

DECISION PAPER

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF GROWTH FUND TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2013-14
DATE: 12th DECEMBER 2012
RECIPIENT: SCHOOLS' FORUM

SUMMARY:

The DfE announced as part of their schools funding reform that Local Authorities can hold back funds previously distributed to schools in respect of growth in pupil numbers as a direct result of basic need and redistribute these by a method approved by the Schools Forum.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Schools Forum :

- (i) Approve one of the proposed methods of allocation of resources held within the growth fund.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The DfE have announced that they will approve the redistribution of funding for basic need this will allow the LA to support those primary schools experiencing increases in pupil numbers.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. The growth fund could be delegated to all primary schools as part of the new funding formula however expanding schools would then be responsible for funding any extra costs from their own budget shares.

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

3. Currently, schools affected by Primary Review receive 7/12 of the Primary AWPU based on the planned increase in places for the following September.
4. The ISB contingency is also available to fund schools that experience financial difficulty as a result of an unexpected significant increase in number on roll. These schools receive funding based on the staffing required to teach an extra class, based on the costs of a teacher, an LSA and a lunchtime supervisor.
5. The proposals for the allocation of the growth fund are based on the current two models.

Option 1

Additional funding is based on the planned increase in PAN x Primary AWPU x 7/12ths.

Option 2

Additional funding is based on the increased number of classes required (based on 30 pupils per class). £33,000 per extra class would be allocated, based on the costs of a teacher, an LSA and a lunchtime supervisor.

Option 1 targets more funding to schools than option 2. There would need to be an increase in the growth fund to accommodate this equating to a reduction in the amount allocated per pupil for each Primary School by £10.72 before MFG.

6. The EFA have indicated that either option detailed above would be acceptable as a method for distributing the growth fund.
7. A review of the growth fund will need to take place each year to ensure there is adequate resource to fund future increases in PAN.

Appendices/Supporting Information:

Option 1 & 2 for distribution of Growth Fund.

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OPTION 1		Date expansion starts	Pupil Numbers Oct 2012	Approved PAN Sept 2012	Proposed PAN Sept 2013				
DfE No.	School Name					Increase in PAN	7/12 of increase	AWPU	Funding
3205	St Mary's C of E (VC) Primary School	Sep-09	470	510	540	30	18	£2,663	£46,596
2440	Banister Infant School -> Primary	Sep-10	167	180	240	60	35	£2,663	£93,192
2000	Bassett Green Primary School	Sep-10	379	390	435	45	26	£2,663	£69,894
3202	Freemantle C of E Academy	Sep-10	297	240	300	60	35	£2,663	£93,192
2460	Kanes Hill Primary School	Sep-10	337	360	375	15	9	£2,663	£23,298
2401	Mansel Park Primary School	Sep-10	284	300	330	30	18	£2,663	£46,596
2437	Glenfield Infant School	Sep-11	233	240	270	30	18	£2,663	£46,596
3655	Highfield C of E Primary School	Sep-11	266	265	275	10	6	£2,663	£15,532
2455	Moorlands Primary School	Sep-11	239	270	300	30	18	£2,663	£46,596
2770	Shirley Warren LC Primary and Nur	Sep-11	259	270	300	30	18	£2,663	£46,596
3658	St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	Sep-11	338	345	360	15	9	£2,663	£23,298
2769	Foundry Lane Primary School	Sep-12	448	450	480	30	18	£2,663	£46,596
3659	Harefield Primary School	Sep-12	313	330	345	15	9	£2,663	£23,298
2409	Mount Pleasant Junior School	Sep-12	251	270	300	30	18	£2,663	£46,596
2430	Sholing Infant School	Sep-12	206	210	240	30	18	£2,663	£46,596
2436	Tanners Brook Infant School	Sep-12	266	300	330	30	18	£2,663	£46,596
2001	Valentine Infant School	Sep-12	287	300	330	30	18	£2,663	£46,596
2452	Wordsworth Infant School -> Primary	Sep-12	201	210	300	90	53	£2,663	£139,788
2424	St Johns Primary And Nursery School	Sep-12	175	180	210	30	18	£2,663	£46,596
			5,416	5,620	6,260	640	373		£994,045

OPTION 2		Date expansion starts	Pupil Numbers Oct 2012	Approved PAN Sept 2012	Proposed PAN Sept 2013				
DfE No.	School Name					Current Classes Numbers	Revised Class Numbers Required	Variance	Funded Additional Costs
3205	St Mary's C of E (VC) Primary School	Sep-09	470	510	540	17	18	1	£33,000
2440	Banister Infant School -> Primary	Sep-10	167	180	240	6	8	2	£66,000
2000	Bassett Green Primary School	Sep-10	379	390	435	13	15	2	£66,000
3202	Freemantle C of E Academy	Sep-10	297	240	300	8	10	2	£66,000
2460	Kanes Hill Primary School	Sep-10	337	360	375	12	13	1	£33,000
2401	Mansel Park Primary School	Sep-10	284	300	330	10	11	1	£33,000
2437	Glenfield Infant School	Sep-11	233	240	270	8	9	1	£33,000
3655	Highfield C of E Primary School	Sep-11	266	265	275	9	10	1	£33,000
2455	Moorlands Primary School	Sep-11	239	270	300	9	10	1	£33,000
2770	Shirley Warren LC Primary and Nur	Sep-11	259	270	300	9	10	1	£33,000
3658	St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	Sep-11	338	345	360	12	12	0	£0
2769	Foundry Lane Primary School	Sep-12	448	450	480	15	16	1	£33,000
3659	Harefield Primary School	Sep-12	313	330	345	11	12	1	£33,000
2409	Mount Pleasant Junior School	Sep-12	251	270	300	9	10	1	£33,000
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2001	Valentine Infant School	Sep-12	287	300	330	10	11	1	£33,000
2452	Wordsworth Infant School -> Primary	Sep-12	201	210	300	7	10	3	£99,000
2424	St Johns Primary And Nursery School	Sep-12	175	180	210	6	7	1	£33,000
			5,416	5,620	6,260	188	211	23	£759,000

Additional Costs (September to March)	
Teacher	£25,000
LSA	£7,000
Lunch Cover	£1,000
Total	£33,000

