further information on the links between early help and early years.

6.0 Schools Forum Actions

- 6.1 Schools Forum is therefore asked to approve the proposed central retentions on the early years block.

Appendix A

Statutory and regulatory duties

| Responsibilities held for all schools | Responsibilities held for maintained schools only |
|--|---|
| Director of children's services and personal staff for director (Sch 2, 15a) | Functions of LA related to best value and provision of advice to governing bodies in procuring goods and services (Sch 2, 56) |
| Planning for the education service as a whole (Sch 2, 15b) | Budgeting and accounting functions relating to maintained schools (Sch 2, 73) |
| Revenue budget preparation, preparation of information on income and expenditure relating to education, and external audit relating to education (Sch 2, 22) | Functions relating to the financing of maintained schools (Sch 2, 58) |
| Authorisation and monitoring of expenditure not met from schools' budget shares (Sch 2, 15c) | Authorisation and monitoring of expenditure in respect of schools which do not have delegated budgets, and related financial administration (Sch 2, 57) |
| Formulation and review of local authority schools funding formula (Sch 2, 15d) | Monitoring of compliance with requirements in relation to the scheme for financing schools and the provision of community facilities by governing bodies (Sch 2, 58) |
| Internal audit and other tasks related to the authority's chief finance officer's responsibilities under Section 151 of LGA 1972 except duties specifically related to maintained schools (Sch 2, 15e) | Internal audit and other tasks related to the authority's chief finance officer's responsibilities under Section 151 of LGA 1972 for maintained schools (Sch 2, 59) |
| Consultation costs relating to non-staffing issues (Sch 2, 19) | Functions made under Section 44 of the 2002 Act (Consistent Financial Reporting) (Sch 2, 60) |
| Plans involving collaboration with other LA services or public or voluntary bodies (Sch 2, 15f) | Investigations of employees or potential employees, with or without remuneration to work at or for schools under the direct management of the headteacher or governing body (Sch 2, 61) |
| Standing Advisory Committees for Religious Education (SACREs) (Sch 2, 17) | Functions related to local government pensions and |
| Provision of information to or at the request of the Crown other than relating specifically to maintained schools (Sch 2, 21) | |

| Responsibilities held for all schools | Responsibilities held for maintained schools only |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| | <p>administration of teachers’ pensions in relation to staff working at maintained schools under the direct management of the headteacher or governing body (Sch 2, 62)</p> <p>Retrospective membership of pension schemes where it would not be appropriate to expect a school to meet the cost (Sch 2, 75)</p> <p>HR duties, including: advice to schools on the management of staff, pay alterations, conditions of service and composition or organisation of staff (Sch 2, 63); determination of conditions of service for non-teaching staff (Sch 2, 64); appointment or dismissal of employee functions (Sch 2, 65)</p> <p>Consultation costs relating to staffing (Sch 2, 66)</p> <p>Compliance with duties under Health and Safety at Work Act (Sch 2, 67)</p> <p>Provision of information to or at the request of the Crown relating to schools (Sch 2, 68)</p> <p>School companies (Sch 2, 69)</p> <p>Functions under the Equality Act 2010 (Sch 2, 70)</p> <p>Establish and maintaining computer systems, including data storage (Sch 2, 71)</p> <p>Appointment of governors and payment of governor expenses (Sch 2, 72)</p> |

Table 8a: Central services responsibilities held by local authorities (statutory and regulatory duties)

Education welfare

| Responsibilities held for all schools | Responsibilities held for maintained schools only |
|---|---|
| <p>Functions in relation to the exclusion of pupils from schools, excluding any provision of education to excluded pupils (Sch 2, 20)</p> <p>School attendance (Sch 2, 16)</p> <p>Responsibilities regarding the employment of children (Sch 2, 18)</p> | <p>Inspection of attendance registers (Sch 2, 78)</p> |

Table 8b: Central services responsibilities held by local authorities (education welfare)

Asset management

| Responsibilities held for all schools | Responsibilities held for maintained schools only |
|---|---|
| <p>Management of the LA's capital programme including preparation and review of an asset management plan, and negotiation and management of private finance transactions (Sch 2, 14a)</p> <p>General landlord duties for all buildings owned by the local authority, including those leased to academies (Sch 2, 14b)</p> | <p>General landlord duties for all maintained schools (Sch 2, 76a & b (section 542(2)) Education Act 1996; School Premises Regulations 2012) to ensure that school buildings have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate facilities for pupils and staff (including medical and accommodation) • the ability to sustain appropriate loads • reasonable weather resistance • safe escape routes • appropriate acoustic levels • lighting, heating and ventilation |

| Responsibilities held for all schools | Responsibilities held for maintained schools only |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| | <p>which meets the required standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adequate water supplies and drainage • playing fields of the appropriate standards <p>(per Chair of Schools Forum – above excludes VA, VC and Foundation Schools as appropriate)</p> <p>General health and safety duty as an employer for employees and others who may be affected (Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974)</p> <p>Management of the risk from asbestos in community school buildings (Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012)</p> |

Table 8c: Central services responsibilities held by local authorities (asset management)

Central support services

| Responsibilities held for all schools | Responsibilities held for maintained schools only |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| No functions | <p>Clothing grants (Sch 2, 52)</p> <p>Provision of tuition in music, or on other music-related activities (Sch 2, 53)</p> <p>Visual, creative and performing arts (Sch 2, 54)</p> <p>Outdoor education centres (but not centres mainly for the provision of organised games, swimming or athletics) (Sch 2, 55)</p> |

Table 8d: Central services responsibilities held by local authorities (central support services)**Premature retirement and redundancy**

| Responsibilities held for all schools | Responsibilities held for maintained schools only |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| No functions | Dismissal or premature retirement when costs cannot be charged to maintained schools (Sch 2, 77) |

Table 8e: Central services responsibilities held by local authorities (premature retirement and redundancy)**Monitoring national curriculum assessment**

| Responsibilities held for all schools | Responsibilities held for maintained schools only |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| No functions | Monitoring of National Curriculum assessments (Sch 2, 74) |

Table 8f: Central services responsibilities held by local authorities (monitoring national curriculum assessment)**Therapies**

| Responsibilities held for all schools | Responsibilities held for maintained schools only |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| No functions | This is now covered in the high needs section of the regulations and does not require schools forum approval |

Table 8g: Central services responsibilities held by local authorities (therapies)**Other ongoing duties**

| Responsibilities held for all schools | Responsibilities held for maintained schools only |
|---|---|
| Licences negotiated centrally by the Secretary of State for all publicly funded schools (Sch 2, 8); this does not require schools forum | No functions |

| Responsibilities held for all schools | Responsibilities held for maintained schools only |
|--|---|
| <p>approval</p> <p>Admissions (Sch 2, 9)</p> <p>Places in independent schools for non-SEN pupils (Sch 2, 10)</p> <p>Remission of boarding fees at maintained schools and academies (Sch 2, 11)</p> <p>Servicing of schools forums (Sch 2, 12)</p> <p>Back-pay for equal pay claims (Sch 2, 13)</p> <p>Writing to parents of year 9 pupils about schools with an atypical age of admission, such as UTCs and studio schools, within a reasonable travelling distance (new addition to CSSB, to be included in 2018 to 2019 regulations)¹</p> | |

Table 8h: Central services responsibilities held by local authorities (other ongoing duties)

Historic commitments

| Responsibilities held for all schools | Responsibilities held for maintained schools only |
|--|---|
| <p>Capital expenditure funded from revenue (Sch 2, 1)</p> <p>Prudential borrowing costs (Sch 2, 2(a))</p> <p>Termination of employment costs (Sch 2, 2(b))</p> <p>Contribution to combined budgets (Sch 2, 2(c))</p> | <p>No functions</p> |

¹Funding for this duty was previously delivered to local authorities via a s.31 grant. Additional funding will be added to the CSSB baseline for this from 2018-19.

Table 8i: Central services responsibilities held by local authorities (historic commitments)**Additional note on central services**

Services set out in the tables above will also include administrative costs and overheads relating to these services (regulation 1(4)) for:

expenditure related to functions imposed by or under Chapter 4 of Part 2 of the 1998 Act (financing of maintained schools), the administration of grants to the authority (including preparation of applications) and, where it's the authority's duty to do so, ensuring payments are made in respect of taxation, national insurance and superannuation contributions

expenditure on recruitment, training, continuing professional development, performance management and personnel management of staff who are funded by expenditure not met from schools' budget shares and who are paid for services

expenditure in relation to the investigation and resolution of complaints

expenditure on legal services

Appendix B**Growth Fund and Falling Rolls**

| School | Sept 18 PAN | PAN Increase | Amount £000 | Payment Assessment | Further comments |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Charles Dickens - MAINTAINED | 60 | 15 | 26 | H | Final year |
| Crawford – MAINTAINED | 90 | 30 | 52 | H | Final year (for 2 years) |
| Dulwich Wood – MAINTAINED | 60 | 30 | 52 | H | Final year |
| Robert Browning – MAINTAINED | 60 | 15 | 26 | L | |
| Phoenix - MAINTAINED | 90 | 30 | 52 | H | |
| Grange – MAINTAINED | 60 | 15 | 26 | H | |
| Albion – MAINTAINED | 60 | 30 | 52 | H | Final year |
| Bellenden – MAINTAINED | 60 | 30 | 52 | M | |
| Ivydale – MAINTAINED | 120 | 60 | 104 | M | |
| Redriff - ACADEMY Apr 18- Aug 19 | 90 | 30 | 56 | H | |
| Redriff - ACADEMY Sep 18 - Mar 19 | 90 | 30 | 52 | H | |
| Keyworth -MAINTAINED | 90 | 30 | 52 | L | |
| | | | (2) | | Cost recovery |
| Falling Rolls | | | 100 | | |
| | | | 700 | | |

Growth Fund Criteria (agreed at Schools Forum March 2015)

Payments from the Growth Fund will be allocated to specific schools with temporary expansion classes which have been agreed by the Local Authority and in line with the LA's overall strategy for meeting pupil number growth within specific areas of the borough. In addition, this funding will also support the ongoing financial impact of previously agreed permanent expansions.

The arrangements for the allocation from the Growth Fund are as follows:

- Formal agreement to the expansion class by the LA as part of the overall strategy for meeting primary or secondary age pupil number growth as confirmed in writing to the school's Chair of Governors by the Southwark Director of Education, Children's and Adults Services;
- The letter will confirm the agreed number of places and value of funding that will be provided to the school;
- The funding that will be allocated to the individual school will be based on £52,000 for an expansion class of 30 places in primary schools to cover the period September to March;

- The funding allocated to an individual secondary school will be £65,000 for an additional class of 30 places to cover the period September to March.
- To support the school's cash flow, funding will be provided to the school in a one-off payment on the actual opening of the expansion class.

Funding

The primary school base funding allocation is based on the estimated costs of a UPS1 teacher, full-time classroom support and £10,000 to cover resources and any other expenses the school incurs. The school would use these resources to meet the need as they see fit.

The secondary school base funding allocation is based on the primary school allocation plus 25%. The 25% reflects the additional pupil teacher ratio costs between primary and secondary schools (school workforce statistics: PTR primary 20.8; secondary 14.95 – i.e. 25% lower PTR in secondary schools; <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/school-workforce-in-england-november-2013> table 17a) For temporary expansion classes, the schools will be funded in future financial years on the actual pupils on the school roll as part of the Southwark School Funding formula.

Falling Rolls Criteria (agreed at Schools Forum October 2016- March 2017)

- Judged Good or Outstanding at their last Ofsted inspection (this is a mandatory requirement).
- Surplus capacity exceeds 30 pupils or 20% of the published admissions number.
- Local planning data shows a requirement for at least 50% of the surplus places within the next 2 years.
- Formula funding available to the school will not support provision of an appropriate curriculum for the existing cohort.
- The school will need to make redundancies in order to contain spending within its formula budget.
- It does not have a surplus balance in excess of 5% of its school budget share as at 31 March 2016 and 31 March 2017 (or the relevant academic years in the case of academies).

Schools who meet the above criteria in 2017/18 will be able to prepare a Business case that, after checking by officers, will be submitted to Schools Forum for a decision taking into account the funding available in the falling pupils fund. Any agreed funding will be for a specified number of surplus places (within the planned admissions number) at 75% of the relevant AWPU rate.

Appendix C

Centrally retained budgets

a) Places in independent schools for non-SEN pupils – Proposed 2018-19 Budget £294k

2017-18 arrangement

The dedicated schools grant contributes £294k towards the education elements of looked after children in residential settings. Note, the DSG also contributes towards the costs of children with SEN in residential settings relating to the educational element within the high needs block.

2018-19 proposal

The LA proposes to continue to top slice the schools budget to contribute towards the educational cost of looked after children that Southwark is responsible for.

b) Admissions – Proposed 2018-19 Budget £673k

2017-18 arrangement

The Schools Forum agreed to retain funding to fund the LA's statutory functions in relation to the administration of admissions of pupils to schools. The funding is used to cover the staffing costs of the admissions team in relation to admissions and appeals.

The retained budget in 2017-18 was £673k

2018-19 proposal

The LA proposes to continue to retain funding of £673k in 2018-19; this is a statutory LA responsibility and therefore funding cannot be delegated to schools to carry out this function.

c) Servicing of Schools Forum – Proposed 2018-19 Budget £15k

2017-18 arrangement

The Schools Forum agreed to retain funding to cover the costs of servicing the Schools Forum operation including clerking and working groups.

2018-19 proposal

The LA proposes to continue to retain funding of £15k in 2018-19.

Appendix D

National copyright licences – EXTRACT from DfE

The Department has agreed with the following agencies to purchase a single national licence managed by the Department for all state-funded schools in England:

- Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI)
- Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA)
- Education Recording Agency (ERA)
- Filmbank Distributors Ltd. (for the PVSL)
- Mechanical Copyright Protection Society (MCPS)
- Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC)
- Newspaper Licensing Authority (NLA)
- Performing Rights Society (PRS)
- Phonographic Performance Limited (PPL)
- Schools Printed Music Licence (SPML)

38. This means that local authorities and schools will no longer need to negotiate individual licences. There will be savings both in administration and in the overall cost of the licence. The Department will pay the cost, including VAT, to the agencies and will provide this as a service to local authorities at a charge. This means that local authorities can continue to reclaim VAT on the licences as they do now. These arrangements will cover academies as well as maintained schools, and we will allow local authorities to hold this money centrally rather than include it in school budgets.

39. We have sent local authorities details of the charge separately (because the figures are commercial in confidence) and will use the same process as in 2017 to 2018 to deduct the charge and issue each local authority with a VAT invoice. The amount charged nationally is around 2% higher than in 2017 to 2018 due to the rise in the number of pupils and inflation.