

**Annex1: Investment Priorities 2012/13**

		Amount £million	Delegated/ Central	Reason for Investment	Risk Assessment	Alternatives Considered
1	Young Person's Support Service/Provision for Excluded Pupils	0.400	Central	<p>Following clarification from the DfE on the implementation of the Power to Innovate, it has become clear that the LA will retain responsibility for pupils excluded before the Power to Innovate comes in to effect.</p> <p>Cost of £0.4 million based on 27 current pupils at average cost of £15k per placement. (see attached paper)</p>	The LA will retain responsibility for the provision for this group of pupils. Funding is only available within the YPSS budget until September 2012	<p>It is possible that there will be an underspend within the YPSS budget for April to August 2012 and this could be used to part fund this commitment and therefore reduce the amount required. Alternatively it could be agreed that any underspend arising from the YPSS following closure could be released in to the schools budget.</p> <p>If the LA retains responsibility for this group of pupils funding could be reduced from the quantum devolved to schools to recognise that the costs for these pupils need to be met.</p>
2	Remove 0.19% reduction to delegated budgets	0.492	Delegated	Schools Forum have the option to remove the requirement for a 0.19% reduction across all school budgets, this would give a cash standstill position for the second year in a row.	The risk of this approach is that the amount of one off funding within the 2012/13 budget is increased and the size of the budget gap to be met in 2013/14 is therefore increased. Until more detail is known regarding the funding mechanism for 2013/14 it is not known if Wiltshire will lose or gain through the new arrangements.	Retain the 0.19% reduction in order to minimise the risk moving forward in to 2013/14. Schools have already been notified of the reduction.
3	Remove 0.19% reduction to Early Years Single Funding Formula	0.028	Delegated (classified as part of delegated budget on Section 251)	Schools Forum have the option to remove the requirement for a 0.19% reduction across all school budgets, if the reduction to the delegated budget is removed Schools Forum would want to consider also removing the reduction to the EYSFF	as above	Retain the 0.19% reduction in order to minimise the risk moving forward in to 2013/14.
4	Retain DSG contingency	to be determined		<p>The budget set for 2012/13 is based on an estimate of DSG, the final settlement will be notified in June/July. If the final level of grant is lower than the estimate then budgets may need to be redetermined in year, or a shortfall rolled forward in to 2013/14.</p> <p>Schools Forum may also wish to consider retaining a level of contingency for 2013/14.</p>	the risk of not holding a contingency against the final grant settlement is that there will be a shortfall in grant for 2012/13. this shortfall could be carried forward to 2013/14 or dealt with in year.	
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