

REPORT TO: School Forum

DATE: 21st January 2015

REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division

SUBJECT: Pupil Growth Contingency

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report to the School Forum options for the Pupil Growth Contingency for 2014-15.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) The report be noted.
- (2) That the allocations for primary schools as detailed are approved,
- (3) That the allocations for secondary schools as detailed are approved.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Background

The Primary Pupil Growth contingency budget for 2014-15 was set at £100,000 while the Secondary Pupil Growth contingency budget was set at £80,000.

3.2 Criteria

Primary Pupil Growth funding can be accessed if a school has an increase of 15 or more pupils within KS1/2 while Secondary Pupil Growth funding can be accessed if a school has an increase of 15 or more pupils within KS3/4.

3.3 Funding for 2014-15

Within the primary sector we have seen an increase of over 700 pupils from October 2013 to October 2014. This has in recent years been prepared for by way of increasing the PAN in a number of schools to meet Basic Need.

Using the Department for Education confirmed October 2014 census data and comparing the pupil numbers with the DfE confirmed October 2013 census data, the following primary schools meet the qualifying criteria for Pupil Growth Funding:

School	Oct-14	Oct-13	Primary
Beechwood Primary School	141	123	18 £ 7,017.52
Daresbury Primary School	126	106	20 £ 10,526.28
Ditton Primary School	376	359	17 £ 5,263.14
Farnworth CE Primary School	399	378	21 £ 12,280.66
Hallwood Park Primary School	163	130	33 £ 33,333.22
The Grange All Through (KS1/2)	414	396	18 £ 7,017.52
Victoria Road Primary School	234	215	19 £ 8,771.90
Westfield Primary School	172	156	16 £ 3,508.76
Weston Primary School	144	123	21 £ 12,280.66
			<u>£ 99,999.66</u>

To make maximum use of the £100,000 budget available we are proposing to fund at £1,754.38 per pupil for the 15th pupil and above.

Within the secondary sector we have seen a reduction in the number of pupils by 497 from October 2013 to October 2014. Therefore there is sufficient capacity within the secondary schools for pupil numbers and we are unable to offer any pupil growth monies within the secondary sector. We will carry forward the unspent Secondary Pupil Growth Contingency budget of £80,000 into 2015-16 and we can use the £80,000 that would have been allocated to Secondary pupil growth for 2015-16 to be devolved to secondary schools as part of the schools block allocations.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None