Schools Forum - January 2017
Decision Matrix for 2017-18 Budget

DSG Block	Decision Required	Inter-dependencies with other decisions	Proposal	Decision Maker			Decision - noted at meeting
				Local Authority	Schools Forum	DfE	
Overall Budget	Overall Schools Budget	individual decisions for blocks to feed in	Schools Budget to be set at level of DSG Settlement £342.498m	Decides	Proposes		No decision required. Council to set budget at overall level of DSG
	Confirm no LA Top Up			Decides			
Central Schools Services Block	Ongoing commitments eg Admissions, Schools Forum support, Services formally funded from retained duties element of ESG		Line by Line summary, appendix 2 to Central DSG Report. Summarised in Proposed Budget summary Propose as presented in Appendix 2	Proposes	Decides for each line	Adjudicates if Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal	
	Central spend on historic commitments	will inform any further funding to be delegated if spend is not agreed, is not evidenced or does not meet criteria	Propose agree eligible expenditure as per table in Central Schools Services Block Report	Proposes	Decides for each line	Adjudicates if Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal	
	Central Licences negotiated by Secretary of State		Propose Budget for central copyright licences set at £0.359m	Decides	None	None	
	Central spend on general duties for maintained schools - services previously funded by ESG general duties rate	would be a top slice for maintained school budgets - impacts on delegated budget decision	No top slice proposed	Proposes	Decided by maintained school members	Adjudicates if Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal	
Schools block - Delegated Budget	Affordability of local formula		Propose that any reduction required for affordability is applied to FSM Ever6 formula factor	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	
	Minimum Funding Guarantee		Propose set MFG at 0.5%	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	
	Growth fund		Growth fund to be set at £1m - split £0.1m Infant class Size and £0.9m basic need Propose criteria remain unchanged	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	
	Falling Rolls Fund	impacts on available quantum for delegated budget	Propose Wiltshire does not have a falling rolls fund	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	
High Needs Block	Funding for exceptional numbers of statements		No formula in place for 2017-18. Propose no formula for 2018-19 due to affordability	Decides	none	none	
	Top Up values for NPAs, ELP, Resource Bases and Special Schools		Initial proposal no change from 2017-18 values	Decides	none - but would consult Schools Forum	none	
	Funding levels for Alternative Provision		No Proposed change 2018-19	Decides	none - but would consult Schools Forum	none	

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	Savings proposals to meet shortfall in high needs block		Proposals to be developed to meet shortfall. If money to be moved between blocks this must be determined at the January meeting	Decides	none - but would consult Schools Forum	none	
Early Years Block	Agree Wiltshire formula - including supplements to be applied		Proposed formula as per EY Block report with supplements for Rurality and Deprivation. Proposed Basic Hourly rate £4.16 Rurality: £0.52 per hour Deprivation £0.40 per hour	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	none	
	Level of Inclusion Support Fund and how funded	Links to High Needs Block decisions	Proposed ISF £467,300, continues to be met as follows: £357,300 from high needs block £110,000 from Early Years Block	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	none	
	% Pass Through to settings		Proposal in Early Years report for 98% pass through	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	none	
	Hourly rate for free entitlement for 2 year olds		Proposed hourly rate of £5.32	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	none	

1 *Principles to guide decisions:*
2 Agreed principle to move towards NFF in 2018-19 for schools block
3 Decisions should maximise the funding allocated to all pupils where possible
4 Support local specialist provision
   Minimise movement of funding between DSG blocks