

# DECISION PAPER

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**SUBJECT:** Primary Growth Fund Contingency 2014-15  
**DATE:** 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
**RECIPIENT:** SCHOOLS' FORUM

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## SUMMARY:

Local Authorities can hold a contingency for growth in pupil numbers as a direct result of basic need and redistribute these by a method approved by the Schools Forum. This report proposes two alternative methods of distributing funding.

## 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. Holding a contingency for Primary expansions will allow the LA to support those primary schools experiencing increases in pupil numbers as a result of implementing Primary Review.

## 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. In 2013-14, as approved by Schools Forum, expanding schools received a fixed amount per additional class, which takes account of the estimated costs of making additional provision for that new class.
5. The proposals for the allocation of the growth fund are as follows.

### 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 a fixed amount of £33,400 per extra class required (based on 30 pupils per class). This figure is 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 from the £759,000 currently set for the growth fund to accommodate this increase, equating to a reduction in the amount allocated per pupil for each Primary School by £16.41 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 2013	Approved PAN Sept 2014				
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	540	570	30	18	£2,662	£46,594
2440	Banister Infant School -> Primary	Sep-10	167	240	300	60	35	£2,662	£93,187
2000	Bassett Green Primary School	Sep-10	379	435	480	45	26	£2,662	£69,890
3202	Freemantle C of E Community Academy	Sep-10	297	300	360	60	35	£2,662	£93,187
2460	Kanes Hill Primary School	Sep-10	337	375	390	15	9	£2,662	£23,297
2401	Mansel Park Primary School	Sep-10	284	330	360	30	18	£2,662	£46,594
3655	Highfield C of E Primary School	Sep-11	266	275	285	10	6	£2,662	£15,531
2455	Moorlands Primary School	Sep-11	239	300	330	30	18	£2,662	£46,594
2770	Shirley Warren LC Primary and Nursery School	Sep-11	259	300	330	30	18	£2,662	£46,594
3658	St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	Sep-11	338	360	375	15	9	£2,662	£23,297
2405	Bevois Town Primary School	Sep-12	239	270	300	30	18	£2,662	£46,594
2769	Foundry Lane Primary School	Sep-12	448	480	510	30	18	£2,662	£46,594
3659	Harefield Primary School	Sep-12	313	345	360	15	9	£2,662	£23,297
2409	Mount Pleasant Junior School	Sep-12	251	300	330	30	18	£2,662	£46,594
2430	Sholing Infant School	Sep-12	206	240	270	30	18	£2,662	£46,594
2001	Valentine Infant School	Sep-12	287	330	360	30	18	£2,662	£46,594
2452	Wordsworth Infant School -> Primary	Sep-12	201	300	390	90	53	£2,662	£139,781
2404	Beechwood Junior School	Sep-14	210	240	270	30	18	£2,662	£46,594
2754	Fairisle Infant and Nursery School	Sep-14	244	270	300	30	18	£2,662	£46,594
2424	St Johns Primary And Nursery School	Sep-14	175	210	240	30	18	£2,662	£46,594
			<b>5,610</b>	<b>6,440</b>	<b>7,110</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>391</b>		<b>£1,040,590</b>

Option 2		Date expansion starts	Pupil Numbers Oct 2012	Approved PAN Sept 2013	Approved PAN Sept 2014				
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	540	570	18	19	1	£33,400
2440	Banister Infant School -> Primary	Sep-10	167	240	300	8	10	2	£66,800
2000	Bassett Green Primary School	Sep-10	379	435	480	15	16	1	£33,400
3202	Freemantle C of E Community Academy	Sep-10	297	300	360	10	12	2	£66,800
2460	Kanes Hill Primary School	Sep-10	337	375	390	13	13	0	£0
2401	Mansel Park Primary School	Sep-10	284	330	360	11	12	1	£33,400
3655	Highfield C of E Primary School	Sep-11	266	275	285	10	10	0	£0
2455	Moorlands Primary School	Sep-11	239	300	330	10	11	1	£33,400
2770	Shirley Warren LC Primary and Nursery School	Sep-11	259	300	330	10	11	1	£33,400
3658	St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	Sep-11	338	360	375	12	13	1	£33,400
2405	Bevois Town Primary School	Sep-12	239	270	300	9	10	1	£33,400
2769	Foundry Lane Primary School	Sep-12	448	480	510	16	17	1	£33,400
3659	Harefield Primary School	Sep-12	313	345	360	12	12	0	£0
2409	Mount Pleasant Junior School	Sep-12	251	300	330	10	11	1	£33,400
2430	Sholing Infant School	Sep-12	206	240	270	8	9	1	£33,400
2001	Valentine Infant School	Sep-12	287	330	360	11	12	1	£33,400
2452	Wordsworth Infant School -> Primary	Sep-12	201	300	390	10	13	3	£100,200
2404	Beechwood Junior School	Sep-14	210	240	270	8	9	1	£33,400
2754	Fairisle Infant and Nursery School	Sep-14	244	270	300	9	10	1	£33,400
2424	St Johns Primary And Nursery School	Sep-14	175	210	240	7	8	1	£33,400
			<b>5,610</b>	<b>6,440</b>	<b>7,110</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>£701,400</b>

Additional Costs (September to March)	
NQT	£25,250
LSA	£7,070
Lunch Cover	£1,080
<b>Total</b>	<b>£33,400</b>