

BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: Use of Individual Schools Budget Contingency 2011/12
DATE: 20th June 2012
RECIPIENT: SCHOOLS' FORUM

THIS IS NOT A DECISION PAPER

SUMMARY:

1. With the agreement of the Schools' Forum, £250,000 was held back from the Individual Schools Budget (ISB) in 2011/12 as a contingency. This paper explains how the 2011/12 ISB contingency has been used.

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

2. The School Finance (England) Regulations 2011 allows for a schools specific contingency to be held as central expenditure from the Schools Budget. This is to fund adjustments to budget shares or additional allocations to schools that face extra costs as a result of significant increases in pupil numbers mid-year or those affected by the Primary Review.
3. At the meeting in March 2011, Schools' Forum agreed that a contingency of £250,000 be held back in 2011/12 with any unspent balance allocated to schools at the end of the financial year on the basis of pupil numbers.
4. In 2011/12 £129,598 was allocated to schools from the ISB Contingency. Appendix 1 shows how the contingency was used. The remaining balance of £120,402 from the ISB Contingency was allocated to schools at the year end on the basis of January 2011 pupil numbers.
5. An additional £1,071,000 was also allocated back to schools from the Early years contingency within the ISB. This was for the following reasons:
 - A one off carry forward from 2010/11 of Standards Fund grant totalling £596,500 was used to fund provision in the autumn term
 - The actual take up of nursery places was less than forecast, with many children not taking up their full 15 hour per week entitlement, instead only doing 1 or 2 sessions. The budget however reflected the duty that the Authority has to ensure that all 3 and 4 year olds within the City can access their full entitlement of provision.
6. Due to the under utilisation of the nursery provision, the under spend in this area was returned to school as these budgets are funded from within the ISB.

Appendices/Supporting Information:

Appendix 1: Use of ISB Contingency 2011/12

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Use of ISB Contingency 2011/12

Appendix 1

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Rates increase - Harefield Primary	13,315.00
Rates decrease - St Marks	(978.00)
Rate revaluation - Shirley Junior	649.00
Rate revaluation - Bitterne Park Secondary	1,082.00
Additional Funding St Patricks re request to P Nugent 23.5.11	15,600.00
Additional funding Bitterne Manor Primary -Infant class size PN 24.5.11	24,300.00
Budget share transfer following Rates revaluation Bitterne CofE Junior	1,515.00
BUDget share increase further to Floor area increase Holy Family	42.00
BUDget share increase further to Floor area increase St Marks	10,380.00
Additional Insurance funding re trust status Regents Park	716.00
Additional Insurance funding re trust Bannister Infant	122.00
Additional Insurance funding re trust status St Johns Infant	112.00
Additional Insurance funding re trust status Foundry Lane Primary	366.00
Additional Funding to Bassett Green - Primary Review	10,750.00
Payment to Oakwood Inf - cover costs of Supply Teacher to 15.7.11 as per Paul Nugents Letter of 1.4.11	8,840.00
Payment to cover supply costs at Oakwood Infants to 02.12.11 - infant class size as per agreement with Paul Nugent	10,880.00
Rates revaluation 11/12 - St. Patricks	418.21
Payment forYR1 class over statutory limit as agreed by Alison Alexander	20,000.00
Final Payment to Oakwood Inf as per Agreement with Paul Nugent	11,489.00
Total Allocated During 2011-12	129,598.00
Balance reallocated to schools at the year end	120,402.00
ISB Contingency Budget	250,000.00