Wiltshire Council

Schools Forum 6th November 2014

Addendum to Agenda Item 11 – Schools Block 2015-16

Purpose of report

1. To provide details of the responses from maintained schools to the consultation on the delegation of central services. Paragraphs 8 through to 13 in the Schools Block report provide the context to the consultation.

Main considerations for School Forum

- 2. The outcomes of the consultation on the delegation of central services are summarised in Appendix 1. Responses were received from 83 schools, which is a 46.6% response rate.
- 3. The majority of maintained schools who responded have indicated that they would prefer budgets to be retained centrally. Budgets will be delegated to academies and special schools in accordance with DfE requirements.
- 4. It is noted that 4 of the 7 secondary schools who responded to the consultation expressed a preference for the budgets for the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service and Traveller Education Services to be centrally retained. In previous years it has been agreed that these budgets should be delegated to secondary schools.

Proposals

5. That Schools Forum note the consultation responses when making a decision in relation to the delegation/de-delegation of central budgets.

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