

Blackpool Council

6 March 2018

SCHOOLS FORUM

Tuesday, 13 March 2018 at 9.15 am
in Community Room, Devonshire Primary Academy

A G E N D A

1 INTRODUCTION/APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Schools Forum members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

- (1) the type of interest concerned; and
- (2) the nature of the interest concerned.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2018 (Pages 1 - 8)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 January 2018 as a true and correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING SINCE THE LAST MEETING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

1. That Mr Golden, Finance Manager, provide a breakdown of SSA voluntary redundancy payments at the next Forum meeting on 13 March 2018.
2. That Mr Golden, Finance Manager, investigate the difference in the budget for Pupil Referral Unit top-up compared to the original budget approved in March 2017.

5 LOCAL AUTHORITY UPDATE

Mr Paul Turner, Acting Head of Schools, Standards and Effectiveness, to provide a verbal update to the Forum on relevant Local Authority developments.

6 ACADEMY AND FREE SCHOOL UPDATE

Mr Paul Turner, Acting Head of Schools, Standards and Effectiveness, to provide a verbal update to the Forum on relevant Academy and Free School developments.

7 PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Ms Lynn Donkin, Public Health Specialist, to provide a verbal update to the Forum.

8 INCLUSION UPDATE

Mr Paul Turner, Acting Head of Schools, Standards and Effectiveness, to provide a verbal update on inclusion.

9 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT BUDGET MONITORING 2017/2018 (Pages 9 - 12)

Mr Mark Golden, Finance Manager, to provide a written update to the Forum.

10 CHILDREN'S CENTRE REVIEW

To receive a verbal update on the Review of Children's Centres from Ms Nicola Turner, Integrated Commissioning Manager, Blackpool Council.

11 EARLY YEARS FUNDING FORMULA 2018/2019 (Pages 13 - 30)

Mr Paul Sharples, School Funding and PFI Manager, to provide a written report on the Early Years Funding Formula for 2018/2019.

12 HIGH NEEDS UPDATE (Pages 31 - 40)

Mr Phil Thompson, Head of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, to provide a written report on the current status of the High Needs Budget.

13 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT BUDGET PROPOSAL 2018/2019 (Pages 41 - 44)

To receive a written report from Mrs Hilary Wood, Head of Business Support and Resources, on the 2018/2019 budget proposal.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Forum to note the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 19 June 2018 at Devonshire Primary Academy from 9.15am.

General information:

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Present:

Primary School Head Teachers/Representatives

Ms J Hirst, Bispham Endowed (Chairman)

Ms E Allen, St John Vianney

Pupil Referral Unit Head Teacher/Head Teacher Representative

Ms W Casson, Educational Diversity

Primary School Governor Representative

Ms M Lonican, School Governor representative

Academy School Representatives

Mr S Brennand, Unity

Mr R Farley, Westminster

Ms T Harrison, Thames

Mr D Medcalf, St Georges

Mr N Toyne, Devonshire

Ms H McKenzie OBE, Highfield

Special School Academy Representative

Ms S Fielder, Park Academy

Non-Schools Members

Ms A Baines, Staff/Teacher Associations

Mr D Dickinson, Staff/Teacher Associations

Mr R Rendell, Early Years Strategic Group

Ms S Hughes, Blackpool and Fylde College

In Attendance:

Cllr Benson, Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning

Mr S Thompson, Director of Resources

Mr M Golden, Finance Manager

Mr P Turner, Schools Safeguarding Adviser and Acting Head of School Standards and Effectiveness

Mr P Thompson, Head of SEND

Mr C Williams, Democratic Governance Adviser (Minutes)

Mr P Sharples, School Funding and PFI Manager

Mrs H Wood, Head of Business Support and Resources

1 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Mrs Wood reported that following a review of the Forum membership, Michelle Lonican, Our Lady of the Assumption (governor representative), Roger Farley, Westminster (FCAT), Edward Vitalis, Marton/South Shore (Bright Futures), Chris Wardle, Highfield (Tauheedul), Rosie Sycamore, Highfurlong and Susan Fielder, Park (Blackpool MAT), had been appointed.

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The Chairman welcomed those new members that were present and thanked Cole Andrew, Cathy Butterworth, Graeme Dow and Susan Wilson for their service to the Forum.

2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Forum agreed to elect Ms Jo Hirst as Chairman of the Schools Forum for 2018.

3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Forum agreed to elect Nick Toyne as Vice Chairman of the Schools Forum for 2018.

4 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Diane Booth, Director of Children's Services, Blackpool Council, Janet Carroll, Headteacher, Roseacre, Edward Vitalis, Marton/South Shore (Bright Futures), Chris Wardle, Highfield (Tauheedul), Amanda Whitehead, Head of Schools Standards and Effectiveness, Lynn Donkin, Consultant in Public Health and Rosie Sycamore, Headteacher, Highfurlong.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2017

The minutes of the Schools Forum held on 10 October 2017 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting, with the exception that Amanda Baines had been in attendance.

Page 7: in relation to an action regarding In Year Fair Access Panels, it was noted that there would no longer be a Primary School representative on future Panels given the small number of primary cases dealt with so far.

7 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT BUDGET MONITORING 2017/2018

The Forum discussed items 8, 9 and 10 together as some of the recommendations outlined within each report contained elements of overlap especially in relation to subsequent decisions with financial implications.

Mr Golden provided some context to the financial position contained within the Dedicated School Grant Budget Monitoring 2017/2018 report. He explained that as reported at Forum in October 2017, there remained significant pressures on the High Needs Block and whilst work was ongoing by the Authority to manage the cost pressures in the medium term, with a new free school planned to be opened in September 2019, expenditure continued to exceed Department for Education funding in the short term. In particular, the Out of Borough placement forecast over spend had risen again and was expected to be £679,000 by the end of the financial year, and there was also an estimated overspend of £224,000 on special schools. It was also recognised that an error in the financial calculations in 2017 had resulted in a miscalculation of £388,358 being made.

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However, reassurances were provided that this would not happen again as the calculation methodology had been overhauled following the error.

It was noted that in excess of 100 children were currently placed Out of Borough and whilst the new free school would alleviate some of the associated costs, Forum members accepted that a new town-wide approach would be required to address the issue definitively and improve outcomes for those children with complex needs. The Chairman and others sought a renewed commitment from schools to keep those children in mainstream settings, where possible, until all other reasonable steps had been exhausted before considering Special School or Out of Borough placements. It was acknowledged that, were the DfE or ESFA to look at Blackpool's case, particularly in relation to potential bids for additional funding to offset placement costs, they would likely advise that more could be done within mainstream settings to improve outcomes and reduce the number of children in expensive alternative placements.

The Forum discussed the proposals in detail and agreed that the trend data was alarming and the situation regarding placements remained a key issue. For many members, the relatively quick move from a position of having healthy financial reserves to the current projections for deficit in the present and near-term financial years was one of the most significant issues facing education locally. It was reported that the number of placements of Blackpool children in specialist settings was significantly higher than the national average. Many Forum members agreed that Blackpool Schools could do more to ease the situation. Only by adopting this approach could gaps in provision, training and skills be uncovered and attitudes and practice be changed for the better. Mr Turner suggested that therapeutic methods, resilience building and restorative practice, which had worked in other areas with similar levels of deprivation and need, could be adopted.

The latest reported pressures would result in an unplanned in-year overspend of £912,000, which would absorb all reserves, and leave a forecast deficit at the year-end of £367,000.

Schools representatives pointed out that any future strategy to address the issues discussed would have to be a collaborative venture that involved the Local Authority working in partnership with Maintained schools, Academies and the PVI sector to achieve common goals. Upskilling the workforce and avoiding over reliance on one-to-one support as the primary method for schools to support children with additional complex needs were suggested. It was noted that some form of middle tier of support to bridge the gap between one-to-one support and placements would help to reduce the latter in particular and their associated high costs.

Following a question about what steps had been taken since the last Forum meeting in October 2017 to try and reduce the financial pressures outlined in the reports at Item 8, 9 and 10, Mrs Wood advised that reductions in funding by the SARP Panel, restructuring of the SEND team and the closure of two SERF units had contributed, though it was acknowledged that these measures and others had fallen short of offsetting the costs of the increasing number of placement and of avoiding a deficit position for the current financial year.

It was noted that there had been a significant level of costs associated with the redundancies of Special Support Assistants. Mr Golden was asked to provide a

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breakdown of these costs at the next meeting. It was confirmed that there were now only a small number of SSAs in the central bank, and a question was asked whether the offer of voluntary redundancy should be removed, given that there were no longer any available reserves.

Ms Hirst queried the budget for top-up in the Pupil Referral Unit, which stood at £50,000 more than the original budget agreed in March 2017. Mr Golden agreed to provide an explanation at the next meeting.

The Forum agreed:

1. To note the contents of the report and to defer the recommendations outlined in the report to be considered at the same time as those in items 9 and 10. (Please refer to Item 10 in this set of minutes for the full list of resolutions.)
2. That Mr Golden provide a breakdown of SSA voluntary redundancy payments at the next Forum meeting on 13 March 2018.
3. That the situation regarding the remaining SSAs be revisited and a discussion be held in conjunction with Human Resources at Blackpool Council to establish a course of action.
4. That Mr Golden investigate the difference in the budget for Pupil Referral Unit top-up compared to the original budget approved in March 2017.

8 DRAFT 2018/2019 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Forum discussed items 8, 9 and 10 together as some of the recommendations outlined within each report contained elements of overlap especially in relation to subsequent decisions with financial implications.

Mrs Wood reported that on 19 December 2017, the Department for Education issued the provisional allocations of Dedicated Schools Grant for 2018/2019 and that DSG would be set out in four spending blocks. Blackpool's allocations were as follows: Schools Block - £80.072m, Central Schools Services Block- £1.587m, High Needs Block - £18.957m, Early Years Block - £8.178m. This would mean a total funding amount of £108.794m.

Forum members noted that the High Needs Block had a predicted expenditure of £19.830m, which equated to £873,000 more than the allocation for that block. Again the Forum discussed in detail the twin issues of Special School and Out of Borough placements and noted that the data contained within the report suggested that in those two areas expenditure had increased by more than £3.5 million, or 50 per cent in four years.

A forecast was presented of the financial position of the High Needs Block over the next three years. This showed that, with the introduction of the new special free school, and given a number of assumptions about containing numbers in special schools and in the Pupil Referral Unit, the block could be in a break-even position within three years. However, a deficit on reserves of approximately £2m would have accumulated by this time, and would need to be repaid.

A discussion took place about the Chrysalis model that had had some success in Educational Diversity. This allowed a period of short-term intervention with pupils before they returned to a mainstream setting. Related to this, Forum members acknowledged

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that perhaps some schools had demonstrated a reluctance to integrate children back into their settings following pupils spending a period of time in a SERF or other form of specialist provision.

The future of funding for schools was discussed with concerns noted that the opening of the Armfield free school would have an impact on the number of places in neighbouring schools which could in turn impact levels of funding those settings would be eligible for. At a meeting with academy sponsors scheduled for 22 January 2018, it was suggested that the opportunity be taken to present the case for Academy schools to be held to greater account, especially in relation to their provision for pupils with additional needs and to ensure that everything possible would be done within schools before resorting to the use of outside placements.

The Forum agreed:

To note the provisional estimates for future use of Dedicated Schools Grant.

9 SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA 2018/2019 PROPOSALS

The Forum discussed items 8, 9 and 10 together as some of the recommendations outlined within each report contained elements of overlap especially in relation to subsequent decisions with financial implications.

The issue of future funding and ways to offset the current and future years' deficits were discussed in detail. Ultimately Forum members were faced with a number of dilemmas that meant the final solution would have to incorporate a number of compromises which could have a negative impact on those areas where funding might be reduced or reallocated.

Members highlighted that the local authority's proposals for the schools funding formula limited the amount of gains that schools would receive as a result of two factors: the proposed transfer of 0.5% of the Schools Block to the High Needs Block; and the necessity to fund estimated pupils at the new Armfield Free School from within the existing funding.

It was noted that the cap on gains set out in the paper at item 10 was set at 0.95%. However, the Department for Education had very recently notified local authorities of an error in the national dataset; when the formula was re-calculated with the corrected dataset, the cap could be set at 0.97%.

Mr Steve Thompson offered that, if schools were prepared to transfer 0.5% of the Schools Block to the High Needs Block, the local authority would match the amount of funding in order to help to offset pressures. This would equate to approximately £800,000 in total against the forecast deficit in 2018/19 of £873,000.

A discussion ensued regarding the £1m that is contributed from DSG to help fund school-based Children's Centres. It was noted that a commissioning review was underway to identify how provision can be best continued once the funding would no longer be available through DSG. A suggestion was put forward for this contribution to be reduced in 2018/19, however members agreed that this should be left intact until the review has run its course, with a view to reducing the contribution in future years.

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A suggestion was taken forward to form a working group to devise an action plan for the management of pressures on the High Needs Block.

The Forum agreed:

1. To agree to the use of Dedicated Schools Grant reserves (excluding school balances) to partially fund the high needs overspend in 2017-2018. (Item 8)
2. To agree to carry forward the forecast deficit balance to 2018-2019. (Item 8)
3. To note the provisional estimates for future use of Dedicated Schools Grant. (Item 9)
4. To agree to the local authority's proposal for the allocation of school funding in 2018/2019 as follows:
 - To transfer 0.5% of the total Schools Block funding to the High Needs Block.
 - Adopt the National Funding Formula values.
 - Set a minimum funding guarantee of 0.5%.
 - Set the mobility factor unit value at £624.
 - Set the capping and scaling levels at 0.97% and 100% respectively in order to facilitate moving to the national funding formula and ensure that the formula is affordable overall.
5. The Local Authority to match fund the transfer of 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block, at approximately £400,000.
6. To form a working party comprised of schools representatives to produce a detailed action plan for the management of pressures on the High Needs Block to be formally submitted to the Director of Resources, Blackpool Council.

10 PUPIL GROWTH CONTINGENCY 2018/2019

Mr Sharples reported that under the Schools and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2017, Schools Forums could agree to set aside from Dedicated Schools Grant a specific contingency to support those schools that, with the prior agreement of the Local Authority, were permanently expanding.

The growth fund could only be used for the purposes of supporting growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need and must be available on the same basis for the benefit of both maintained schools and academies.

It was therefore requested that approval be given for the 2018/2019 level of Pupil Growth Contingency.

The Forum agreed:

To approve the value of the pupil growth contingency at £76,000 in 2018/2019, which had been allocated based on the October 2017 census data.

11 DE-DELEGATION OF SERVICES AND RETENTION FOR EDUCATION FUNCTIONS 2018/2019

Mr Paul Sharples, School Funding and Private Finance Initiative Manager outlined the proposal to continue to de-delegate funding in 2018/2019 related to free school meal eligibility checks, insurances, and Professional Teacher Association (PTA) facilities time, and also to continue to retain an amount from maintained schools in respect of education functions previously funded by the Education Services Grant.

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The Forum agreed:

1. That de-delegation be approved by maintained school representatives for 2018/2019 in respect of Free School Meal Eligibility Checks, Insurances, and Union Duties.
2. That funding be retained from maintained school schools, including primary, special and the pupil referral unit, in respect of education functions, previously funded by the Education Services Grant.

12 ILLUMINATE FUNDING

Mrs Wood reported that currently within the High Needs Block, an amount of £85,000 was set aside to support primary schools admitting new-to-area pupils who meet certain criteria and schools received a one-off payment of £2,000 in respect of eligible pupils. In 2016/2017, only £24,000 was spent, and a proposal was brought to the October 2017 meeting of Schools Forum to extend the fund to also cover secondary pupils. A set of criteria was proposed, but Schools Forum asked for the criteria across both primary and secondary to be reviewed to ensure consistency across the phases.

To this end, a working group containing representatives from both phases met in November 2017 to review the criteria, with support from the Local Authority. The recommendation of the group was that a one-off payment of £2,000 be made to schools which admitted a pupil onto their roll who met at least two criteria from a list they had devised.

It was noted that Illuminate funding would not be allocated in relation to the admission of permanently excluded students as this was covered within a separate funding stream. The funding would not be available for those with a full Education, Health and Care Plan. It would also not be available for Looked After Children who received a higher level of pupil premium funding which could be allocated to provide additional support.

The Forum agreed:

1. To approve the criteria for Illuminate funding set out in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.6 of the report.
2. To agree that the revised criteria should be applied retrospectively to eligible pupils admitted since September 2017.

13 DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION CONSULTATIONS - IMPACT OF UNIVERSAL CREDIT ON SCHOOL FUNDING

The Forum noted that on 16 November 2017, the DfE issued a consultation entitled "Eligibility for free school meals and the early years pupil premium under Universal Credit". This was followed on 4 December 2017 by a further consultation entitled "Free early years entitlement for 2 year olds under Universal Credit". It was reported that currently, eligibility for Free School Meals, Early Years Pupil Premium and the 2 year-old free entitlement depended on parents receiving certain benefits. As many benefits were being replaced by Universal Credit, the Government was reviewing the eligibility criteria.

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The first of the two consultations, which closed on 11 and 15 January respectively, proposed that children would be eligible to receive Free School Meals and Early Years Pupil Premium where the household income net of benefits was less than £7,400 p.a. The DfE estimated that an additional 50,000 children would be eligible under the new criteria compared to the current system. In the second consultation, the DfE proposed that children would be eligible for the 2-year old free entitlement where the household income net of benefits was less than £15,400 p.a.

It was proposed that the changes would come into effect from April 2018 for both sets of proposals. The Eligibility Checking System, which could be used to determine households' eligibility for Free School Meals and Early Years entitlements, would be updated to cater for the new eligibility criteria.

The Forum agreed:

To note the DfE's proposals for eligibility criteria relating to Universal Credit as it impacted on Early Years and Free School Meals (FSM).

14 DIRECTED REVISION OF SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS

The report explained the recent changes to Department for Education (DfE) guidance, following the outcome of the consultation issued on 15 November 2017, which were expected to be reflected in Blackpool's Scheme for Financing Schools with effect from the date of the DfE directed revision.

The Forum considered the proposed revised Scheme for Finance Blackpool Schools attached to the report as an Appendix in which the proposed changes had been highlighted.

The Forum agreed:

To note the revisions outlined in the report for incorporation in Blackpool's Scheme for Financing Schools (maintained schools representatives).

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 13 March 2018.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 12.53 pm)

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Report to:	SCHOOLS FORUM
Relevant Officer:	Mark Golden, Finance Manager
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2018

DEDICATED SCHOOL GRANT BUDGET MONITORING 2017/2018

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To report the budget position of the Dedicated Schools Grant for the 2017-2018 Financial Year - Appendix 9(a).
- 1.2 To report the amount of Dedicated Schools Grant reserves as at 31 January 2018 along with details of future commitments – Appendix 9(b).

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To note contents of the report.

3.0 Background:

- 3.1 As reported at previous Forum meetings, there are significant pressures on the High Needs Block.
- 3.2 Work is ongoing to manage the cost pressures in the medium term with the development of an inclusion strategy and the opening of a new social, emotional and mental health Free School in September 2019. However, expenditure continues to out strip Department for Education funding in the short term.
- 3.3 The High Needs over spend has reduced since the last report (November 2017) by £45,000 from £894,000 to £849,000 mainly due to the reduced numbers at the Pupil Referral Unit.
- 3.4 The Schools Block and Early Years Block are forecasting an under spend of £23,000 and an over spend of £27,000 respectively. This represents an improvement of £14,000 since November.
- 3.5 DSG reserves as reported in January were forecast to be £367,000 in deficit by 31 March 2018. However, given the improving position explained above this is now forecast to reduce to a deficit of £308,000 by the end of the financial year. This will be carried forward to 2018-2019 as approved at the last Forum meeting. The Schools Block and Early Years Block are forecasting small variances of £18,000 under and £34,000 over respectively.

3.6 DSG reserves as reported at last forum were forecast to be at £267,000 by 31 March 2018. However, given the deteriorating in-year position described above there is now forecast to be a deficit of £367,000 by the end of the financial year which will need to be carried forward to 2018-2019.

4.0 List of Appendices:

- 4.1 Appendix 9(a) - Dedicated Schools Grant 2017-2018 Budget Monitoring Report to 31 January 2018.
Appendix 9(b) - Dedicated Schools Grant Reserves as at 31 January 2018

List of Acronyms:

DSG	-	Dedicated Schools Grant
LA	-	Local Authority
HNB	-	High Needs Block
SSA	-	Special Support Assistant
ESFA	-	Education and Skills Funding Agency
PRU	-	Pupil Referral Unit

Appendix 9(a) - Dedicated Schools Grant 2017-18 Budget Monitoring Report to 31 January 2018

Service	2017/18						Comments
	Budget £000s	In Year Adj. £000s	Recoupment £000s	Adjusted Budget £000s	Forecast Outturn	Variance £000s	
Schools Block							
Local School Budget							
- Delegated	77,748	0	(59,762)	17,986	17,986	0	
- Third Party & Public Liability Insurance (de-delegated)	279	0	0	279	279	0	
- Union Duties (de-delegated)	20	0	0	20	20	0	
- Free School Meals Eligibility Checks (de-delegated)	13	0	0	13	13	0	
- Education Functions (retained)	95	0	0	95	95	0	
Pupil Growth Contingency	71	0	146	217	217	0	
Servicing of Schools Forum	15	0	0	15	15	0	
Licences & Subscriptions	80	0	0	80	80	0	
School Admissions	140	0	0	140	117	(23)	Vacancy savings
Contribution to Combined Budgets - Children's Centres	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000	0	
Former ESG Retained Duties							
- Education Welfare	204	0	0	204	204	0	
- Asset Management	57	0	0	57	57	0	
- Statutory / Regulatory Duties	77	0	0	77	77	0	
Total Schools Block	79,798	0	(59,616)	20,182	20,158	(23)	
High Needs Block							
Special Schools							
Place Funding	3,880	0	(2,340)	1,540	1,540	0	
Top-up Funding	2,151	0	0	2,151	2,375	224	Forecast rise in pupil numbers
SERFs							
Place Funding	500	0	(302)	198	198	0	
Top-up Funding	280	0	0	280	280	0	
Transport	120	0	0	120	95	(25)	
Pupil Referral Units							
Place Funding	2,580	0	0	2,580	2,580	0	
Top-up Funding	1,436	(15)	0	1,421	1,317	(104)	Education Inclusion Officer moved from PRU to Access & Inclusion Team; underspend due to reduced pupil numbers
Mainstream Schools							
Top-up Funding	777	(21)	(0)	756	826	69	Demand pressure
Exceptional Circumstances Funding	57	0	0	57	57	0	
Post-16 Education	1,725	0	(694)	1,031	1,055	24	New placements
Out of Borough	3,225	0	0	3,225	3,913	688	New placements and increased transport costs
Specialist Advisory and Referral Service (SARS)	1,070	21	(0)	1,091	1,062	(29)	Vacancy savings
Access and Inclusion	267	15	0	282	288	7	
Other High Needs Central Services (Management, Central Support Costs, Admin Support, Pension Top-slice)	772	0	0	772	767	(5)	
Total High Needs Block	18,840	0	(3,336)	15,505	16,354	849	
Early Years Block							
2 Year Old Grants	1,717	0	(68)	1,649	2,025	376	Funding will be adjusted by DfE based on participation
Early Years Pupil Premium	113	0	(16)	98	116	18	Funding will be adjusted by DfE based on participation
3 & 4 Year Old Grants	5,648	0	(494)	5,154	5,428	274	Funding will be adjusted by DfE based on participation
Early Years Inclusion Fund	25	0	0	25	25	0	
Disability Access Fund	37	0	0	37	37	0	
Early Years Central Services	496	0	0	496	523	27	Staffing pressures partially offset by Speech and Language saving
Total Early Years Block	8,036	0	(578)	7,458	8,153	695	
Total Expenditure	106,674	0	(63,530)	43,144	44,665	1,521	
Dedicated Schools Grant Income	(106,501)	0	63,840	(42,660)	(43,329)	(668)	Estimated adjustments for Early Years participation
Post-16 funding from the EFA	0	0	(310)	(310)	(310)	0	
One off use of Reserves as approved at March 16 Forum	(174)	0	0	(174)	(174)	0	
Total Income	(106,674)	0	63,530	(43,144)	(43,813)	(668)	
In year (under)/over spend	0	0	0	0	853	853	

Appendix 9(b) - Dedicated Schools Grant Reserves as at 31 January 2018

Description	Brought Forward 01/04/17	Re-allocation approved at Jan 18 Forum	Adjusted Balance	Expenditure/ (Income) to 31st Jan 18	Forecast Spend 1st Feb -31st Mar 18	Total Expenditure FY 2017-18	Surplus / (Deficit) at 31st March 2018	Comments
Uncommitted DSG Reserve	1,000,615	(612,257)	388,358	388,358	0	388,358	(0)	2016-17 Early Years Adjustment
2017-18 DSG in year deficit - Planned	0	174,000	174,000	174,000	0	174,000	0	£174k planned
2017-18 DSG in year deficit - Unplanned	0	545,086	545,086	853,000	0	853,000	(307,914)	£853k unplanned
Equal Pay Earmarked Reserve	33,144	(33,144)	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	
Rates Holding Account	48,551	(65,375)	(16,824)	(16,824)	0	(16,824)	0	
SSA Voluntary Redundancy Reserve	50,000	116,690	166,690	166,690	0	166,690	0	
Schools Safeguarding Post	81,373	0	81,373	63,411	17,962	81,373	0	Funding until 31st Mar 2018 - Built into DSG budget from FY18-19
Pension Strain Reserve	25,000	(25,000)	0	0	0	0	0	
Insurance Holding Account	100,000	(100,000)	0	0	0	0	0	
	1,338,683	0	1,338,683	1,628,635	17,962	1,646,597	(307,914)	

Report to:	SCHOOLS FORUM
Relevant Officer:	Paul Sharples, Schools Funding and PFI Manager
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2018

EARY YEARS FUNDING FORMULA 2018/2019

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 Schools Forum is asked to agree to the local authority's proposed formula for three- and four-year old early education, and to note the funding rate for two-year olds. The proposed formula is based on new arrangements set out by the Department for Education, and following consultation with providers.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To agree to the local authority's proposed formula for three- and four-year old early education for 2018/2019 as outlined in paragraph 3.4. **(Voting is restricted to school and PVI members).**

2.2 To note the local authority's funding rate for two-year olds at £5.00 per hour.

3.0 Background Information

3.1 In March 2017, Schools Forum agreed to the local authority's proposed formula for three- and four-year old early education, following the introduction of the early Years National Funding Formula from April 2017. Blackpool's current formula for three- and four-year old funding is made up as follows:

	£ per child per hour
Base rate	£3.90
Deprivation:	
Top 0-10% of deprived postcodes	16p
Top 11-20% of deprived postcodes	8p
Top 21-30% of deprived postcodes	4p
Quality supplement:	
Outstanding practice in EYFS in latest Ofsted assessment	5p
Education led by staff with Early Years Teacher Status (or EY Professional), or other suitably qualified teacher (i.e. QTS foundation stage/primary)	8p

3.2 The national funding formula includes new restrictions on how much of the funding can be retained by Councils. The maximum permitted amount to be retained in 2018/2019 is restricted to five per cent, compared to seven per cent in 2017/2018. The effect of this is that the amount available for the three- and four-year old

entitlement will increase by c.£200,000 in 2018/2019 compared to the current year.

3.3 Blackpool Council carried out a review of the funding formula in collaboration with the Early Years Strategic Group. It subsequently issued a consultation to providers setting out its proposals for changes to Blackpool's funding formula for three- and four-year olds in 2018/2019 (see Appendix 11(a). The same formula will apply when working parents are able to access the extension to 30 hours of childcare.

3.4 The consultation ran from 2nd to 18th February 2018. The proposals can be summarised as follows:

- Removal of the quality supplement linked to an Ofsted outstanding assessment. The Early Years Strategic Group felt that there is inconsistency between judgements across settings, and that the supplement does not provide any funding for those providers striving to achieve outstanding.
- Reduction of the Inclusion Fund to £10,000. No payments have been made so far this year against the Inclusion Fund, although three are currently being reviewed. It is anticipated that claims will start to increase as awareness within settings increases. Any unspent monies from the 2017/2018 £25,000 allocation would be rolled forward to add to the £10,000 in 2018/2019, and the Fund would be reviewed annually.
- That the additional funding available should be allocated by increasing the base rate for all providers.

Consultation responses

3.5 The results can be seen in full at Appendix 11(b) to this report. The consultation received 28 individual responses, representing a 28.3% response rate. Each Early Years Provider sector response rate was as follows:

- Schools 26.7%
- Private, Voluntary or Independent 32.5%
- Childminders 25.0%

3.6 A summary of responses to each of the proposals is set out below:

Proposal 1) Removal of the quality supplement linked to an Ofsted outstanding assessment.

3.7 As of January 2018, 17 providers were in receipt of this quality supplement. 11 (64.7%) of which are Childminders. The Childminder Representative on the Early Years Strategic Group fed back to the group that Childminders are generally opposed

to the removal of the supplement. If this supplement were to be retained, it is estimated that the level of funding that would be distributed through this factor for 2018/2019 would be c.£11,000, in total. This equates to just under 1p on the Universal Base Rate, if this funding were to be redistributed to all providers.

3.8 A total of nine respondents currently receive the supplement, of which three agreed and six disagreed, that the supplement should be removed. Of the 19 respondents that currently do not receive the supplement, 16 (84.2%) agreed, and 3 (15.8%) disagreed.

3.9 **Proposal 2) Reduction of the Inclusion Fund to £10,000.**

75% of respondents agreed to the proposed reduction of the Inclusion fund from £25,000 to £10,000.

3.10 **Proposal 3) That additional funding available should be allocated by increasing the base rate for all providers**

3.11 27 of 28 respondents agreed that any additional available funding should be distributed by increasing the Universal Base Rate for all providers.

3.12 The Council therefore intends to implement the Early Years funding formula for 2018/2019 on the basis of the proposals outlined in paragraph 3.4 of this report. This will result in an increase in the Universal Base Rate from £3.90 to £4.03 per hour.

3.13 **Two-year old funding rates**

3.14 Blackpool's funding for eligible two-year olds will remain at £5.20 for 2018/2019, therefore the local authority proposes to retain the current funding rate for providers, at £5.00 per hour.

List of acronyms:

PVI – Private, Voluntary and Independent

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Appendix 11(a) - Blackpool's Early Years Funding Formula Review 2018/2019 - Consultation Document

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Blackpool's Early Years Funding Formula Review
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1. Introduction

In August 2016, the Department for Education issued a consultation on proposed changes to the way local authorities are funded for early years provision, and how they, in turn, should distribute funding to providers of the free entitlement through their local funding formula. In December 2016, the outcome of the consultation was published, which set out the arrangements that came into effect from 1st April 2017.

In February 2017 we consulted with Blackpool’s Early Years providers on Blackpool’s proposals for changes to the funding formula for 3- and 4-year old children accessing the 15 hour free entitlement to early education. The same formula also applies when working parents are eligible to access the extension to 30 hours of childcare, that came in from September 2017.

This consultation sets out Blackpool’s proposals for further changes to the funding formula for 3- and 4-year olds accessing the 15 hour free entitlement to early education, to come into effect from April 2018. As in 2017/18, the same formula also applies when working parents are eligible to access the extension to 30 hours of childcare.

2. Background

The proposals set out in this consultation are in accordance with the Government’s parameters for the design of the formula for early years funding. They have been arrived at in collaboration with the Early Years Strategic Group, which consists of:

- School nursery representatives – Mrs Jo Hirst (Headteacher of Bispham Endowed CE Primary School)
Mrs Elaine Allen (Headteacher of St John Vianney RC Primary School)
- PVI representatives – Mr Keith Beardmore (The Manor Nursery)
Mrs Carol Webb (Busy Bees Pre School)
Mr Richard Rendell (Langdale Nursery)
- Childminder representative – Ms Laura Hughes

The key dates for preparation of 2018/19 early years funding are as follows:

2nd February 2018	Consultation period opens
18th February 2018	Consultation period closes
21 st February 2018	Review of consultation responses by Early Year Strategic Group.
13 th March 2018	Agree final proposals at Schools Forum
By 31 st March 2018	Issue 2018/19 hourly rates and indicative budgets to all providers
1 st April 2018	New rates come into effect

3. Detailed Proposals

- 3.1** Following the consultation carried out with providers last year, Blackpool's current formula for 3 and 4-year old funding is made up as follows:

	£ per child per hour
Base rate	£3.90
Deprivation	
Top 0-10% of deprived postcodes	16p
Top 11-20% of deprived postcodes	8p
Top 21-30% of deprived postcodes	4p
Quality supplement	
Outstanding practice in EYFS in latest Ofsted assessment	5p
Education led by staff with Early Years Teacher Status (or EY Professional), or other suitably qualified teacher (i.e. QTS foundation stage/primary)	8p

- 3.2** A further £25k was set aside to form an Early Years Inclusion Fund, which providers can claim from to enable individual children with SEN to access nursery provision.
- 3.3** The funding available to distribute to providers in 2017/18 was affected by the amount that the Local Authority retained in order to provide central support to settings, which was capped this year at 7% of the total grant. In 2018/19, the limitation on central expenditure has been further tightened, and must not exceed 5% of the total grant. This means that next year, more funding will be available for distribution directly to providers through the hourly rate.
- 3.4** Members of the Early Years Strategy Group met to discuss the current formula, and to consider how the additional funding could be best distributed to providers. The review identified two changes to the current funding arrangement that the group wished to propose for 2018/19, as follows:
1. Removal of the quality supplement linked to an Ofsted outstanding assessment. The group felt that there is inconsistency between judgements across settings, and that the supplement does not provide any funding for those providers striving to achieve outstanding. The quality supplement linked to teacher-led provision would be retained.
 2. Reduction of the Inclusion Fund to £10k. No payments have been made so far this year against the Inclusion Fund, although it is anticipated that claims will start to come through as awareness within settings increases. Any unspent monies from the 2017/18 £25k allocation would be rolled forward to add to the £10k in 2018/19, and the Fund would be reviewed annually.

3.5 The view of the group was that the additional funding available should be allocated by increasing the base rate for all providers. They considered alternative options to increase the amounts paid through the various supplements, but felt that an increase for every child hour was the fairest solution. The funding released by reducing the amount retained centrally, removing the Ofsted outstanding quality supplement, and reducing the Inclusion Fund to £10k would result in an increase to the base rate of 12p per child per hour, taking it from £3.90 to £4.02. per child per hour.

4. Consultation Responses

This consultation closes on **Sunday 18th February 2018.**

It would be helpful if you could complete your responses to the questions posed and any associated comments using the following web survey link which will be available from 2nd February 2018:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/B0GNS/>

Alternatively, you can complete a hard copy of the survey by printing the final section of this document and returning to:

Paul Sharples
Schools Funding and PFI Manager
Blackpool Council
No.1 Bickerstaffe Square
P.O. Box 4
Blackpool,
FY1 1NA

Consultation Response Form

Q 1: Please tick your appropriate Provider Type?

- School
- PVI
- Childminder

Q 2: Do you currently receive Ofsted outstanding quality supplement?

- Yes
- No

Q 3: Do you agree to the removal of Ofsted outstanding quality supplement?

- Yes
- No

Comments? _____

Q 4: Do you agree to the reduction of the Inclusion Fund in 2018/19 from £25k to £10k?

Yes

No

Comments? _____

Q 5: Do you agree that the additional funding available for distribution through the formula should be allocated by increasing the base rate (as explained in para 3.5)?

Yes

No

Comments? _____

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Consultation Responses

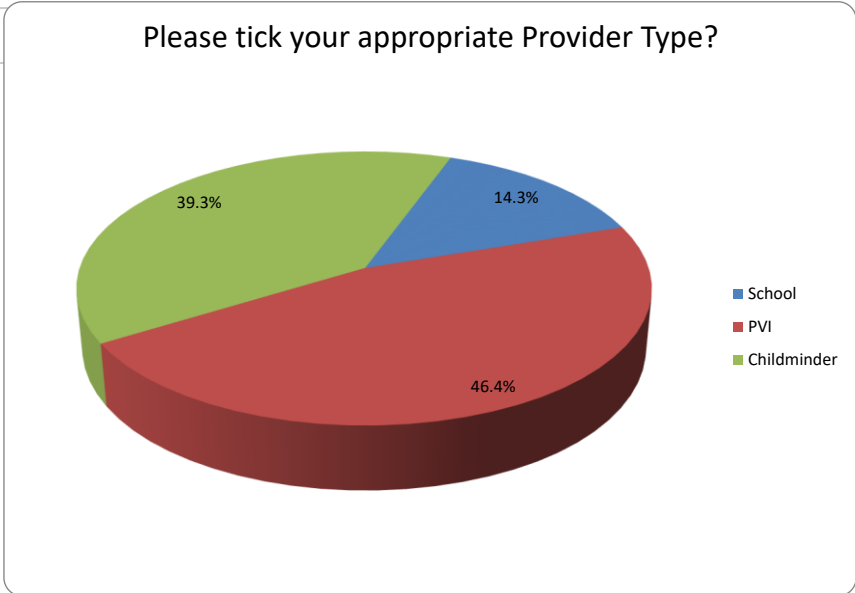
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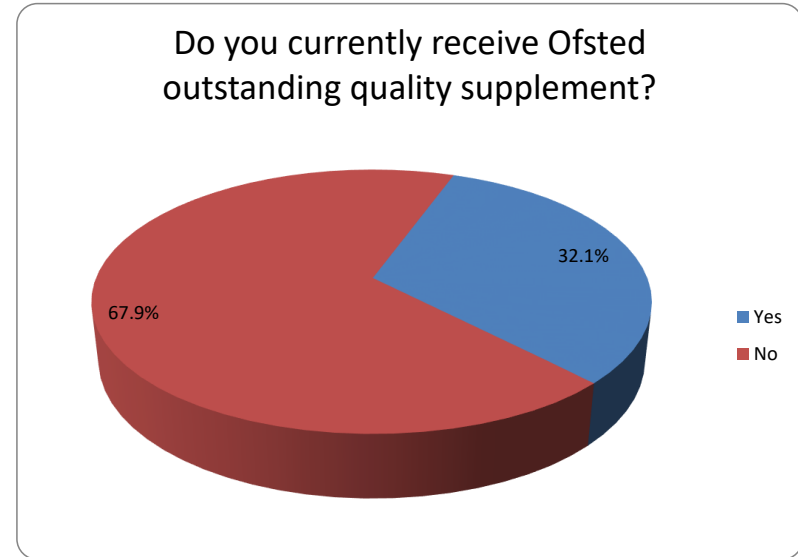
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Please tick your appropriate Provider Type?					
Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total	Numbers Consulted	% of Respondents
1	School	14.3%	4	15	26.7%
2	PVI	46.4%	13	40	32.5%
3	Childminder	39.3%	11	44	25.0%
answered			28	99	28.3%
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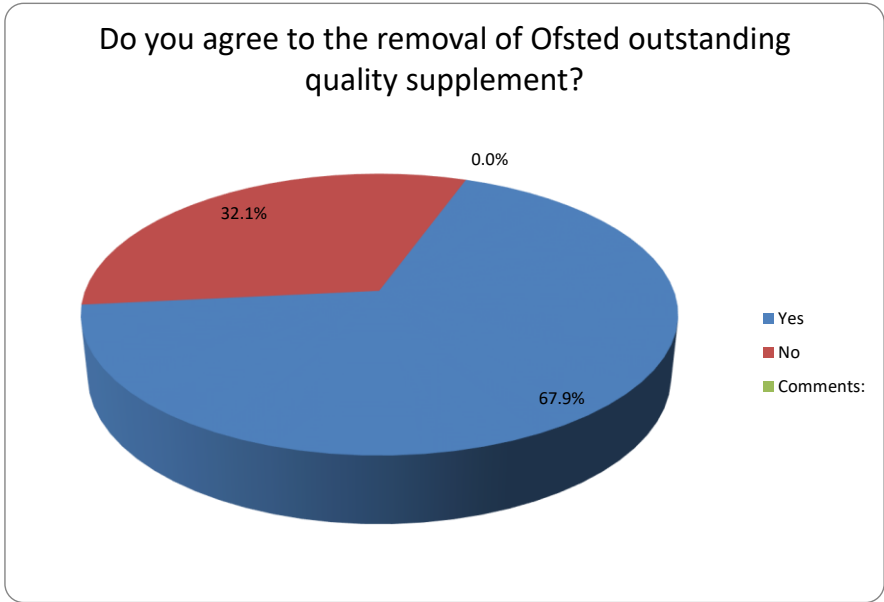
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Do you currently receive Ofsted outstanding quality supplement?			
Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total
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2	No	67.9%	19
answered			28
skipped			1



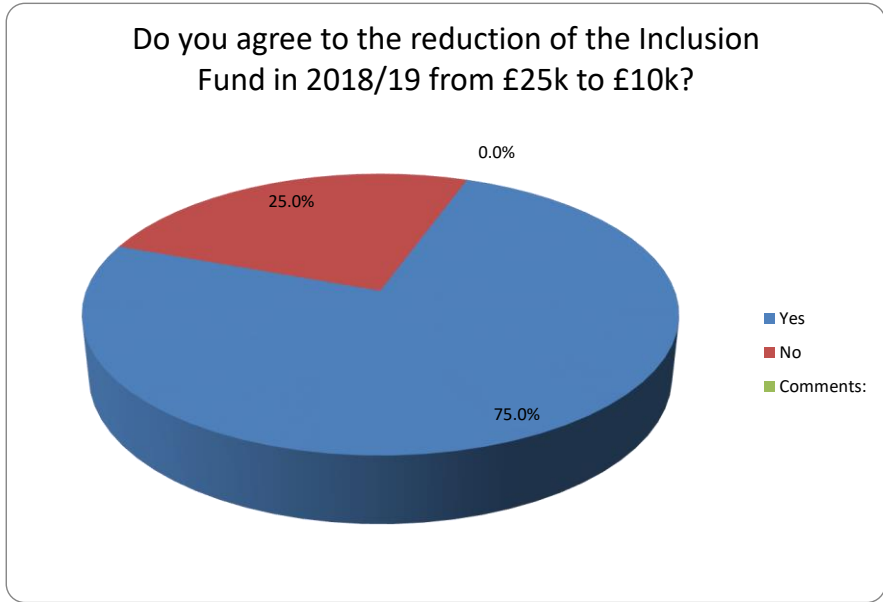
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Do you agree to the removal of Ofsted outstanding quality supplement?		
Answer Choice		Response Total
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2	No	9
3	Comments:	0
Comments:		9
		answered 28
		skipped 1



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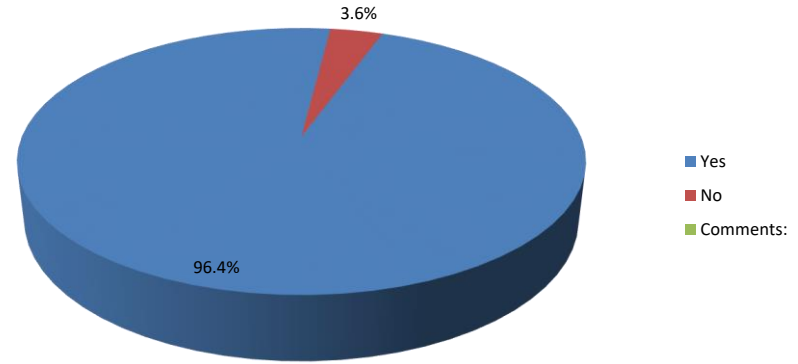
Do you agree to the reduction of the Inclusion Fund in 2018/19 from £25k to £10k?			
Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total
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2	No	25.0%	7
3	Comments:	0.0%	0
Comments:			4
		answered	28
		skipped	1



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Do you agree that the additional funding available for distribution through the formula should be allocated by increasing the base rate (as explained in para 3.5)?			
Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	96.4%	27
2	No	3.6%	1
3	Comments:	0.0%	0
Comments:			3
<i>answered</i>			28
<i>skipped</i>			1

Do you agree that the additional funding available for distribution through the formula should be allocated by increasing the base rate (as explained in para 3.5)?



Report to:	SCHOOLS FORUM
Relevant Officer:	Philip Thompson, Head of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2018

HIGH NEEDS UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To update Schools Forum on various developments regarding support for pupils funded by the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 Out of borough placements

To note the analysis of expenditure on Out of Borough placements, as requested by Schools Forum at its meeting in January 2018.

2.2 Special Free School

That Schools Forum notes the update on the local authority's plans for a new special free school. (a report is scheduled to go before the Council's Executive on 12 March 2018)

2.3 Review of high needs provision

To note the update on the review of high needs provision carried out by Premier Advisory Group.

2.4 Special school places

To note the planned increases in commissioned special school places for 2018/2019.

2.5 Pupil Referral Unit pupil numbers

That Schools Forum notes the update on the latest number on roll at Educational Diversity.

3.0 Background Information

3.1 Out of borough placements

At its meeting on 16 January 2018, Schools Forum discussed the significant increases in expenditure on Out of Borough placements. Members requested some analysis of the cost of placements. This analysis can be found at Appendix 12(a) to this report.

Special Free School

- 3.2 Schools Forum has previously been informed about the successful application to the

Department for Education for a new special free school. The new school will be built on Langdale Road, and will accommodate 48 pupils with Social Emotional and Mental Health needs.

- 3.3 In December 2017, interviews were held with two shortlisted proposers for the new school. The Local Authority's decision has been submitted to the Department for Education, and it is anticipated that the successful applicant will be announced around Easter.
- 3.4 Blackpool Council has requested permission from the Department for Education to self-deliver the construction project. This will enable delivery through the Local Education Partnership and the existing relationship with Eric Wright Group, leading to a saving of time on procurement and enabling a greater input into the design of the building.
- 3.5 Review of high needs provision
Premier Advisory Group has been commissioned to undertake a strategic review of high needs provision in Blackpool, using funding allocated by the Department for Education for this purpose. The review has now concluded, and the findings are to be presented to Blackpool School Improvement Board on 8 March. A verbal update will be provided at the School Forum meeting.
- 3.6 Special school places
The new national formula for High Needs will come into effect from April 2018. One of the significant changes compared to the previous system is how pupils from other local authorities are funded in special schools. Currently, nine pupils in Highfurlong School are funded by Lancashire County Council, but an adjustment will be applied going forwards so that Blackpool's High Needs allocation will include funding for such pupils. For this reason, the number of commissioned places at Highfurlong will increase from 54 to 63 from April 2018.
- 3.7 The number of pupils at Park Academy has been steadily increasing over recent years. This is in part, but not wholly due to the extension of the age range from 4-16 to 2-19, and the filling up of sixth form places over the last three years. The current number of commissioned places stands at 234, however is anticipated that the school will start September 2018 with at least 255 pupils. In the longer term, the Local Authority's view is that numbers need to be managed down to a maximum of 250, with a larger number of pupils supported to stay in mainstream settings. It is therefore proposed to increase the commissioned number of places to 255 for the academic year 2018/2019 for one year only, with a view to this reducing back to 250 from September 2019. This position will be reviewed with the school early in the next academic year.

Pupil Referral Unit pupil numbers

- 3.8 One of the assumptions built into the medium-term plan for the High Needs Block is the reduction of numbers at the Pupil Referral Unit. It is pleasing to note that the numbers at the time of writing of this report stood at 268, compared to 302 at the same point last year.

List of acronyms:

PRU – Pupil Referral Unit

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Appendix 12(a)

ANONYMISED PUPIL No	Yr Group Sept 2017	School Placement (Independent Providers)	School Start Date	Primary Provision	Primary Provision No 2	Primary Provision No 3	Primary Provision No 4	Secondary Provisions	Secondary Provision (2)	Secondary Provision (3)	SERF	SERF (2)	Ed Diversity	Ed Diversity (2)	Home Educated	N/A	School End Date	Estimated Annual Cost 2017/18	Additional Hrs	Transport Costs (Per Day)	Transport Costs (Per Calendar month)
A1	2	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	12.06.2017	Norbreck (Sep 15-June 17)		n/a	n/a	n/a			Boundary SERF (Mar 16 - Jun 17)		n/a				Yr 6	30,996		£55.00	
A2	3	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	08.01.2018	Baines End (Jan 2013 - Aug 2014)	Mereside (Sept 14 - Dec 17)	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a		n/a				Yr 6	30,996		£55.00	
A3	3	Keyes Barn (Aurora Group)	06.07.2017	Hawes Side (Dec 2014 - July 2017)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			Boundary SERF (Nov 15 - July 17)		n/a				Yr 6	34,034		N/a	N/a
A4	3	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	14.07.2017	Thames (Sept 2014 - July 2017)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a		n/a				Yr 6	30,996		£41.80	
A5	4	Carlton Green Primary	01.09.2017	Pear Tree, Kirkham (Sept 2013 - Aug 2015)	Willows, Kirkham (Oct 2015 - Aug 2017)	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a		n/a				Yr 6	4,235		tbc	tbc
A6	4	Staining CoFE Priamry	13.09.2013	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a		n/a				Yr 6	11,941		tbc	tbc
A7	4	Red Rose School	04.12.2017	Hawes Side (Sep 2013 - Dec 2017)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a		n/a				Yr 6	18,030		£35.50	
A8	4	Keyes Barn (Aurora Group)	15.09.2017	Unity (Sep 2013 - Sept 2017)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			Unity SERF (Sep 15-Sept 17)		July 2017 -Sept 2017				Yr 6	34,034		N/a	N/a
A9	4	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	06.11.2017	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a		n/a			Apr-17	Yr 6	30,996	15000 ?	£55.00	
A10	4	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	22.01.2018	St John Vianney (Sept 2013 - Jan 2018)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			Boundary SERF Mar17-Jan18	Mereside SERF Sep16-Mar 17	n/a				Yr 6	30,996		£38.21	£573.12
A11	4	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	07.11.2016	Devonshire (Sept 2013 - Nov 2016)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			Boundary SERF Jan 16-Nov 16	n/a	n/a				Yr 6	30,996		£40.00	
A12	4	Red Marsh	01.09.2013	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a				Yr 6	8,178		tbc	tbc
A13	4	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	01.09.2016	Westminster (June 2011-Sept 2012)	Grange Pk Sure Start (Sept 2012 - Aug 2013)	Baines Endowed (Sept 2013-June 2016)	n/a	n/a			n/a	n/a	June 2016-Sept2016				Yr 6	30,996		£40.00	
A14	4	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	21.10.2015	Westminster (Sept 2013-Sept 2015)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			Boundary SERF (Sep 14-July 15)	n/a	n/a				Yr 6	30,996		£55.00	
A15	4	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	16.10.2017	Bispham Endowed (Nov 2015-Oct 2017)	Moor Park (Sept 2013-Oct 2015)	n/a	n/a	n/a			Mereside SERF Feb 16-Oct 17	n/a	n/a				Yr 6	30,996		tbc	tbc
A16	4	Red Marsh	16.04.2012	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a				Yr 6	8,721		tbc	tbc
A17	5	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	20.03.2017	St Cuthberts (Jan 2011 - July 2012)	Roseacre (Sept 2012-Dec 2013)	Boundary (Jan 2014-Aug 2015)	Unity (Sept 2015-Mar 2017)	n/a			Bispham SERF (Oct 16-Mar 17)	Mereside SERF Nov 14-July 16	n/a				Yr 6	30,996		£55.00	
A18	5	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	03.10.2016	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a			Sep-16	31.01.2018	33,996		£60.00	
A19	5	Carr Head Primary School	10.09.2015	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a				Yr 6	7,300		tbc	tbc
A20	5	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	28.09.2015	Christ the King (Sept 2012-Mar 2013)	Boundary (March 2014-Sept 2015)	n/a	n/a	n/a			Mereside SERF Feb 14 -Sept 15	n/a					Yr 6	30,996		£55.00	
A21	5	Brambles (Aurora Group)	20.11.2017	Christ the King (Sept 2011-May 2014)	Boundary (March 2014-Mar 2017)	n/a	n/a	n/a			Boundary SERF Nov 13-Oct 14	n/a	July 2015- Nov 2017				Yr 6	34,034		N/a	N/a
A22	5	Brambles (Aurora Group)	20.11.2017	Unity (Aug 2016-May 2017)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a					June 2017- Nov 2017				Yr 6	34,034		N/a	N/a
A23	5	Barrowfield Primary School	05.09.2017	Thames (Sept 2012-Sept 2017)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			SERF Oct 16 - Mar	March 2017- Sept 2017					Yr 6	5,500		tbc	tbc
A24	6	Staining CoFE Priamry	01.09.2016	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a				Yr 6	11,500		tbc	tbc
A25	6	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	20.04.2015	St John C of E (Sep 2011 - Sept 2014)	Keyes Barn (Sept 2014 - Dec 2014)	Westmoreland (Jan 2015 - Feb 2015)							Jan 2014 - August 2014				Yr 6	30,996		£120.00	
A26	6	Crookhey Hall School (Acorn Care & Educ)	19.04.2017	Moor Park (Jan 2010 - Apr 2017)							Boundary SERF Apr 16 - May 17						Yr 6	30,996		£52.00	

ANONYMISED PUPIL No	Yr Group Sept 2017	School Placement (Independent Providers)	School Start Date	Primary Provisions	Primary Provision No 2	Primary Provision No 3	Primary Provision No 4	Secondary Provisions	Secondary Provision (2)	Secondary Provision (3)	SERF	SERF (2)	Ed Diversity	Ed Diversity (2)	Home Educated	N/A	School End Date	Estimated Annual Cost 2017/18	Additional Hrs	Transport Costs (Per Day)	Transport Costs (Per Calendar month)
A27	6	Red Rose School	06.07.2015	St Kentigerns (Sept 2011 - July 2015)													Yr 6	18,030		£53.25	
A28	6	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	03.02.2016	Bispham Endowed (May 2011 - Oct 2015)	Westmoreland (Nov 2015 - Feb 2016)						Mereside SERF June 15-Oct 15						Yr 6	30,996		£55.00	
A29	6	Keyes Barn (Aurora Group)	09.09.2015								Boundary SERF Nov 14-July 15		Nov 2014 - July 2015			Oct-14	Yr 6	34,034		N/a	N/a
A30	6	Red Rose School	09.12.2013	Marton (Sept 2011 - Dec 2013)													Yr 6	12,000		£35.50	
A31	7	Crookhey Hall School (Acorn Care & Educ)	05.09.2016	Park Special (Jan 2010 - Dec 2014)	Oakfield House (Jan 2016 - Aug 2016)												Yr 11	30,996		£50.00	
A32	7	Brambles (Aurora Group)	01.09.2017	Keyes Barn (Feb 2014 - Aug 2017)												Jan-14	Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A33	7	Oakfield House (Acorn Care & Educ)	03.05.16	Unity (Apr 2009 - Nov 2010)	St John Vianney (Apr 2010 - Apr 2016)	Oakfield House (May 2016 - Jan 2017)											Yr 11	30,996		£60.00	
A34	7	Cumberland School (Witherslack Group)	25.03.2015	St John Vianney (Sep 2010 - Apr 2015)	Westmoreland (March 2015 - Aug 2017)								Oct 2012 - Nov 2012	Sept 2013 - March 2015			Yr 11	52,134			1792.00 (Dec 2017)
A35	7	Cedar House (Witherslack Group)	19.02.2018	Cumberland (05.09.2017 - tbc)	St John Vianney (Sep 2010 - Apr 2015)	Westmoreland (March 2015 - Aug 2017)							Oct 2012 - Nov 2012	Sept 2013 - March 2015			Yr 11	40,000		tbc	tbc
A36	7	Red Rose School	04.09.2017	Unity (Sept 2010 - Sept 2017)				St Georges (Sept 2017)					Nov 2015 - Oct 2017				Yr 11	18,030		£35.50	
A37	7	Crookhey Hall School (Acorn Care & Educ)	12.12.2017	Revoe (Jan 2009 - July 2017)				South Shore (Sept 2017 - Jan 2018)					Oct 2014 - Dec 2017				Yr 11	30,996		£52.00	
A38	7	Keyes Barn (Aurora Group)	20.11.2014	Boundary (Nov 2008 - Aug 2009)	Revoe (Sept 2009 - Nov 2009)											2014	Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A39	7	Crookhey Hall School (Acorn Care & Educ)	15.05.2017	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		Apr-17	Yr 11	30,996		£52.00	
A40	7	Brambles (Aurora Group) Nurture Group	05.09.2017	Thames (Sept 2010 - Sept 2016)							Mereside SERF Jan 14 - Nov 14	Boundary Nov 14 - Jan 15	Jan 2015 - July 2017				Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A41	7	Crookhey Hall School (Acorn Care & Educ)	04.09.2017	Bispham Endowed (May 2011 - Apr 2015)	Oakfield (May 2015 - Aug 2017)						Boundary SERF Dec 13 - Apr 15						Yr 11	30,996		£52.00	
A42	7	Crookhey Hall School (Acorn Care & Educ)	05.09.2016										April 2016- July 2016			Jun-16	Yr 11	30,996		£52.00	
A43	7	Red Rose School	06.09.2017													Jul-17	Yr 11	18,030		£53.25	
A44	7	Crookhey Hall School (Acorn Care & Educ)	20.02.2017	Unity (Sep 2010 - Aug 2016)	Oakfield House (Sept 2016 - Feb 2017)						Boundary SERF Jan 14 - Apr 15		May 2015 - July 2016				Yr 11	30,966		£70.00	
A45	7	Keyes Barn (Aurora Group)	24.03.2014	Moor Park (Feb 2010 - July 2013)	Bispham Endowed (July 2013 - Mar 2014)						Mereside SERF Sep 12 - Mar 14						Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A46	7	Brambles (Aurora Group)	11.09.2017	Westminster (Sept 2010 - Nov 2011)	Devonshire (Nov 2011 - July 2017)						Boundary SERF Nov 16 - July 17						Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A47	7	Brambles (Aurora Group)	13.09.2017					Unity (Sept 2016 - Sept 2017)								Sep-16	Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A48	8	Red Rose School	06.11.2017	Devonshire (Sept 2009 - Aug 2016)				Unity (Aug 2016 - Oct 2017)									Yr 11	18,000		£35.50	
A49	8	Crookhey Hall School (Acorn Care & Educ)	05.09.2016	Layton (Sept 2009 - Mar 2015)									March 2016 - July 2016				Yr 11	30,996		tbc	tbc
A50	9	Alternative School (Accrington)	28.06.2017	Westcliff (Apr 2006 - Aug 2014)				Montgomery (Sept 2014 - Jun 2017)					Sept 2015 - June 2017				Yr 11	9,200		tbc	tbc

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A51	8	Crookhey Hall School (Acorn Care & Educ)	10.01.2017	Boundary (Jan 2008 - May 2009)	Christ the King (May 2009 - June 2011)	Oakfield House (Jan 2016 - Jan 2017)										Dec-15	Yr 11	30,996		£48.00	
A52	8	Red Rose School	25.04.2015	Marion (Sept 2009 - Sept 2012)	Stanley (Sept 2012 - Apr 2016)												Yr 11	18,030		tbc	tbc
A53	8	Pear Tree (Compass Centre Kirkham)	08.01.2007	n/a													Yr 11	23,833		tbc	tbc
A54	8	The Loyne Specialist School	21.09.2015	Woodlands (May 2009 - Sept 2015)													Yr 11	14,439		tbc	tbc
A55	8	Roselyn House School	23.10.2017	St Kentigerns (Sept 2009 - July 2014)	Layton (July 2014 - Aug 2016)			St Marys (Sept 2016 - May 2017)	Park (May 2017 - Sept 2017)				Sept - Oct 2017				Yr 11	32,897		893.00 (Dec 2017)	
A56	8	Red Rose School	09.01.2018	Boundary (Sept 2009 - March 2016)				Brambles (Oct 2016 - Dec 2017)									Yr 11	18,000		£35.50	
A57	8	Brambles (Aurora Group)	27.11.2017	St John Vianney (Apr 2009 - July 2009)	Norbreck (Sept 2009 - Mar 2013)										May 2017 (Prev LCC)		Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A58	8	Brambles (Aurora Group)	25.09.2017	Waterloo (Sept 2009 - Aug 2011)	Bispham Endowed (Sept 2011 - Nov 2013)	Staining (Nov 2013 - Apr 2015)	Moor Park (Apr 2015 - July 2016)	St Georges (Sept 2016 - Nov 2016)					Jul-16	Oct 2016 - Sept 2017			Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A59	9	Abbeyhill Academy (Horizon Academy Trust)	06.09.2017	Marion (July 2010 - July 2015)	Highfield (Apr 2016 - July 2016)	Park (Sept 2016 - May 2017)											Yr 11	9,000		tbc	tbc
A60	9	Pear Tree (Kirkham)	10.01.2007	n/a													Yr 11	8,116		tbc	tbc
A61	9	Brambles East (Aurora Group)	07.09.2015	Devonshire (Sept 2013 - Dec 2013)	Keyes Barn (Dec 2013 - Aug 2015)												Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A62	9	Red Rose School	TBC	Marion (Apr 2007 - Aug 2015)				Highfield (Sept 2015 - Oct 2017)									Yr 11	18,000		tbc	tbc
A63	9	Brambles (Aurora Group)	05.09.2016	n/a											Aug-16		Yr 11	34,032		N/a	N/a
A64	9	Oversands School (Prev Witherstack Hall)	22.02.2015	Unity (Sept 2013 - July 2014)	Park (Mar 2014 - July 2014)												Yr 11	57,582		tbc	tbc
A65	9	The Acorns (PRU) Ormskirk	17.01.2018	Kincraig (Sept 2007 - Oct 2013)	Waterloo (Oct 2013 - Aug 2015)			South Shore (Sept 2015 - Jan 2018)					Nov 2017 - Jan 2018				Yr 11	4,250		tbc	tbc
A66	9	Red Rose School	01.09.2017	St Nicholas (Sept 2011 - Aug 2015)				Carr Hill High School (Sept 2015 - Oct 2017)									Yr 11	18,030		tbc	tbc
A67	9	Waterloo Lodge School (Acorn Care & Educ)	10.07.2017	Waterloo (Sept 2008 - Mar 2010)	(Mar 2010 - Aug 2015)			(Sept 2015 - June 2016)			SERF May 14 - July						Yr 11	33,592		£86.00	
A68	9	Brambles (Aurora Group)	14.09.2016	n/a											Jul-16		Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A69	9	Cumberland School (Witherstack Group)	07.09.2015	Revoe (Sept 2008 - Dec 2012)	Westmoreland (Dec 2012 - Aug 2015)												Yr 11	48,447		£60.00	
A70	9	Brambles	15.05.2017	Boundary (Sept 2006 - Aug 2009)	Westminster (Sept 2009 - Aug 2010)			Unity (Sept 2010 - May 2017)					Sept 2016 - May 2017				Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A71	9	Brambles (Aurora Group)	16.12.2016	Devonshire (Sept 2008 - Apr 2014)	Prim (Apr 2014 - Nov 2014)			(Sept 2015 - Jan 2017)									Yr 11	39,034		N/a	N/a
A72	9	Crookhey Hall School (Acorn Care & Educ)	04.09.2017	n/a											Jul-17		Yr 11	30,996		£52.00	
A73	9	Brambles	10.01.2018	n/a											Aug-17		Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A74	9	Brambles East (Aurora Group)	24.11.2014	Christ the King (Nov 2006 - Sept 2010)	Boundary (Jan 2007 - Sept 2014)								March 2013 - Nov 2017				Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A75	9	Brambles East (Aurora Group)	05.05.2015	Bispham Endowed (Apr 2007 - Apr 2011)													Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A76	9	Brambles (Aurora Group)	11.09.2017	Layton (Sept 2008 - Aug 2015)				Aspire (Sept 2015 - Aug 2017)			Bispham SERF Nov 14 - July 15		Sept 2015 - Sept 2017				Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A77	9	Brambles (Aurora Group)	07.09.2015	Boundary (Mar 2011 - Feb 2012)											Jul-15		Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A78	8	Brambles (Aurora Group)	11.09.2017	St John Vianney (Sept 2008 - Aug 2015)				St Marys (Sept 2015 - July 2016)					Jan 2016 - Feb 2016	June 2016 - Sept 2017			Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a

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A79	9	Cumberland School (Witherslack Group)	07.09.2015	Westcliff (Sept 2007 - July 2008)	Bispham Endowed (Sept 2008 - Dec 2010)	Keyes Barn (Dec 2010 - July 2012)	Westmoreland (Sept 2012 - Aug 2015)										Yr 11	44,454		tbc	tbc
A80	9	Progress Schools Ltd	06.11.2017	St John Vianney (Sept 2008 - Sept 2012)	Waterloo (Sept 2012 - Aug 2015)			South Shore (Sept 2015 - Sept 2017)									Yr 11	11,923		tbc	tbc
A81	9	Roselyn House School	24.04.2015	Boundary (Sept 2007 - Aug 2015)									Sept 2013 - April 2015				Yr 11	32,502		£51.70	
A82	9	Red Rose School	05.12.2017												Home Educated (Oct 2017 - Dec 2017)		Yr 11	18,000		tbc	tbc
A83	10	Red Rose School	09.01.2018	Montgomery (Nov 2015 - Dec 2017)												Dec-16	Yr 11	18,000		£53.25	
A84	10	Waterloo Lodge School (Acorn Care & Educ)	01.09.2015	Oakfield House (Nov 2015 - July 2015)												Dec-14	Yr 11	51,592		£74.00	
A85	10	Oswaldtwistle School	21.10.2016	Devonshire (Nov 2009 - Oct 2011)	Bispham Endowed (Oct 2011 - Sept 2012)	Waterloo (Oct 2012 - Jan 2014)							July 2012 - Oct 2016				Yr 11	6,600		tbc	tbc
A86	10	Brambles (Aurora Group)	21.10.2014	n/a												Dec-14	Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A87	10	Brambles (Aurora Group)	tbc	Keyes Barn (Sept 2012 - Aug 2014)	Brambles East (Sept 2014 - Sept 2017)								Feb 2012 - July 2012				Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A88	10	Cumberland School (Witherslack Group)	03.09.2014	St Cuthberts (Sept 2011 - Apr 2012)	Park Academy (Apr 2012 - Dec 2013)	Westmoreland (Jan 2014 - Sept 2014)											Yr 11	40,752			1027.50 (Dec 2017)
A89	10	Red Rose School	08.01.2018	Thames (June 2010 - June 2012)	Waterloo (Sept 2012 - Dec 2013)			Unity (Dec 2013 - Apr 2015)	South Shore (Apr 2015 - Dec 2017)								Yr 11	18,000		£35.50	
A90	10	Brambles East (Aurora Group)	03.09.2014	Marton (June 2006 - Nov 2011)	Revoe (Nov 2011 - May 2014)								May 2011 - Oct 2011	Feb 2013 - Aug 2014			Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A91	10	Wings School (Milnthorpe, Cumbria)	19.04.2016	St John Vianney (May 2009 - Dec 2010)	Boundary (Jan 2011 - July 2012)	Baines Endowed (Sept 2012 - July 2014)	St John Vianney (May 2009 - Dec 2010)	South Shore (Sept 2014 - Nov 2015)	St Georges (June 2015 - Dec 2015)				June 2015 - Nov 2016				Yr 11	45,000		tbc	tbc
A92	10	Alternative School (Accrington)	19.09.2016	Westminster (Sep 2007 - Sep 2010)	Hawes Side (Sept 2010 - Oct 2012)	St Kentigerns (Oct 2012 - May 2013)	Marton (May 2013 - Feb 2014)	Highfield (Sep 2014 - Sep 2016)					Feb 2014 - Sept 2016				Yr 11	9,500		tbc	tbc
A93	10	Red Rose School	17.07.2017	St Cuthberts (Apr 2006 - Aug 2014)				St Marys (Sept 20154 - May 2016)							Home Educated (May 2016 - July 2017)		Yr 11	18,030		tbc	tbc
A94	10	Oversands School (Prev Witherslack Hall)	01.03.2017	Thames (Sept 2007 - June 2011)	Revoe (July 2011 - Aug 2014)			South Shore (Sept 2014 - Jan 2016)	Brownhill (Jan 2017 - Feb 2017)				Oct 2014 - Nov 2014	May 2015 - Jan 2017			Yr 11	76,000	DUAL FUND	tbc	tbc
A95	10	Brambles (Aurora Group)	16.01.2016	Westminster (Jan 2009 - Aug 2014)				St Marys (Sept 2014 - Jan 2016)					Feb 2015 - Nov 2015				Yr 11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A96	10	Brambles (Aurora Group)	07.12.2015	Layton (Sep 2007 - Aug 2014)				Baines High School (Sep - Dec 2014)	Brambles East (Oct - Dec 2015)				Dec 2014 - July 2015	Sep-15			Yr11	34,034		N/a	N/a
A97	10	Cumberland School (Witherslack Group)	24.11.2014	Westminster (Oct 2013 - Aug 2014)				Montgomery (Sep - Nov 2014)								Jul-14	Yr 11	53,196			1027.50 (Dec 2017)
A98	10	Red Rose School	02.03.2015	Our Lady of the Assumption (Sept 2007 - Jan 2014)	St Nicholas (Jan 2014 - Aug 2014)			St Bedes (Sep 2014 - Mar 2015)									Yr 11	18,030		tbc	tbc
A99	10	Liverpool Progressive School (Keys Group)	15.09.2016	Marton (Nov 2006 - Oct 2011)									Oct 2010 - Nov 2010			Jul-16	Yr 11	67,000		tbc	tbc
A100	11	Cardinal Allen	13.09.2013	Manor Beach Primary (Sept 2006 - Aug 2013)												Oct-16	31.08.2018	9,951		tbc	tbc
A101	11	Wennington Hall	16.08.2017	n/a													31.08.2018	11,491		£120.00	
A102	11	Brambles (Aurora Group)	06.01.2015	Unity (Oct 2013 - Dec 2014)												Sep-13	31.08.2018	34,034		N/a	N/a

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A103	11	Red Rose School	06.09.2017	Roseacre (Sep 2006 - Aug 2013)				Highfield (Sept 2013 - Jan 2017)	South Shore (Nov - Dec 2016)				Dec 2014 - Jan 2015	Apr - Sep 17	Jan 2017- Apr 2017		31.08.2018	18,000		tbc	tbc
A104	11	Brambles (Aurora Group)	16.10.2014	Roseacre (Sep 2011 - July 2012)	Revoe (Sep 2012 - July 2013)			South Shore (Sep 2013 - Oct 2014)									31.08.2018	34,034		N/a	N/a
A105	11	Alternative School (Accrington)	05.07.2017	Westminster (July - Oct 2010)	Boundary (Oct 2010 - Aug 2013)			Bispham High (Sep 2013 - Aug 2014)	Aspire (Sep 2014 - Aug 2016)	Crookhey Hall (Sep 2016- Jun 2017)							31.08.2018	8,440		tbc	tbc
A106	11	Brambles East (Aurora Group)	06.09.2013	Keyes Barn (Mar 2012 - Sep 2013)												May-11	31.08.2018	34,034		N/a	N/a
A107	11	Red Rose School	06.06.2016	Moor Park (May 2006 - July 2013)				Bispham High (Sep 2013 - Aug 2014)	Aspire (Sep 2014 - May 2016)				Apr - Jun 15				31.08.2018	18,030		£53.25	
A108	11	Brambles East (Aurora Group)	02.06.2014	Mereside (Nov 2006 - Aug 2013)				Highfield (Sep 2013 - May 2014)									31.08.2018	34,034		N/a	N/a
A109	11	Brambles (Aurora Group)	13.03.2016	Westminster (Nov 2008 - Aug 2013)				Montgomery (Sep 2013 - Feb 2016)					Mar - Apr 2016	Oct 2014 - Feb 2016			23.01.2018	34,034		N/a	N/a
A110	11	Brambles East (Aurora Group)	10.01.2014	Layton (Sep 2006 - May 2010)	Mereside (Sep 2008 - Aug 2009)	Devonshire (Apr 2011 - Apr 2013)		Unity (Sept - Oct 2013)					Sept 2009 - Dec 2011	Oct 2013 - Dec 2013			31.08.2018	34,034		N/a	N/a
A111	11	Waterloo Lodge School (Acorn Care & Educ)	01.09.2013	Westminster (Sept 2005 - May 2008 (Oct 2008 - June 2011))	Revoe (June 2011 - Aug 2013)								Oct 12 - July 13				31.08.2018	32,933		£53.00	
																		£3,166,524.04	£0.00	£2,135.71	£573.12
																				tbc	

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Report to:	SCHOOLS FORUM
Relevant Officer:	Hilary Wood, Head of Business Support and Resources
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2018

DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT BUDGET PROPOSALS 2018/2019

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To share with Schools Forum the local authority's proposals for the allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant in 2018/2019.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the proposed Dedicated Schools Grant budget for 2018/2019.

3.0 Background Information

- 3.1 At its meeting in January 2018, Schools Forum was presented with the provisional estimates for expenditure against Dedicated Schools Grant in 2018/2019. This early consideration was required in order to support the request for the transfer of 0.5% of the Schools Block to the High Needs Block, given the projected pressures in that area.
- 3.2 At that time, the High Needs Block was projecting an overspend in 2018/2019 of £873,000. Schools Forum approved the transfer of 0.5% from the Schools Block to help to offset these pressures, and this will be matched by an equal contribution from Blackpool Council.
- 3.3 The forecasts for 2018/2019 have been updated, and are presented at Appendix 13(a) to this report.

Schools Block

- 3.4 The Schools Block is showing a breakeven position against the allocation of £80.072m, after the transfer of funding to the High Needs Block.

Central Schools Block

- 3.5 The Central Schools Block is also showing a breakeven position against the allocation of £1.587m. We have not yet received notification of the actual charge from the Department of Education for collective School Licences in 2018/2019. This amount has therefore been included at the same rate as in 2017/2018, but will be subject to

change.

High Needs Block

- 3.6 Estimates of expenditure against the High Needs Block have been updated since the January meeting. This now shows a breakeven position against the total of the allocation of £18.957m plus the £400,000 transfer from Schools Block and the £400,000 contribution from the local authority. This, however, does not address the forecast deficit of £308,000 that will be carried over from 2017/2018 as reported in the previous report.
- 3.7 As discussed at Schools Forum in January 2018, a working group is to be established to further develop and monitor an action plan for controlling High Needs expenditure over the coming years, and recover any accumulated deficit. The first meeting of the group will take place in April 2018.
- 3.8 The previous report gave further information about various areas funded by the High Needs Block.

Early Years Block

- 3.9 Expenditure against the Early Years Block allocation of £8.178m is shown as a breakeven position. As a result of the tighter restrictions on central expenditure this line shows a reduction of £88,000 compared to 2017/2018, with the funding released being distributed through the grant entitlement. Some of these savings have already been achieved through actions taken in 2017/2018, and a further review is currently underway to ascertain how the remainder of the reduction can best be effected.

List of acronyms:

DfE – Department for Education

DSG – Dedicated Schools Grant

SERF – Special Educational Referral Facility

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Appendix 13(a) –DSG Budget Proposals for 2018/2019

Appendix 13(a)

	2018/19 Total	2017/18 Total	Movement	% Change	Notes
Schools Block					
Local Schools Budget (including de-delegated amounts)	79,123,753	77,748,068	1,375,685	2%	Increase due to impact of National Funding Formula
- Third Party & Public Liability Insurance (de-delegated)	289,869	278,542	11,327	4%	
- Union Duties (de-delegated)	18,148	19,516	(1,368)	-7%	
- Free School Meals Eligibility Checks (de-delegated)	11,262	13,268	(2,006)	-15%	
- Education Functions (retained)	154,031	94,750	59,281	63%	Increase represents full-year effect
Pupil Growth Contingency	76,231	71,143	5,088	7%	
	79,673,294	78,225,287	1,448,007	2%	
Central Schools Services Block					
Servicing of Schools Forum	15,000	15,000	-	0%	
Licences & Subscriptions	79,962	79,962	-	0%	2018/19 figure not yet received from DFE
School Admissions	152,712	139,828	12,884	9%	Offset by reduction in Access and Inclusion
Contribution to Combined Budgets	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	0%	
Former ESG retained duties					
- Education Welfare	204,000	204,000	-	0%	
- Asset Management	56,600	56,600	-	0%	
- Statutory / Regulatory duties	77,000	77,000	-	0%	
	1,585,274	1,572,390	12,884	1%	
High Needs Block					
Special Schools					
Place Funding	4,092,500	3,880,000	212,500	5%	Additional 9 places commissioned at Highfurlong from April 2018, and 21 places at Park from September 2018
Top-up Funding	2,453,388	2,150,746	302,642	14%	Increase in numbers
Total Special Schools	6,545,888	6,030,746	515,142	9%	
SERFs					
Place Funding	395,000	500,000	(105,000)	-21%	9 places at Highfield and 9 places at Marton decommissioned from September 2018
Top-up Funding	139,840	280,412	(140,572)	-50%	9 places at Highfield and 9 places at Marton decommissioned from September 2018
Transport	77,442	119,906	(42,464)	-35%	
Total SERFs	612,282	900,318	(288,036)	-32%	
Pupil Referral Units					
Place Funding	2,580,000	2,580,000	-	0%	
Top-up Funding	1,106,526	1,436,026	(329,500)	-23%	Planned reduction in numbers
Total Pupil Referral Units	3,686,526	4,016,026	(329,500)	-8%	
Mainstream Schools					
Top-up Funding	809,748	777,221	32,527	4%	Increase in numbers
Exceptional Circumstances Funding	118,866	57,100	61,766	108%	Increase due to decommissioning of SERF places at Highfield and Marton
Total top-up for Mainstream Schools	928,614	834,321	94,293	11%	
Post-16 Education	1,746,440	1,725,144	21,296	1%	
Out of Borough	4,038,535	3,224,535	814,000	25%	Increase in numbers
Specialist Advisory and Referral Service (SARS)	1,091,517	1,070,353	21,164	2%	
Access and Inclusion	335,151	266,949	68,202	26%	Now includes School Safeguarding Officer post
Other High Needs Central Services (Management, Central Support Costs, Admin Support, Pension Top-slice)	771,865	771,865	-	0%	
	19,756,818	18,840,257	916,561		
Early Years Block					
2 Year Old Grants	1,651,547	1,717,375	(65,828)	-4%	Based on demand
3 & 4 Year Old Grants	5,996,279	5,672,916	323,363	6%	Based on demand - full-year effect of additional 15 hours
Early Years Pupil Premium	97,607	113,483	(15,876)	-14%	Based on demand
Disability Access Fund	41,000	36,900	4,100	11%	
Early Years Inclusion Fund	10,000	25,000	(15,000)	-60%	
Other Early Years Central Services (Management, Central Support Costs, Training, Admin Support, Pension Top-slice)	382,181	470,689	(88,508)	-19%	
	8,178,614	8,036,363	142,251	2%	
Total	109,194,000	106,674,297	2,519,703	2%	
DSG	(108,794,000)	(106,500,577)	(2,293,423)	2%	
Council Match Funding	(400,000)	-	(400,000)		
	(109,194,000)	(106,500,577)	(2,693,423)		
Deficit / (Surplus)	-	173,720	(173,720)		

	Schools Block	Central Schools Services Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Total
Original DSG Allocations 2018/19	80,071,638	1,586,930	18,956,818	8,178,614	108,794,000
Transfers between blocks	(398,344)	(1,656)	400,000	-	-
Council Match Funding	-	-	400,000	-	400,000
Allocations above	79,673,294	1,585,274	19,756,818	8,178,614	109,194,000

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