REPORT TO: Schools Forum

DATE: 21 January 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer

SUBJECT: Dedicated Schools Grant 2014-15

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform Schools Forum of the indicative allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant settlement for 2014-15.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Schools Forum note the DSG settlement for 2014-15.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 On 18th December 2013 the Department for Education announced the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2014-15.
- 3.2 Once again the DSG settlement is split between three notional blocks: Schools Block, High Needs Block and Early Years Block.
- 3.3 For 2014-15 the Per Pupil Unit of Funding for the Schools Block has remained the same as for 2013-14 at £4,857.53. The number of pupils in 2013-14 was 16,901 giving a cash value of £81,718,000. The number of pupils for 2014-15 has increased to 17,102 so the total cash value of the schools block is £81,932,000.
- 3.4 It should be noted that the Primary age pupils have increased by 232 while Secondary age pupils have decreased by 31.
- 3.5 The per pupil Unit of Funding for the Early Years Block also remains the same at £3,363.39 giving a total cash value of £3,865,000.
- 3.6 The High Needs Block has been allocated at £13,887,000, a slight increase from 2013-14 from £13,675,000.
- 3.7 We have received a further amount of £2,091,000. This is for 2 year-old early education places (£2,171,000), and funding for the induction of Newly Qualified Teachers (£26,000) less a top-slice for Carbon Reduction Commitment of £106,000.
- 3.8 The total DSG settlement for 2014-15 is £101,774,000 which is a very slight increase from the 2013-14 settlement of £101,570.

4.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

| Document | Place of Inspection | Contact Officer |
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| DSG 2014-15 allocations | Kingsway House | Anne Jones |