

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Cheshire West and Chester Schools Forum

Monday 16 January 2017

4.30pm – 6.30 pm

To be held at

Queen's Park High School
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Chester CH4 7AE

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Schools Forum
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Agenda item 2

**Cheshire West and Chester Schools Forum, Queen's Park High School,
Chester, 12 December 2016**

Present:	Representing:	Officers:
Paula Adolph	PVI (Private, voluntary and independent) early years' providers	Natalie Cole
Sue Anderson (sub for vacancy)	PVI	Charlotte Fenn (Clerk)
Hilary Berry	CWAPH (Cheshire West Association of Primary Headteachers)	Mark Parkinson
Alan Brown (sub for Sarah Curtis)	Primary headteachers	Paul Plested
Cheryl Bullen	Primary headteachers	Debbie Thompson
David Charlton (Chair)	Secondary headteachers	
David Curry	Secondary headteachers	
Ian Devereux- Roberts (sub for Chris Priddey)	Primary headteachers	
Kate Docherty	Primary headteachers	
Steve Dool	Academies	
John Freeman	PVI early years' providers	
Carol Gahan	Secondary governors	
Duncan Haworth	Primary governors	
Sarah Lee	Primary governors	
Kath Lloyd	Academies	
Judith McGuinness (sub for Samantha Myers-Whittaker)	Primary governors	
John Murray	Special headteachers	
Sue Pearson	Academies	
Katie Tyrrie	Primary governors	
Caroline Vile	Nursery headteachers	
Sarah Worthington	Diocese	
Sue Yates	Primary headteachers	
Harry Ziman	Secondary headteachers	
	Academies	

Official observers:

**Observers/
public:**
Lyndsay Watterson,
QPHS

1. Introductions and apologies

Charlotte Fenn reported that the term of office for David Charlton and Harry Ziman, as Chair and Vice-chair, had come to an end and proposed that the Forum agree for David Charlton to chair this meeting. This would give new members the opportunity to take part in the election process of a new chair and vice-chair, organised by the Clerk in time for the next meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Apologies were received from Sarah Curtis, Luci Jones, Kerry Kirkwood (not reported at the meeting), Kathryn Magiera and Samantha Myers-Whittaker.

David Charlton reported that a number of members' term of office had come to an end. Primary governors Martin Nield and Ian Trotman, secondary governor Jenny Turner and PVI rep Kathie Foye had confirmed that they did not intend standing for a further term. John Barber had also notified the Clerk that he would no longer be the Education Funding Agency observer on the Forum; no replacement had as yet been named.

David Charlton reported the outcomes of the recent elections and welcomed the new members to the group:

Primary governors

First round (four vacancies/two nominations)

Duncan Haworth	Woodfall Primary	re-elected
Kath Lloyd	Westminster Primary	elected new rep

Second round (two vacancies/three nominations)

Sue Pearson	Helsby Horns Mill Primary	re-elected
Carol Gahan	JH Godwin Primary	elected new rep
Heather Lewis	Meadow Primary	named substitute

Special governor (one vacancy/one nomination)

Philip Hopwood	Greenbank School	re-elected
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Secondary governor (one vacancy/one nomination)

One nomination received from Weaverham HS, the nominee was not eligible under the scheme as no more than one governor could be elected to the Schools Forum from the same governing body; vacancy remains.

PVI

Sue Anderson, as named sub, was covering the vacancy while a rep was being sought.

Trade Unions

Greg Foster was re-elected by the JCC as the teaching staff rep.

Headteacher

David Charlton	Secondary	re-elected
Sarah Curtis	Primary	re-elected

2. Minutes and matters arising of last meeting

2.1 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

2.2 Matters arising

2.2.1 item 3 Maintained School Balances Financial Year 2015-2016

David Charlton sought clarification, as the Balance Control Mechanism (BCM) was no-longer in operation, as to whether Officers had written to schools who had in excess of the BCM threshold and requested spending plans. Natalie Cole, Finance Manager, reported that schools had not been formally written to as plans had come in through other routes as part of conversations with Finance colleagues and were being looked at.

3. Apprenticeship Levy (item 7 on the agenda)

Paul Plested, Senior Finance Manager, tabled a briefing note entitled 'Apprenticeship Levy Update' which provided background to the levy, a summary of the basis for a charge determined by the status of the school and the financial impact on a typical maintained school.

A levy would be payable by all employer's based on a 0.5% charge on an employer's pay bill, with an annual allowance of £15,000 to offset their liabilities; in effect only employer's with annual pay bills in excess of £3m would pay a level. Academy Trusts, Multi-Academy Trusts, Foundation schools and Voluntary Aided schools were deemed as separate employers and the levy would apply to each school where as the LA was the employer for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools and they were included in the Council's payroll figures. It was noted that, for planning purposes, schools should assume that where a share of the levy placed on the LA was due to the school's inclusion in the LA's total payroll, a charge would be made to recover the impact.

It was noted that the levy arrangements were complex and a separate PAYE scheme was required where pooled PAYE schemes were in place; seven schools impacted by changing payroll arrangements were listed in the briefing note.

Officers were looking at merging the two pay dates (15th and 18th) to reduce costs and minimise the additional operational overheads.

Paul Plested reported that employers would be able to draw down funding from the apprenticeship levy digital account to recover training costs but not the cost of employing the apprentice. It was also noted that adjustment would be made for those employees that lived in Wales, where the levy was not being applied. This would not reduce the levy charge, but would reduce value being credited to the digital account against which training costs could be charged

Debbie Thompson, Senior HR Manager, provided additional clarification regarding the interpretation of an apprenticeship. It was noted that apprenticeships, in this context, could include career development e.g. training classroom assistants with 20% of their job spent on training. It was noted that Officers were awaiting further guidance so not all the Forum's questions could be answered at this time. Further clarification would be sought regarding how this impacts on School Direct on the job

training, apprentices living in Wales and whether payroll changes mean new payroll numbers.

Debbie Thompson informed Forum members that Mike Lally, Business Relationship Manager for Schools, was sending out a briefing note to the seven schools affected by the payroll migration.

David Charlton questioned as to whether schools would be receiving a briefing, in particular secondary schools. Officers confirmed that they would, however they were still waiting for further operational guidance and clarification.

Debbie Thompson reported that, in January, CLT (Council's Leadership Team) would be looking at what resources were needed to implement this legislation and any emerging issues, one being the target set by government on the number of apprentices to be employed which is based on a percentage of the employer's headcount rather than FTE. This would more than triple the LA's pay costs with the number of apprentices the LA needs to employ increasing to around 180.

4. Falling Rolls Fund

David Charlton welcomed Lyndsay Watterson, Headteacher Queen's Park High School (QPHS), to the meeting as an observer.

Several Forum members declared an interest prior to the item being discussed; Alan Brown's wife worked at Christleton HS and his children attended the school; Sue Pearson was a governor at QPHS; Sarah Lee's husband was a governor at QPHS and the Cheshire Vale Teaching School Alliance had worked with QPHS.

Mark Parkinson, Director of Education, introduced the report on behalf of the finance sub group. The report sought approval for the creation of a falling roll fund for 2017-2018.

Mark Parkinson took Forum members through the key points in the report. It was noted that falling pupil numbers had significantly affected QPHS funding and this reduction was not protected through Minimum Funding Guarantee. An independent review had been commissioned by the LA which established that no further significant savings could be made, and pupil analysis had established that extra pupils would be coming through as a result of housing developments and surplus places would be fully utilised by 2020. Mark Parkinson stressed that the LA had no proposal to close QPHS.

It was noted that the proposal to establish a falling rolls fund in relation to QPHS was at the suggestion of the DfE who were managing the conversion of the school into a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) with Christleton Learning Trust (CLT). Joining the MAT would make QPHS eligible for falling rolls funding under the criteria that schools must be good or outstanding.

Officers and the Finance sub group had meet on two occasions to discuss the proposal and impact of not taking steps to support the school temporarily. Lyndsay Watterson attended the second meeting to clarify points regarding the schools

financial position and what actions had been taken to reduce the forecasted in year funding shortfall. Mark Parkinson informed Forum members that Tony Lamberton, CEO CLT, had been invited to attend the meeting with Lyndsay Watterson but had not due to a misunderstanding.

A statement from Tony Lamberton entitled ' Information relevant to sponsored Academisation of QPHS and falling rolls mechanism' was tabled in support of their financial commitment to QPHS.

It was noted that the falling roll fund proposal would help QPHS through the next three years but would not 'bail' them out or fully bridge the funding gap, there was still a significant amount for the CLT to cover.

Mark Parkinson confirmed that no other school currently fitted the criteria but it was acknowledged that UCAN (University of Chester Academy Northwich) would trigger funding if it achieved an OFSTED category of good.

Schools Forum members had an in-depth discussion regarding the proposal and raised a number of queries/concerns that neither Officers nor Lyndsay Watterson were in a position to address.

Questions were raised as to whether QPHS deficit could be covered by taking out a loan; Officers reported that under the regulations schools could not take out a loan of this nature.

In response to a question regarding the sixth form going forward, Lyndsay Watterson responded that they had looked at the costings and it was felt that closing the sixth form would be costly and detrimental at this time and would have an impact on parent's perception of the school. In due course the MAT would be looking at making efficiencies across the three schools. The sixth form currently ran some joint courses with The Catholic High School, Chester, which was their closest neighbour.

In response to a question regarding where the falling rolls would be funded from, Natalie Cole confirmed that the DSG would be top-sliced across all schools, including those in deficient; this would equate to a reduction of £5 per pupil for the first year, reducing proportionally over the subsequent following two years.

A number of Forum members expressed their concern and discomfort in coming to a decision as they felt they had not been presented with enough facts or clarity on the proposals. David Charlton conducted a straw poll to determine who would be willing to accept the proposal without further information from CLT and the forum was evenly split.

The Forum agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting while further clarification was sought in particular regarding CLT plans for the QPHS site and the impact of the proposed International Studio School, would QPHS remain longer term; how CLT proposed to cover the shortfall between the £600k falling rolls funding and the projected £1.5m deficit; what further savings could CLT make when QPHS became part of CLT MAT; what were their plans should the predicated pupil numbers not materialise?

The Schools Forum resolved that

1. the decision be deferred to the next meeting on Monday 16 January 2017;
and
2. CLT be asked to provide a business plan to demonstrate the future viability of QPHS as part of CLT MAT.

5. Changes in funding arrangements for Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) bands

Natalie Cole introduced the report which set out the review undertaken by the Finance Sub Group on the impact of the change in IDACI bands for the 2017-2018 Schools Block funding formula.

It was noted that the option proposed was as cost neutral as could be and maintained the original principles for allocating funding (as outlined under paragraph 6).

Forums attention was drawn to appendix A which provided a comparison of current IDACI allocations and indicative rates for 2017-2018.

Resolved that the Schools Forum approve the recommendation of the Finance Sub Group to revise the bands and values used to allocate funding through the IDACI deprivation factor in the Schools Block funding formula for 2017-2018.

6. Initial Planning for DSG Allocations for 2017-2018 and Budget Setting

Natalie Cole took Forum members through a tabled paper which provided the draft allocation, draft policy options and technical adjustments for DSG 2017-2018.

It was noted that the figures presented were estimates as Officers had not yet received the indicative data from the DfE; pupil numbers had only just arrived on Friday 9 December.

The data presented took into account some of the changes as part of the move towards the National School Funding Formula. It was noted that the schools block had been redefined to include a central schools block & ESG (Education Support Grant) retained duties. It was noted that the ESG funding had been cut but the LA's statutory duties remained such as; EWOs (Education Welfare Officers), asset management, finance.

Funding from the high needs block (6k notional SEN) had been moved to the schools block following a base-line exercise by the EFA.

Schools Forum members were reminded that the £800k carry-forward from 2015-2016 had been a one-off and would not be available in 2017-2018.

Forum's attention was drawn to the funding change request for hospital education. This request was as a result of the increase in pupil numbers from 14 to 30 following

the relocation of Ancora House School (formerly Pine Lodge Short Stay School).

Natalie Cole reported changes to School Improvement funding. Two new funding sources were being introduced; the LA was to receive a share of the new School Improvement funding to offset part of the cuts in the ESG and schools would be able to bid for school improvement funding; the bidding process had not yet been published by the EFA.

A further report would be brought to the Schools Forum for consideration in January 2017.

7. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2016-2017 Forecast Outturn at Mid-Year Review (item 3 on the agenda)

Paul Plested introduced the paper which provided an update on the financial forecast outturn position for 2016-2017 for centrally held DSG as reported at the Mid-Year Review. It was noted that these figures were based on the position at September 2016 and may differ slightly from those in the previous report as things had moved on.

It was noted that Officers were expecting to report a slightly improved position to Members at the third review in January 2017.

Resolved that the Schools Forum note the Mid-Year Review position on the DSG.

8. Any Other Business

Early years funding Changes to funding for three- and four-year olds

Natalie Cole reported that the Government response to the Early Years consultation had been published last week. The new funding formula would commence in April 2017, however the Schools Forum needed to be consulted on changes to the local early years single funding formula, including agreeing central spend by 28th February.

Officers proposed that the Early Years Finance sub group review the outcomes of the consultation and put forward recommendations for the local early years single funding formula including use of supplements. Due to the short timescale, recommendations would be put to the Schools Forum to approve via virtual vote, then members approval sought prior to the 28 February deadline.

Resolved that the Schools Forum agreed Officers proposal for the Early Years Finance sub group to put forward local early years single funding formula recommendations for the Schools Forum to approve via virtual vote.

9. Next meeting

Monday 16 January 2017 Queen's Park High School 4.30 - 6.30. Schools Forum finance sub group meeting Tuesday 13 December had been cancelled.

Agenda item 4

Combined Budgets and Miscellaneous Expenditure

Purpose of the Report

1. To propose and agree the allocation of the combined budgets element of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2017-2018.
2. To propose and agree expenditure against the miscellaneous budget line for 2017-2018.

Recommendation

3. That the Schools' Forum agrees the allocation and configuration of the combined budgets element of the DSG and the miscellaneous expenditure for the 2017-2018 financial year.

Background

Combined Budgets

4. Table 1 provides an outline of the proposed configuration for the combined budgets element of the DSG in the 2017-2018 financial year. The total amount proposed for the combined budgets is £720K which is a reduction in this budget of £456K from the 2016-2017 financial year.
5. The change from 2016-2017 is the removal of the School Intervention Fund which was previously £456K. This proposal largely arises because of the announcement by the Department of Education in November 2016 of new funding for school improvement (though this "new" funding comes at the same time as a reduction in the Education Support Grant). In the announcement on 30 November 2016, the DfE said that there will be:

"a new £140 million 'Strategic School Improvement Fund' for academies and maintained schools - aimed at ensuring resources are targeted at the schools most in need of support to drive up standards, use their resources most effectively and deliver more good school places"

There are no inadequate schools in Cheshire West and Chester (and hasn't been for some time) and there has been a continuing shift of schools from Requiring Improvement to Good. Any school judged to be inadequate would immediately be subject to an academy order and the expectation is that support for such a school would come from the Multi-Academy Trust that school would join and from the Regional Schools Commissioner.

The main impact of this change is that, from April 2017, schools that currently Require Improvement (RI) or judged to Require Improvement in the future will not have access to additional funding via a School Intervention Fund held and administered by the Local Authority. Those schools will need to prioritise their budgets in response to a RI judgement accordingly.

The School Intervention Team will work with local system leaders, Teaching School Alliances and Multi-Academy Trusts to ensure that schools in Cheshire West and Chester get a fair share of the £140million Strategic School Improvement Fund. We understand that there will be a bidding process to access this funding and we will work closely with our Regional School Commissioner and her team.

Notwithstanding the budget pressures that schools are currently facing and may potentially face in the future, it is even more essential for RI schools or vulnerable schools to ensure that their budget is used effectively to address underperformance in the school.

6. On 30 November 2016 as part of the announcement about school improvement funding, the DfE also announced that there will be:

“from September 2017, a £50 million a year fund for local authorities to continue to monitor and commission school improvement for low-performing maintained schools”

It is important to note that this funding is available from September 2017. It is unclear at the moment how much funding this will provide to Cheshire West and Chester or the conditions of the grant. As a result, the School Improvement and Intervention Team line of the Combined Budgets has not been reduced at this point. However, the Local Authority will use its share of the £50million to fund the School Intervention Team and this may result in a saving on the budget line at the end of the year.

It should be noted that the £50million is being provided for LAs regarding low-performing maintained schools. The Education Service and the School Intervention Team in particular will need to re-assess the focus of its work and we may not be able to sustain the level of support across all schools that we have provided in the past.

Schools' Forum may also wish to note that there is currently a consultation taking place internally regarding a restructure of the School Intervention Team. Broadly this proposed reduction in the size of the team and a focus of the team on School Intervention Co-ordination. This will mean that most of the school improvement monitoring activity will be undertaken by Associate School Improvement Advisers so a proportion of the School Intervention team funding will find its way back into schools.

Table 1

Service delivery area	Proposed allocation in 2017-2018	Purpose of the budget
Schools' contribution to the LSCB	£89K	Subscription for all schools towards the work and function of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB)
School Improvement and Intervention Team	£551K	This funds the School Intervention Team, including the team of Associate School Improvement Advisers. A proposed restructure of this team is reducing the central team and increasing the use of ASIAs.
Raising the participation age and 14-19 support	£60K	To support schools and the LA to improve engagement and outcomes across the 14-19 age range. This will include actions arising from the report of the Growth and Skills Commission and from the 14-19(25) Strategic Needs Analysis completed in the autumn of 2015.
Primary statutory national curriculum assessments	£20K	To deliver support for Primary National Assessments including moderation activities.
Total	£720K	

Miscellaneous Budgets

7. The 2014-2015 Regulations re-instated the ability of the Schools' Forum to agree some funding against a miscellaneous budgets line. The total amount that can be allocated cannot exceed the level of this budget line in the 2012-2013 Section 251 statement. This figure was £115K.
8. For the 2017-2018 year, it is proposed to allocate this funding as follows:

Table 2

FFT License	£24K	To pay for the Fischer Family Trust (FFT) license for all schools (maintained and academies) in the light of the changes to charges by FFT.
Support for Duke of Edinburgh Activities	£25K	To provide a centrally allocated resource to commission Edsential to deliver a Duke of Edinburgh programme across all schools in the borough.
CASPA (Comparison and Analysis of Special Pupil Attainment)	£3k	To pay for the annual CASPA LA license - LA module and database hosted by the Local Authority to support Special Schools (previously located at Hinderton School).
Commissioning Budget for the Cheshire West Education Improvement Board (CWEIB)	£63K	To provide budget for the CWEIB to commission activity in line with the priorities agreed by the Board.

Agenda Item 5

Dedicated Schools Grant Allocations for 2017-2018 and Budget Setting

Purpose of the Report

1. Further to the estimated figures tabled to Schools Forum in December, this report is to confirm the indicative Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation for 2017-2018 and the draft budget proposals for the next financial year.

Recommendations

2. The Schools Forum is requested to:-
 - i. Approve the draft DSG budget proposals.
 - ii. Note the next steps for confirming the DSG budget proposals for 2017-2018

Background

3. The indicative DSG allocation for 2017-2018 was made available by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) on 20 December 2016. This information, along with the final October 2016 census numbers to determine the formula funding for schools (confirmed on 15 December), now forms the basis of the budget proposals for 2017-2018.

Indicative DSG Allocation for 2017-2018

4. The final DSG allocation for Cheshire West and Chester in 2016-2017 is £244.621m. A further £0.8m was carried forward from the 2015-2016 centrally held underspend and made available to schools to give total funding of £245.421m. The initial allocation shows a net increase in available funding for 2017-2018 of £6.027m. This is an increase of £6.827m in DSG funding offset by a reduction in the centrally held underspend of £0.8m. A breakdown of the current and next year allocation is detailed in Appendix A.
5. The increase in available funding of £6.027m is due to the following changes in the allocation:
 - an increase in the pupil population attracting additional schools block funding of £3.3m
 - an additional £2m in early years funding, largely to support the increase to 30 hours free entitlement to childcare in September 2017
 - £0.5m share of national growth allocations in high needs funding for special educational needs

- £1m transfer into the grant of funding previously received through the Education Services Grant and funding passed directly to providers for Further Education high needs places.

Table 1 Final DSG 2016-2017 and Indicative 2017-2018 allocation

DSG Allocation Block	Re-baselined 2016-2017 £000	Indicative 2017-2018 £000	Change £000
Schools Block	193,346	197,388	4,043
High Needs Block	35,574	36,346	772
Early Years Block	13,152	14,993	1,840
Additions and deductions to DSG	2,549	2,721	172
Total DSG Allocation	244,621	251,448	6,827
DSG carry-forward allocated to schools	800	0	-800
TOTAL DSG funding available	245,421	251,448	6,027

6. The indicative DSG allocation (before academy recoupment and deductions of high needs places funded directly by the EFA) is detailed in **Appendix A**.

Budget Planning 2017-2018 Proposals

7. DSG budget planning proposals for 2017-2018 includes both technical adjustments to formula funding and known spending pressures and savings. It is proposed that the additional DSG funding is largely allocated as intended i.e. to fund increased pupil numbers, growth in high needs and changes to early years policy and funding. However, Schools Forum are aware that there would be a pressure arising from increased demand for high needs places and top up funding and that this would be a call on Schools Block funding. There is therefore some proposed movement between the funding blocks to meet these pressures.
8. **Appendix B** details the adjustments proposed for the 2017-2018 DSG for Individual School Budgets (ISB), centrally retained, early years and high needs spend. Proposals would see an overall increase in ISB of £1.484m, an increase to high needs budgets of £2.040m, an increase in early years of £1,960m and centrally retained budgets of £0.543m. Further notes on the draft proposals are provided in **Appendix C**.
9. As advised previously, under School Finance Regulations, certain activities within central spend are not allowed to exceed the budget held in the previous year. These activities are: prudential borrowing, termination of employment costs, combined budgets, SEN transport costs and miscellaneous expenditure (not falling within other paragraphs of the regulations). None of the budget proposals increase the budgets for these activities for 2017-2018.

Next Steps

10. For the proposed allocations and budget proposals to form the opening budget for 2017-2018 for approval by Council on 23 February 2017.

Final DSG 2016-2017 and Indicative 2017-2018

Appendix A

DSG Allocation	Final DSG 2016-2017 (re-baselined for new funding blocks)			Estimated DSG 2017-2018			Change 2016-2017 to 2017-2018 £000
	Pupil Numbers	Amount per pupil £	Allocation £000	Pupil Numbers	Amount per pupil £	Allocation £000	
Schools Block							
Schools Block			190,565			193,839	
Central Schools Block			2,781			2,833	
ESG retained Duties						741	
Total Schools Block	42,842	4,529	193,346	43,579	4,529	197,388	4,043
Early Years Block							
3&4 year old funding	3,111	4,227	13,152	3,111	4,085	12,709	
Maintained nursery supplementary funding						93	
Disability Access Funding						86	
30 hrs entitlement from Sept 2017						2,105	
Total Early Years Block			13,385			14,993	1,840
High Needs Block							
Growth			35,574			35,574	
Transfer in of post 16 places in FE						538	
-						234	
			35,574			36,346	772
Additions and deductions to DSG							
2 Year Olds	516	4,684	2,418	516	5,016	2,590	172
Early Years Pupil Premium (initial estimate)			131			131	
Total DSG Allocation			244,621			251,448	6,827
DSG carry-forward allocated to schools			800			0	-800
Total DSG funding available			245,421			251,448	6,027

Ref	Description of adjustment	ISB £000	Central Spend			Total £000
			High Needs £000	Early Years £000	Centrally Held £000	
1	Technical adjustments from the operation of the formula					
	Funding released from Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) protection	-262				-262
	Increase in MFG from removal of 2014-2015 carry forward	55				55
2	Changes in pupil numbers					
	AWPU increase in numbers	2,525				2,525
	Deprivation decrease in numbers eligible	-57				-57
	Prior attainment increase in numbers eligible	127				127
	EAL increase in numbers eligible	61				61
	Sparsity decrease in pupil numbers in eligible schools	-4				-4
	Lump sum additional free school	102				102
	Rates increase in rateable values	182				182
	Additional Minimum Funding Guarantee - increased numbers at protected rates	500				500
	Subtotal - changes to pupil numbers	3,229	0	0	0	3,229
3	Carry forward from centrally held budgets					
	Removal of £0.8m carry forward from 2014-2015	-734	-14	-53		-800
	Subtotal - carry forward from centrally held budgets	-734	-14	-53	0	-800
4	Growth in high needs budgets					
a	Places to be recouped by the EFA including transfer in of post 16 places in FE		307			307

b	Growth in mainstream top up payments	-590	590			0
c	Growth in special school places and top up	-413	1,158			745
	Subtotal - growth in high needs budgets	-1,003	2,054	0	0	1,051
5	Changes in early years funding					
a	NFF 3&4 year olds - revisions to central spend and EYSFF			1,840		1,840
b	Increase in 2 year old funding			172		172
	Subtotal - changes in early years funding	0	0	2,012	0	2,012
6	Centrally held budgets					
a	Falling rolls fund				250	250
b	School improvement fund				-456	-456
c	Copyright licences - change in national deduction	-8			8	0
d	Transfer in ESG retained duties				741	741
	Net change in funding (Gross DSG before Academy recoupment)	1,484	2,040	1,960	543	6,027

Appendix C

Further detail on DSG Budget Planning proposals in Appendix B

Item	Description
1	<p>Technical adjustments from the operation of the formula</p> <p>This item summarises the impact of technical changes that are not related to changes in pupil numbers or eligibility for pupil led funding.</p> <p>Funding released from Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) protection – set at -1.5%, schools receiving protection can expect to lose an amount of funding each year, This funding is then available for distribution to all schools through the formula.</p> <p>As a result of the removal of the temporary funding from the underspend on centrally retained funding in 2014-2015, some schools will fall onto MFG protection, offsetting some of the amount released as described above.</p>
2	<p>Changes in pupil numbers and eligibility</p> <p>This item summarises the financial impact of the each formula factor and how funding will be allocated across for changes in pupil numbers. Pupil number and rate changes are detailed in the separate School Funding Formula report.</p>
3	<p>Carry forward from centrally held budgets</p> <p>The overall reduction of £0.8m is the fall out of the carry forward from 2014-2015. This has been allocated on a per pupil basis across schools, high needs and early year's numbers.</p>
4	<p>Growth in high needs budgets</p> <p>a) There has is a technical adjustment relating to place funding to be recouped by the EFA including transfer in of post 16 places in FE. This has been funded from the increased DSG allocation.</p> <p>The additional high needs block growth allocation along with a reduction in the Basic Entitlement in the schools funding formula is required to fund:</p> <p>b) Increasing numbers with element 3 funding in mainstream schools. This is to fund current demand with growth of £250k for the next year.</p> <p>c) Increasing place funding and top up funding in the authority's special schools. This is to fund current demand and a further 25 places for the next academic year.</p>
5	<p>Changes in early years funding</p> <p>This is the direct allocation of additional funding received for</p> <p>a) 3&4 year olds following the outcome of the National Funding Formula. The allocation includes funding for the increase to 30 hours free entitlement to childcare which comes into effect from September 2017.</p> <p>b) Increase in 2 year old funding following an increase to the funding rates nationally.</p>

Item	Description
6	<p data-bbox="352 219 703 255">Centrally held budgets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="400 275 1366 311">a) Implementation of a Falling Rolls Fund (refers to Agenda item 3) <li data-bbox="400 327 1390 394">b) Removal of the combined budget for School Intervention (Refer to Agenda item 4) <li data-bbox="400 409 1390 510">c) Reflects an increase in the deduction from DSG to fund Copyright Licences purchase nationally by the DfE. This increase is due to increased pupil numbers. <li data-bbox="400 526 1390 719">d) This is the removal of the Education Services Grant (ESG) retained duties which has been transferred into the schools block. Local authorities need to ensure they retain sufficient funding centrally to cover duties previously funded by the ESG retained rate in addition to the responsibilities that are already funded from centrally retained DSG.

Cheshire West and Chester Schools Forum

16 January 2017

Agenda Item 6

Draft of 2017-2018 School Funding Formula for January Submission

Purpose of the Report

1. This report details the draft School Funding Formula for 2017-2018 taking into account the decisions taken previously on the continued use of the current formula factors and the October 2016 census data provided by the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

Recommendations

2. The Schools Forum (School, Academy and PVI representatives) is requested to approve the principles on which the funding formula is based for final submission to the EFA. Proposed unit values are included in Appendix C based on budget setting proposals in Agenda item 5.

Background

3. Unlike previous years, there was been no requirement to submit a draft formula submission to the EFA in October 2016. A single submission is required by 20 January 2017. At the September meeting, Schools Forum recommended to continue with the existing formula factors for 2017-2018. This decision was taken following a review of the Local Authority's formula against the EFA's national data comparison which did not identify any further areas for review. It was noted from the EFA's operational guidance that there would be changes to the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) bands for 2017-2018 and a decision to change the bands in use to deal with this change was agreed at the December Schools Forum meeting.
4. The 2017-2018 formula will be based on pupil numbers and demographics taken from the October 2016 census. This data was made available by the EFA on 15 December 2016 and forms the basis of the formula values proposed in this report for the final formula submission. A summary of the pupil numbers used for the pupil led formula factors is shown in Appendix A.

Impact of October 2016 Census and pupil data

5. Census data - change in pupil numbers

From October 2015 to October 2016 there was an increase of 750 pupils overall - 489 more primary school pupils (2% increase) and an increase of 261 in secondary pupils (2% increase). This is the net of an increase of 349 pupils in KS3 less 88 in KS4 pupils.

Estimated pupil numbers and resource provision places

6. In determining the school funding formula adjustments are made to census data for the following reasons.
 - Estimated growth for growing free schools – additional 67 pupils
 - Estimated growth for schools increasing capacity – additional 43.75 places funded as in 2016-2017.
 - Deduction of Resource Provision places funded through the High Needs block – deduction of 99 pupils.

The actual pupil numbers used and stated in Appendices A and B take into account these adjustments and therefore differ from the census data for some schools.

Basic Entitlement

7. The value of the Basic entitlement for primary, KS3 and KS4 have been reduced equally to meet the overall affordability of the formula within the DSG allocation. Compared to 2016-2017 unit rates, £17.12 per pupil has been removed relating to the temporary funding from 2014-2015 no longer available. A further reduction of £37.93 has been made to fund pressures in high needs places and top up funding for 2017-2018 as detailed in the budget setting agenda item.

Deprivation

8. Following the changes made to the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) bands, and the decisions taken by Schools Forum to adjust the unit values and bands in use, the proportion of pupils to be funded through IDACI is broadly in line with 2016-2017. There has however been a reduction in the number of pupils eligible under the FSM Ever 6 compared to 2016-2017. There is a reduction of 2.3% in primary in spite of a 2% increase in total primary aged children. In secondary FSM Ever 6 numbers have increased by 0.9% but this is less than the 2% increase in the cohort. Current FSM numbers in both sectors however have increased from the previous year indicating that the number of eligible Ever 6 pupils leaving in 2016 were greater in number than those becoming eligible. Although this has resulted in funding changes for some schools, it is not proposed to amend the unit rates as schools are protected from losing more than 1.5% per pupil through the Minimum Funding Guarantee and this has increased for a number of schools affected by this reduction in eligibility.

Rates

9. For the purposes of levying business rates charges, properties are revalued every five years. All properties have been revalued with effect from April 2017. In comparison the previous rateable values the average change is a 15% increase and some have gone up much more significantly. This is partially offset by a reduction in the multiplier applied in the rates charge calculation and some

transitional relief being applied. However, an additional £182k is estimated to be needed in 2017-2018 and is included in the formula calculations. This funding is ringfenced to cover rates charges.

Prior attainment – Primary

10. In line with previous years, a weighting will be applied to the actual numbers eligible for prior attainment funding in primary. This reflects the change in assessment from pupils achieving less than 78 points at Early Years Foundation Stage to those failing to achieve a good level of development. This change skews the numbers of low scorers used for the prior attainment factor since more pupils in years 1-4 are eligible using a different criteria to those in years 5-6. As such, the EFA allowed local authorities to apply a weighting to the years 1-4 cohort to bring the numbers in line with the remaining cohort. A weighting of 50% to the low scorers in years 1-4 has been calculated using the EFA's methodology and this is included in the draft formula provided. This effectively halves the rate of pupils funded under the new criteria to maintain the amount targeted through the formula for low attainment.

Prior attainment – Secondary

11. A national weighting has been applied to the secondary low attainment figures to accommodate the recent change in assessment. At a national level, a higher number of the year 7 cohort in financial year 2017 to 2018 will be identified as having low prior attainment. The EFA have established a national weighting of 48% to be applied to year 7 low scorers to ensure that this cohort does not have disproportionate influence within the overall total. Local authorities are not able to change the weighting, but would be able to adjust their secondary low prior attainment unit value if necessary to maintain their low prior attainment factor at previous levels without significant turbulence. The effect of the 48% weighting maintains the proportion of overall funding applied to secondary through the prior attainment factor at 4.9% (4.8% in 2016-2017). It is therefore not considered necessary to adjust the unit value for 2017-2018.

Recoupment of new free schools

12. For 2017-2018, the EFA have amended funding regulations to enable the recoupment of funding for maintained free schools from the first year of opening (previously only recouped in the second year). This is based on the assumption by the EFA that pupil numbers for the new school exist within the current population and are therefore funded through the DSG allocation for the Local Authority. However, an additional lump sum and estimated growth in pupil numbers now have to be funded from the allocation which does not include additional funding for either element. The anticipated opening of Christleton Studio School in September 2017 has therefore been included in the 2017-2018 formula submission.

Confirmation of centrally retained budgets

13. The draft formula assumes that the budgets tabled to the Schools Forum at this meeting in the budget planning and combined budget reports are taken forward.

Any changes to these proposals decided at this meeting will change the formula before the submission.

Draft budgets by school

14. Appendix B shows the **draft** 2017-2018 funding for each school based on the assumptions above. The table compares the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 allocations, the impact on the MFG and the change in pupil numbers. A summary of the funding to be allocated through each factor to each sector is included in Appendix C.

Next Steps

15. Further to any amendments described within this report, the School Funding Formula will be submitted to the EFA for 20 January deadline. A draft funding statement will be sent to schools following this so that schools affected by changes in eligibility for pupil led factors are notified early of these changes. As per the requirements of the (draft) School Finance Regulations 2015, final budget letters will be issued to individual maintained schools by 28 February 2017.

Appendix A

Comparison of pupil numbers for the pupil led formula factors in the October 2015 and October 2016 censuses (adjusted for estimated numbers and resource provision places) with change in numbers and percentage changes between years

Pupil Led Formula Factor	October 2015 Census	% of Cohort	October 2016 Census	% of Cohort	Change in pupil numbers	% change
Primary						
NOR Primary	26,183		26,672		524	2.0%
Primary FSM Units	2,973	11.6%	3,126	12.2%	153	5.1%
Primary Ever 6 Units	5,549	21.6%	5,423	21.1%	-126	-2.3%
IDACI Primary Units Band 4/C	1,747	6.8%	1,791	7.0%	44	2.5%
IDACI Primary Units Band 5/B	617	2.4%	1,815	7.1%	1,198	194.1%
IDACI Primary Units Band 6/A	1	0.0%	647	2.5%	646	NA
EAL 3 Primary Units	823	3.2%	901	3.5%	78	9.4%
Low Attainment under new EYFSP Proportion	4,390	17.1%	5,493	21.4%	1,103	25.1%
Low Attainment under old FSP Proportion 78	1,960	7.6%	1,305	5.1%	-655	-33.4%
Low attainment total Primary Units (with weighting for new EYSFP proportion)	4,724	18.4%	4,736	18.5%	12	0.3%
Secondary						
NOR Secondary	16,670		16,966		296	1.8%
NOR KS3	10,044	60.0%	10,393	62.1%	349	3.5%
NOR KS4	6,626	39.6%	6,573	39.3%	-53	-0.8%
Secondary FSM Units	1,666	10.0%	1,741	10.4%	75	4.5%
Secondary Ever 6 Units	3,700	22.1%	3,733	22.3%	33	0.9%
IDACI Secondary Units Band 4/C	931	5.6%	961	5.7%	30	3.2%
IDACI Secondary Units Band 5/B	313	1.9%	958	5.7%	645	205.8%
IDACI Secondary Units Band 6/A	1	0.0%	309	1.8%	308	NA
EAL 3 Secondary Units	137	0.8%	152	0.9%	15	11.1%
Low Attainment Secondary Units	3,256	19.5%	3,350	20.0%	94	2.9%

Appendix B

Comparison of School Budget Share, Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) and Number on roll (NOR) 2016-2017 and draft 2017-2018

School Name	Total Funding £			Pupil Numbers			MFG £		
	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change
Acresfield Primary	774,668	778,431	3,763	204	208	4	-	4,438	4,438
All Saints Saughall	1,118,928	1,065,797	- 53,131	307	295	- 12	-	8,888	8,888
Alvanley Primary	350,381	345,844	- 4,537	70	67	- 3	-	-	-
Antrobus St Marks C of E Primary	356,633	325,496	- 31,137	76	67	- 9	-	152	152
Ashton Hayes Primary	524,853	544,807	19,954	126	132	6	-	16,305	16,305
Aston by Sutton Primary	451,669	432,769	- 18,900	97	92	- 5	-	-	-
Barnton Community Primary	1,254,518	1,354,859	100,341	316	349	33	-	15,354	15,354
Barrow C of E Primary	336,808	370,756	33,948	62	71	9	-	-	-
Belgrave Primary	769,648	764,252	- 5,396	209	210	1	-	3,596	3,596
Brookside Primary	875,600	829,285	- 46,315	185	176	- 9	38,073	38,778	705
Burton Bishop Wilson C of E Primary	375,285	328,722	- 46,563	83	69	- 14	-	2,640	2,640
Byley Primary	311,644	336,766	25,122	55	64	9	-	9,382	9,382
Cambridge Road Community Primary	1,063,917	1,059,762	- 4,155	201	202	1	54,436	62,639	8,203
Capenhurst C of E Primary	328,111	319,132	- 8,979	64	62	- 2	-	-	-
Charles Darwin Primary	1,280,940	1,326,473	45,533	332	350	18	-	24,426	24,426
Cherry Grove Primary	1,026,710	1,044,901	18,191	264	273	9	-	16,827	16,827

School Name	Total Funding £			Pupil Numbers			MFG £		
	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change
Chester Blue Coat C of E Primary	1,498,500	1,466,704	- 31,796	383	379	- 4	-	-	-
Childer Thornton Primary	814,815	816,892	2,077	205	208	3	-	-	-
Christleton Primary	782,288	764,533	- 17,755	213	210	- 3	-	5,190	5,190
Clutton C of E Primary	329,864	349,536	19,671	60	66	6	29	-	- 29
Comberbach Primary	690,372	653,152	- 37,220	181	171	- 10	-	778	778
Crowton Christ Church C of E Primary	352,147	355,363	3,216	69	71	2	-	633	633
Cuddington Primary	830,812	855,728	24,916	212	220	8	-	-	-
Darnhall Primary	1,061,780	1,108,264	46,484	221	235	14	-	24,521	24,521
Davenham C of E Primary	1,000,311	994,997	- 5,314	294	296	2	-	-	-
Dee Point Primary	1,480,690	1,572,802	92,112	351	377	26	-	-	-
Dodleston C of E Primary	364,804	411,774	46,970	74	90	16	-	2,307	2,307
Duddon St Peter's C of E Primary	450,276	469,542	19,266	104	111	7	-	-	-
Eaton Primary	480,534	497,357	16,823	113	120	7	4,610	9,675	5,064
Eccleston C of E Primary	448,303	421,663	- 26,640	101	93	- 8	-	-	-
Ellesmere Port Christ Church C of E Primary	689,761	695,016	5,255	165	169	4	-	2,277	2,277
Elton Primary	799,277	735,527	- 63,750	192	176	- 16	-	7,251	7,251
Farndon Primary	745,010	796,494	51,484	190	206	16	-	12,952	12,952
Frodsham C of E Primary	759,741	742,641	- 17,100	207	204	- 3	-	2,385	2,385

School Name	Total Funding £			Pupil Numbers			MFG £		
	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change
Frodsham Manor House Primary	807,325	804,476	- 2,849	215	217	2	-	8,317	8,317
Frodsham Weaver Vale Primary	452,994	472,158	19,164	84	90	6	3,407	5,305	1,898
Gt Budworth C of E Primary	383,605	379,928	- 3,677	78	78	-	14,215	15,896	1,681
Guilden Sutton C of E Primary	798,460	778,834	- 19,626	212	209	- 3	-	1,106	1,106
Hartford Manor Community Primary	1,249,074	1,227,386	- 21,688	339	333	- 6	-	5,007	5,007
Hartford Primary	1,330,438	1,276,367	- 54,071	395	379	- 16	-	-	-
Helsby Hillside Primary	810,239	801,198	- 9,041	216	216	-	-	14,636	14,636
Highfield Community Primary	839,646	827,207	- 12,439	194	193	- 1	1,273	-	- 1,273
Hoole Community	1,346,480	1,379,608	33,128	360	370	10	-	-	-
Horn's Mill Primary	697,522	803,259	105,737	165	195	30	-	-	-
Huntington Community Primary	876,322	919,602	43,280	236	253	17	-	5,735	5,735
Huxley C of E Primary	309,961	316,196	6,235	42	44	2	39,040	42,854	3,814
J H Godwin Primary	898,420	876,432	- 21,988	194	191	- 3	-	2,481	2,481
Kingsley Community Primary & Nursery	626,873	668,949	42,076	152	165	13	-	14,723	14,723
Kingsley St John's C of E Primary	333,155	337,399	4,244	57	59	2	20,629	22,335	1,706
Kingsmead	822,650	959,620	136,970	216	263	47	-	-	-
Lache Primary	1,061,112	1,080,171	19,059	204	211	7	107,264	110,079	2,814
Leftwich Community Primary	850,191	812,609	- 37,582	206	198	- 8	-	17,414	17,414

School Name	Total Funding £			Pupil Numbers			MFG £		
	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change
Little Leigh Primary	635,300	640,294	4,994	166	170	4	-	3,619	3,619
Little Sutton C of E Primary	668,879	658,928	- 9,951	160	160	-	-	4,622	4,622
Lostock Gralam C of E Primary	764,292	765,638	1,346	185	188	3	-	2,017	2,017
Lower Peover C of E Primary	706,739	691,722	- 15,017	188	186	- 2	-	1,824	1,824
Malpas Alport Endowed Primary	792,177	823,412	31,235	203	216	13	-	13,130	13,130
Manley Village	314,825	329,810	14,985	62	63	1	464	-	- 464
Meadow Primary	1,340,334	1,439,927	99,593	382	419	37	-	2,576	2,576
Mickle Trafford Village	762,668	765,451	2,783	208	210	2	-	-	-
Moulton	769,693	865,508	95,815	197	190	- 7	-	2,714	2,714
Neston Primary	675,997	718,864	42,867	155	168	13	-	17,793	17,793
Newton Primary	1,363,082	1,383,034	19,952	371	383	12	-	7,850	7,850
Norley C of E Primary	424,868	416,961	- 7,907	99	98	- 1	-	6,895	6,895
Oldfield Primary	788,676	789,303	627	209	212	3	-	2,963	2,963
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary	1,464,866	1,455,110	- 9,756	412	415	3	-	-	-
Over St Johns C of E Primary	627,231	637,327	10,096	144	149	5	-	462	462
Overleigh St Mary's C of E Primary	1,473,818	1,464,231	- 9,587	409	409	-	-	-	-
Parkgate Primary	698,455	671,575	- 26,880	181	174	- 7	-	-	-
Parklands Community Primary	1,002,330	980,933	- 21,397	168	166	- 2	105,113	104,705	- 408

School Name	Total Funding £			Pupil Numbers			MFG £		
	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change
Rivacre Valley Primary	931,081	1,058,508	127,427	189	222	33	114,778	122,553	7,775
Rossmore	756,599	770,715	14,116	167	173	6	57,513	70,383	12,871
Saighton C of E Primary	464,918	472,110	7,192	110	114	4	-	4,090	4,090
Sandiway Primary	778,063	768,846	- 9,217	215	213	- 2	-	-	-
Shocklach Oviatt C of E Primary	237,212	240,398	3,186	31	32	1	-	1,308	1,308
St Bede's Catholic Primary	700,689	748,524	47,835	183	201	18	-	3,500	3,500
St Clare's Catholic Primary	596,363	669,418	73,055	123	144	21	7,072	12,080	5,008
St Joseph's Catholic Primary	1,142,494	1,175,504	33,010	297	308	11	-	-	-
St Luke's Catholic Primary	747,264	700,464	- 46,800	198	186	- 12	-	7,552	7,552
St Mary of the Angels Catholic	782,735	769,265	- 13,470	205	204	- 1	-	1,241	1,241
St Oswald's C of E Aided Primary	552,475	594,497	42,022	132	147	15	-	4,265	4,265
St Saviour's Catholic Primary	842,554	769,258	- 73,296	205	187	- 18	-	12,471	12,471
St Theresa's Catholic Primary	821,544	824,033	2,489	190	192	2	-	-	-
St Werburgh's & St Columba's Catholic Primary	1,174,645	1,183,453	8,808	318	325	7	-	-	-
St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary	1,172,187	1,046,784	- 125,403	321	287	- 34	-	4,525	4,525
St Winefrides Catholic Primary	716,434	721,195	4,761	174	178	4	-	3,807	3,807
Sutton Green Primary	953,470	897,913	- 55,557	237	224	- 13	-	3,187	3,187
Tarporley C of E Primary	769,744	814,982	45,238	209	222	13	-	-	-

School Name	Total Funding £			Pupil Numbers			MFG £		
	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change
Tarvin Primary	848,337	905,042	56,705	228	247	19	-	-	-
Tattenhall Park Primary	761,920	765,315	3,395	206	209	3	-	-	-
The Acorns	1,345,705	1,341,778	- 3,927	287	290	3	70,355	82,435	12,080
The Arches Primary	1,060,032	1,135,361	75,329	239	262	23	-	6,712	6,712
The Oaks	795,593	800,103	4,510	145	148	3	85,445	98,309	12,863
Tilston Parochial C of E Primary	458,717	434,494	- 24,223	101	95	- 6	-	4,273	4,273
Tushingham-with-Grindley C of E Primary	428,679	427,423	- 1,257	97	98	1	-	1,445	1,445
Upton Heath C of E Primary	1,449,794	1,476,923	27,129	402	413	11	-	-	-
Upton Westlea Primary	825,559	818,599	- 6,960	193	192	- 1	5,578	24,219	18,641
Utkinton St Paul's C of E Primary	336,050	325,985	- 10,065	60	58	- 2	19,902	21,067	1,165
Victoria Road Primary	830,078	854,685	24,607	183	192	9	-	9,180	9,180
Waverton Community Primary	764,227	740,191	- 24,036	205	200	- 5	-	1,112	1,112
Weaverham Forest Primary	837,672	825,190	- 12,482	208	207	- 1	-	13,933	13,933
Westminster Community Primary	660,513	666,634	6,120	128	131	3	25,944	32,119	6,175
Wharton C of E Primary	1,513,382	1,490,005	- 23,377	384	384	-	-	-	-
Whitby Heath Primary	1,403,622	1,401,326	- 2,296	367	372	5	-	21,912	21,912
Whitegate C of E Primary	506,313	489,133	- 17,180	126	121	- 5	-	-	-
Whitley Village	348,207	333,415	- 14,792	66	63	- 3	13,505	13,597	92

School Name	Total Funding £			Pupil Numbers			MFG £		
	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change
Willaston C of E Primary	746,839	750,870	4,031	202	206	4	-	7,953	7,953
William Stockton Community Primary	1,434,343	1,473,214	38,872	284	297	13	29,026	49,468	20,442
Willow Wood Primary	1,315,299	1,294,853	- 20,446	279	278	- 1	-	21,019	21,019
Wimboldsley Community Primary	495,878	499,661	3,783	113	116	3	5,905	1,875	- 4,030
Wincham Community Primary	1,053,428	1,040,129	- 13,299	286	285	- 1	-	9,334	9,334
Winnington Park Community Primary	839,224	913,471	74,247	222	246	24	-	-	-
Winsford Grange Primary	819,237	736,207	- 83,030	176	157	- 19	-	12,538	12,538
Winsford High St Community	1,686,181	1,726,342	40,161	435	453	18	-	18,190	18,190
Winsford St Chads C of E Primary	814,629	838,782	24,153	183	192	9	-	1,006	1,006
Witton Church Walk C of E Primary	1,228,657	1,204,055	- 24,602	280	278	- 2	-	19,877	19,877
Wolverham Primary	1,252,655	1,299,173	46,518	200	211	11	251,547	293,265	41,717
Woodfall Primary	1,462,243	1,483,862	21,619	408	420	12	-	18,356	18,356
Woodlands Primary	1,970,607	1,884,592	- 86,015	574	552	- 22	-	23,949	23,949
Primary Maintained	98,982,388	99,758,145	775,756	24,220	24,660	440	1,075,124	1,766,555	691,431
Boughton Heath Primary	755,325	745,984	- 9,341	209	209	-	-	1,045	1,045
Delamere C of E Primary Academy	631,423	626,701	- 4,722	167	168	1	-	5,679	5,679
Kelsall Primary Academy	729,260	750,537	21,277	199	209	10	-	3,251	3,251

School Name	Total Funding £			Pupil Numbers			MFG £		
	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change
Mill View Primary	776,671	754,696	- 21,975	210	206	- 4	-	1,029	1,029
Oak View Academy (ex Greenfields)	689,153	748,984	59,831	131	147	16	6,270	6,144	- 126
Over Hall Primary Academy	932,498	842,863	- 89,635	196	177	- 19	-	20,611	20,611
Rudheath Primary Academy	1,119,792	1,149,378	29,586	285	298	13	-	23,595	23,595
St Bernard's Catholic Academy	814,244	822,677	8,433	184	189	5	-	5,581	5,581
St Martin's Academy	394,350	465,311	70,961	90	115	25	3,267	3,230	- 37
University Cathedral Free School	585,297	610,325	25,028	139	152	13	4,640	32,359	27,719
University Primary Academy	690,424	641,865	- 48,559	154	143	- 11	-	3,912	3,912
Primary Academy	8,118,437	8,159,320	40,884	1,963	2,012	49	14,177	106,436	92,259
Total Primary	107,100,825	107,917,465	816,640	26,183	26,672	489	1,089,301	1,872,991	783,690
Bishop Heber High	4,786,379	4,774,455	- 11,924	1,031	1035	4	-	-	-
Blacon High	2,676,830	2,845,969	169,140	394	427	33	327,729	373,675	45,946
Ellesmere Port Catholic High	3,547,560	3,503,915	- 43,644	686	683	- 3	-	-	-
Hartford High	4,216,558	4,485,535	268,976	839	908	69	-	27,133	27,133
Helsby High	5,147,079	5,128,555	- 18,524	1,065	1069	4	-	-	-
Queen's Park High	2,346,906	2,131,770	- 215,136	409	374	- 35	20,985	59,285	38,300
St Nicholas Catholic High	4,934,726	4,946,463	11,737	1,050	1060	10	-	-	-
The Whitby High	6,645,072	6,699,871	54,799	1,317	1330	13	-	-	-

School Name	Total Funding £			Pupil Numbers			MFG £		
	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change
Upton-by-Chester High	5,869,273	5,918,008	48,735	1,206	1235	29	-	7,016	7,016
Weaverham High	4,910,584	4,937,054	26,471	1,012	1033	21	-	-	-
Secondary Maintained	45,080,966	45,371,595	290,630	9,009	9,154	145	348,714	467,109	118,395
Chester The Catholic High	3,470,111	3,419,039	- 51,073	672	670	- 2	-	-	-
Christleton High	4,800,831	4,798,357	- 2,473	1,029	1041	12	-	-	-
E'Port UCA Academy	3,995,528	3,866,467	- 129,061	677	664	- 13	-	24,542	24,542
Leftwich The County High	4,601,618	4,742,802	141,184	957	993	36	-	-	-
Neston High	6,393,505	6,501,462	107,957	1,327	1364	37	-	-	-
Northwich UCA Academy	2,239,558	2,039,953	- 199,604	384	352	- 32	-	7,431	7,431
Tarporley High School	4,251,255	4,338,431	87,176	913	946	33	-	2,127	2,127
The Bishop's Blue Coat C of E High	4,303,628	4,334,086	30,458	875	890	15	-	-	-
The Winsford Academy	4,753,799	4,867,104	113,305	827	857	30	-	-	-
Christleton Studio School		278,567	278,567		35	35		-	-
Secondary Academy	38,809,831	38,907,701	376,437	7,661	7,812	151	0	34,100	34,100
Total Secondary	83,890,797	84,279,296	667,066	16,670	16,966	296	348,714	501,209	152,495
Total	190,991,622	192,196,761	1,483,706	42,853	43,638	785	1,438,014	2,374,199	936,185

Appendix C

Table showing the 2016-2017 actual and 2017-2018 draft values for each formula factor, the total funding and proportion allocated through each factor

Formula Factors			2016-2017			2017-2018		
			Unit value £	Total Funding £	% of Funding Pre MFG	Unit value £	Total Funding £	% of Funding Pre MFG
AWPU	Primary		2,867	75,079,527	39.61%	2,812	75,013,455	39.46%
	KS3		3,938	39,558,093	20.87%	3,883	40,360,592	21.23%
	KS4		4,498	29,806,928	15.72%	4,443	29,206,642	15.36%
Subtotal AWPU				144,444,548	76.20%		144,580,689	76.05%
Deprivation	Primary	FSM6	1,160	6,439,215		1,160	6,293,194	
	Secondary	FSM6	1,441	5,330,231		1,441	5,377,983	
	Primary	IDACI 4/C	337	588,033		0	0	
	Primary	IDACI 5/B	395	243,575		334	605,571	
	Primary	IDACI 6/A	453	459		400	259,062	
	Secondary	IDACI 4/C	418	389,085		0	0	
	Secondary	IDACI 5/B	490	153,486		415	397,658	
	Secondary	IDACI 6/A	562	563		498	153,862	
Subtotal Deprivation				13,144,647	6.94%		13,087,330	6.88%
Prior Attainment	Primary		1,269	5,995,850			6,010,894	
	Secondary		1,234	4,017,169			4,133,563	
Subtotal Prior Attainment				10,013,019	5.28%		10,144,457	5.34%
EAL	Primary		539	443,927			485,816	
	Secondary		1,251	171,021			189,926	
Subtotal EAL				614,948	0.32%		675,742	0.36%

			2016-2017			2017-2018		
			Unit value £	Total Funding £	% of Funding Pre MFG	Unit value £	Total Funding £	% of Funding Pre MFG
Formula Factors								
Lump Sum	Primary		117,082	15,220,660		117,082	15,220,660	
	Secondary		175,000	3,325,000		175,000	3,427,025	
Subtotal Lump Sum				18,545,660	9.78%		£18,647,685	9.81%
Sparsity	Primary	Tapered lump sum	20,000	49,933	0.03%	20,000	46,328	0.02%
Other factors (split sites, rates, PFI)				2,659,695	1.41%		2,842,049	1.49%
Exceptional Circumstance				81,150	0.01%		81,150	0.04%
Minimum Funding Guarantee				1,438,020			2,371,961	
Total Funding				190,991,622	100.00%		£192,477,121	100%
Primary: Secondary ratio				1:	1.24		1:	1.25

Cheshire West and Chester Schools Forum

16 January 2017

Agenda Item 7

De-delegation – Proposals for 2017-2018

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to agree the amounts to be de-delegated by primary and secondary schools for 2017-2018.

Recommendations

2. The Schools Forum (primary and secondary school representatives) is requested to agree the amounts to be de-delegated to the Local Authority for 2017-2018.

Background

3. Since 2013, Schools Forum has agreed annually the de-delegation of funds for maintained schools. This arrangement of pooling funds to cover specific purposes is proposed again for 2017-2018 to cover maintained schools collectively from costs arising from the following:

	Primary	Secondary
Suspensions	✓	✓
Tribunals	✓	✓
Prior year rates	✓	✓
Free School Meal Eligibility Assessment	✓	✓
Maternity cover	✓	
Trade Union Facilities	✓	✓
Software licences (SIMS)	✓	✓

4. Guidance on the operation of de-delegated services issued by the EFA includes the following requirements:
 - the requirement to make a clear statement of how the funding is to be taken out of the formula
 - reporting unspent de-delegated funding at the year end to Schools Forum
 - local authorities retaining de-delegated funding up to 1 September for Academy conversions occurring up to this date. Full year de-delegation to be retained for conversions after 1 September. This is to allow services to plan operations for the financial year.
 - local authorities are able to carry over unspent de-delegated central expenditure to be used for the same purpose. This ensures that funds can be carried forward without having to be allocated through the formula

again and ensures funding that maintained schools de-delegate continues to be available for the use of maintained schools.

Forecast Financial Position for 2016-2017

5. For 2016-2017, schools de-delegated a total of £777k (£667k primary, £110k secondary) and carried forward net underspends of £275k from 2015-2016 to give £1,053k in total de-delegated funds. At January 2017, a net underspend is forecast of £437k (£310k underspend in primary, £127k underspend in secondary). The underspends largely relate to prior year rates rebates in primary and secondary of £423k, vacancies in trade union facilities representatives and lower calls on the contingencies for suspensions and tribunals. Excluding the rates rebates, the forecast underspend on de-delegated funds is £15k. Details of expenditure incurred and forecast against each service is shown in Appendix A.

Principles for managing de-delegated fund

6. The principles for managing de-delegated funds as agreed with Schools Forum in 2014-2015 will continue so that:
 - (i) The 2016-2017 underspend is carried forward as allowed by the School Finance Regulations to offset further de-delegation in 2017-2018.
 - (ii) Primary and Secondary de-delegation to be managed separately to ensure the de-delegation rates reflect expenditure within each sector.
 - (iii) Total de-delegation to reduce as schools transfer to Academy in line with reduced pupil numbers and number of schools as the level of expenditure will reduce accordingly with fewer schools.
7. Due to the significant prior year rates rebates recognised this year and the pressures arising within the funding formula, it is proposed not to carry forward this element of the de-delegation and to instead offset the funding against the 2016-2017 high needs overspend. This will reduce the impact on the basic entitlement reduction for all schools.

Proposed amounts for de-delegation 2017-2018

8. The proposed level of de-delegation for 2017-2018 is £1,008k which excludes the £15k forecast carry forward from 2016-2017. In summary, the proposed rates for de-delegation are:
 - Primary - £2,017 per school, £25.40 per pupil (£16.64 in 2016-2017) and £4.81 per FSM Ever 6 pupil
 - Secondary - £3.13 per pupil (£11.35 in 2016-2017) and £4.06 per FSM Ever 6 pupil

Further details at service level are shown in the table in Appendix B.

De-delegation of Education Services Grant General Duties

9. At the September 2016 meeting, Schools Forum were informed of the changes from April 2017 to the Education Services Grant (ESG). The ESG is an unringfenced grant received by Local Authorities and is associated with certain statutory duties in education provision, some of which transfer to academies on conversion along with part of the funding.
10. The General Duties rate of the ESG (which funds other education functions that transfer to academies on conversion) is being removed for both local authorities and academies. Local authorities will need to ensure that they retain sufficient funding to cover these duties and the EFA proposed that local authorities will be able to retain funding from the DSG from maintained schools for statutory duties previously covered by the ESG in agreement with Schools Forum via de-delegation.
11. The EFA have recently issued some guidance on the specific statutory duties that the ESG general duties funding is associated with. However, the guidance is lacking in detail and is largely based on the brief historic definitions used to complete the Section 251 statement. Following review of this document with the Finance Sub Group, it was apparent that there are inconsistencies with the EFA guidance and the scope of services that are currently offered/provided to schools and delivered by education functions in Cheshire West and Chester. A specific piece of work is therefore needed to review the services offered to and provided for maintained schools and the costs associated with those services. As such the Local Authority will not be seeking to de-delegate any further funding from maintained schools at this point as de-delegation can only be agreed at this point in the year. Costs are also being partly mitigated in 2017-2018 with some transitional funding from Central Government. Schools Forum should note that there will likely be changes to some education and support services in the future as a result of the loss of this funding. Some examples of the services associated with this funding as defined by the guidance are:
 - Finance, accounting and internal audit functions relating to maintained schools and central education services.
 - General landlord duties to ensure buildings are appropriate and safe and that are not currently charged to schools.
 - Education Welfare statutory duties relating to maintained schools
 - Monitoring of national curriculum assessments.

Next Steps

12. The agreed rates for de-delegation to be included in the School Funding Formula submission to the EFA for 20 January deadline. De-delegated funds will be deducted from schools opening budgets and details included in the budget letter issued to individual schools by 28 February 2017.

Appendix A

Forecast outturn for de-delegated budgets for 2016-2017 including prior year rates rebates)

Description	De-delegation (including 2015-2016 carry forward) £	Forecast Outturn £	Variance Over / (under) £
Primary			
Contingencies - suspensions, tribunals, mobile classrooms and prior year rates	166,341	-254,119	-420,460
FSM eligibility assessments	24,426	24,426	0
Maternity	533,639	666,372	132,733
Trade Union	49,087	30,375	-20,095
Licences	107,293	105,505	-1,788
Total Primary	880,786	572,560	-309,609
Secondary			
Contingencies - suspensions, tribunals and prior year rates	84,883	-30,890	-115,773
FSM eligibility assessments	7,388	7,388	0
Trade Union	39,946	19,614	-18,206
Licences	39,910	46,373	6,463
Total Secondary	172,127	42,485	-127,516
Total De-delegation 2016-2017	1,052,913	615,044	-437,126

Forecast outturn for de-delegated budgets for 2016-2017 (excluding prior year rates rebates)

Description	De-delegation (including 2015-2016 carry forward) £	Forecast Outturn £	Variance Over / (under) £
Primary			
Contingencies - suspensions, tribunals, mobile classrooms	166,341	87,617	-78,724
FSM eligibility assessments	24,426	24,426	0
Maternity	533,639	666,372	132,733
Trade Union	49,087	30,375	-20,095
Licences	107,293	105,505	-1,788
Total Primary	880,786	914,296	32,127
Secondary			
Contingencies - suspensions, tribunals	84,883	50,208	-34,675
FSM eligibility assessments	7,388	7,388	0
Trade Union	39,946	19,614	-18,206
Licences	39,910	46,373	6,463
Total Secondary	172,127	123,583	-46,418
Total De-delegation 2016-2017	1,052,913	1,037,878	-14,292

Appendix B

De-delegation calculation for 2017-2018

Description	Budget requirement 2017-2018 £	Forecast carry forward £	De-delegation 2017-2018 £	Number of pupils 2017-2018	Number of schools 2017-2018	Per pupil Delegation rate 2017-2018 £	Lump sum Delegation rate 2017-2018 £
Contingencies - Suspensions, tribunals, rates	75,000	-78,724	-3,724	24,660		-0.15	
Maternity	600,000	132,733	732,733	24,660	119	19.98	2,017
Trade Union	49,978	-20,095	29,883	24,660		1.21	
Licences	109,243	-1,788	107,455	24,660		4.36	
Subtotal - primary per pupil	834,221	32,127	866,348	24,660	119	25.40	2,017
FSM eligibility assessments - per FSM Ever 6	24,025	0	24,025	4,995		4.81	
Total Primary	858,246	32,127	890,373				
Contingencies - Suspensions, tribunals, rates	75,000	-34,675	40,325	9,154		-4.45	
Trade Union	40,589	-18,206	22,383	9,154		2.45	
Licences	40,552	6,463	47,015	9,154		5.14	
Subtotal - secondary contingencies	167,390	-46,418	109,722	9,154		3.13	
FSM eligibility assessments	7,577	0	7,577	1,866		4.06	
Total Secondary	174,967	-46,418	117,299				
Total De-delegation for 2017-2018	1,033,213	-14,292	1,007,673				

Agenda Item 8

Education Funding: Stage 2 Consultations

Purpose of the Report

1. This report provides a summary of the key aspects emerging from the second stage of two consultations on a proposed move to national formulae for schools and for support for children with Special Educational Needs.

Recommendations

2. That School's Forum consider how they wish to progress a response to the consultations.

Background

3. The Department for Education undertook a consultation on the principles of a national funding formula for both schools funding and for High Needs funding early in 2016. On the 14 December they published stage 2 of the consultations, which provide more detail on the proposals and can be found here: [Schools National Funding Formula](#) and [High Needs Funding Reform](#)
4. The consultations will run for three months, with a deadline for responses of 22 March 2017. The consultations confirm the planned introduction of a national funding formula for schools, high needs and local authority services for schools in 2018-2019.

School National Funding Formula

5. A new school funding formula will apply from 2018-2019. In the first year it will be a 'soft' formula with funding for schools being provided to Local Authorities. LAs will, for this year only, still be able to fund schools on a local formula. From 2019-2020 a 'hard' formula will apply with school funding for each school being based on the new National Funding Formula.
6. Funding allocated through the new formula will be ringfenced to schools, with only minor flexibilities for movement from this block in 2018-2019.
7. There will be transitional arrangements to ensure that the overall reduction to any individual school's budget as a result of the introduction of this national funding formula, when fully implemented, is limited to 3% per pupil.

Impact on CWAC Funding for Schools

8. Historically this Authority has been below the national average for funding on a simple per pupil basis of assessment. However, in moving towards a National Funding Formula the DfE did allocate an additional £390m to several authorities in 2015-2016 and CWAC benefitted by £9.4m. This led to an improvement in this Authority's position nationally.

9. The indicative figures provided as part of this consultation, which are based on the current cohort of pupils (2016-2017), show an overall reduction in school funding of £4.247m for CWAC, which is 2.3% of current school funding. The split between sectors is as follows:-

Sector	2018-2019 (Transition) £m	2019-2020 £m	Percentage Movement
Primary	-1.200	-2.179	-2.1%
Secondary	-1.200	-2.068	-2.5%
Total	-2.400	-4.247	-2.3%

10. The figures include transitional arrangements that will cap those schools that are benefiting and, for those losing, provide some protection against taking the full reduction in year one with the maximum reduction allowable at 3% per pupil by 2019/2020 (-1.5% per annum).

11. The consultation is silent on what will happen beyond 2019-2020 and based on the current cohort of children in CWAC schools, at this point in time there would be circa £2.1m of protection funding in CWAC school budgets, which could be at risk of reduction over time as MFG protections unwind. That would make our total reduction circa £6.4m.

12. The key factors that have given rise to this proposed movement in funding are:-

- The Lump Sum allocation per school, which is intended to contribute to costs that do not vary with pupil numbers, is proposed at £110,000. The current CWAC formula applies £117,082 to a Primary school and £175,000 for a Secondary School. This removes £2.156m of funding after allowing for the Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) in the new funding formula.
- The amount proposed to be allocated purely on pupil numbers at Key Stages 1-4 is lower than our current values as is shown in the table below. This after allowing for the ACA would lead to a funding reduction of £5.722m.

Age Weighted Pupil Unit	Existing rate £	Proposed Rate (before Area Cost Adjustment £
Key Stage 1 & 2 (Primary)	2,868	2,712
Key Stage 3 (Secondary)	3,398	3,797
Key Stage 4 (Secondary)	4,498	4,312

- The DfE have proposed an increase to the amount of funding going to schools for deprivation. The CWAC formula allows for 6.9% of the current LA funding to be allocated to schools on indicators for deprivation, with 90% of deprivation funding being applied to school meals and 10% based on IDACI scores. The new formula sees 9.3% of national funding being allocated out for deprivation, with a greater emphasis on IDACI. However, the allocation to CWAC schools is broadly in line with the current cash value we use in the existing formula.
- An area of increased funding for CWAC is for Low Prior Attainment, which provides additional funding were pupils are assessed as not attaining the expected levels of

development. Greater emphasis on this factor within the proposed formula has increased the funding for CWAC schools by £2.907m.

- The DfE is making the sparsity factor a mandatory feature of the new formula. CWAC already includes this in our existing formula. No additional schools would benefit (currently 5) and the rate increases marginally from a maximum of £20,000 per school to £25,000.

13. The consultation proposals do not appear to have considered the minimum funding required to operate a typical school, and the focus has been on the redistribution of the existing levels of national funding allocations.

Impact on Individual CWAC Schools

14. For Primary, with the exception of a small number of gainers, the vast majority will see a reduction in overall funding based on their current cohorts once the transitional arrangements have ceased. The biggest loss in percentage terms is 2.8%. For Secondary Schools all will lose and the greatest loss is 2.9%. The indicative values are included in the Appendix to this report.

15. The proposed reforms also include the creation of a Central Schools Block, which will fund continuing LA responsibilities for services such as School Admissions, Education Welfare Services, Prudential Borrowing Costs, Schools Forum support and other duties previously funded by the Education Services Grant. The allocation for CWAC is estimated to be £0.537m less than current expenditures once the new grant is fully implemented by 2019-2020.

High Needs Reforms

16. At the same time as consulting on the National Funding Formula the DfE are seeking views on proposed changes to High Needs funding that supports children with special educational needs in both mainstream and special schools. Existing LA funding is based on historic spend, which has been increased year on year for growth. The consultation proposed a new formula, based on nine factors, for allocating funding to Local Authorities.

17. For authorities set to gain, they will be provided with increases of up to **3%** in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. For Local Authorities that do not gain, of which CWAC is one, there will be no cash losses to those local authorities for four years.

Next Steps

18. School's Forum to provide a response on the stage 2 consultations ahead of the deadline of the 22 March 2017.

Appendix

National Funding Formula – Proposed Funding Allocations based on existing (2016-2017) pupil numbers. (Information provided by the DfE)

School Name	Baseline funding	Illustrative NFF funding in the first year of transition (i.e. 2018-2019)			Illustrative NFF funding if formula implemented in full in 2016-17, without transitional protections (i.e. 2019-2020)		
	Funding the school received in 2016-17 for 2016/17	Illustrative NFF year 1 funding	Change compared to baseline		Illustrative total NFF funding	Change compared to baseline	
	[a] £000	[d] £000	[d]-[a] £000	[e] = [d]/[a] %	[b] £000	[b]-[a] £000	[c] = [b]/[a] %
Acresfield Community Primary School	793	783	-10	-1.3%	779	-14	-1.8%
Alvanley Primary School	349	346	-3	-1.0%	342	-7	-2.0%
Antrobus St Mark's CofE Primary School	355	352	-3	-1.0%	348	-7	-2.1%
Ashton Hayes Primary School	523	517	-6	-1.2%	511	-12	-2.3%
Aston by Sutton Primary School	450	445	-5	-1.1%	440	-10	-2.2%
Barnton Community Nursery and Primary School	1,274	1,257	-17	-1.4%	1,240	-34	-2.7%
Barrow CofE Primary School	336	332	-4	-1.0%	329	-7	-2.0%
Belgrave Primary School	766	756	-10	-1.3%	747	-19	-2.5%
Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary School	374	370	-4	-1.1%	366	-8	-2.1%
Boughton Heath Academy	750	740	-10	-1.3%	731	-19	-2.6%
Brookside Primary School	872	861	-11	-1.3%	850	-22	-2.5%
Byley Primary School	311	308	-3	-0.9%	305	-6	-1.8%
Cambridge Road Community Primary School	1,060	1,049	-11	-1.1%	1,037	-23	-2.3%
Capenhurst CofE Primary School	327	324	-3	-1.0%	321	-6	-2.0%
Charles Darwin Community Primary School	1,275	1,258	-17	-1.4%	1,241	-34	-2.7%

Cherry Grove Primary School	1,022	1,009	-13	-1.3%	995	-27	-2.6%
Chester Blue Coat CofE Primary School	1,492	1,478	-14	-0.9%	1,478	-14	-0.9%
Childer Thornton Primary School	811	803	-8	-1.0%	793	-18	-2.2%
Christleton Primary School	779	769	-10	-1.3%	759	-20	-2.5%
Clutton Church of England Primary School	329	327	-2	-0.7%	327	-2	-0.7%
Comberbach Primary School	687	679	-8	-1.2%	670	-17	-2.5%
Crowton Christ Church CofE Primary School	351	347	-4	-1.0%	344	-7	-2.0%
Cuddington Primary School	827	817	-10	-1.3%	806	-21	-2.6%
Darnhall Primary School	1,086	1,072	-14	-1.3%	1,059	-27	-2.6%
Davenham CofE Primary School	995	982	-13	-1.3%	969	-26	-2.7%
Dee Point Primary School	1,513	1,531	18	1.1%	1,531	18	1.1%
Delamere CofE Primary Academy	742	732	-10	-1.3%	723	-19	-2.6%
Dodleston CofE Primary School	364	369	5	1.5%	369	5	1.5%
Duddon St Peter's CofE Primary School	448	444	-4	-1.1%	439	-9	-2.2%
Eaton Primary School	479	473	-6	-1.1%	468	-11	-2.3%
Eccleston CofE Primary School	447	442	-5	-1.1%	437	-10	-2.3%
Ellesmere Port Christ Church CofE Primary School	687	678	-9	-1.3%	675	-12	-1.8%
Elton Primary School	796	786	-10	-1.3%	776	-20	-2.5%
Farndon Primary School	742	732	-10	-1.2%	723	-19	-2.5%
Frodsham CofE Primary School	756	747	-9	-1.3%	737	-19	-2.5%
Frodsham Manor House Primary School	804	793	-11	-1.3%	787	-17	-2.0%
Frodsham Weaver Vale Primary School	479	473	-6	-1.1%	468	-11	-2.3%
Grange Community Primary School	816	806	-10	-1.3%	802	-14	-1.8%
Great Budworth CofE Primary School	382	378	-4	-1.0%	374	-8	-2.1%
Guilden Sutton CofE Primary School	795	785	-10	-1.3%	775	-20	-2.5%
Hartford Manor Community Primary School	1,243	1,227	-16	-1.3%	1,213	-30	-2.4%
Hartford Primary School	1,324	1,306	-18	-1.3%	1,288	-36	-2.7%
Helsby Hillside Primary School	807	796	-11	-1.3%	786	-21	-2.6%
Highfield Community Primary School	836	831	-5	-0.7%	831	-5	-0.7%

Hoole Church of England Primary School	1,340	1,322	-18	-1.4%	1,312	-28	-2.1%
Horn's Mill Primary School	695	686	-9	-1.2%	677	-18	-2.5%
Huntington Community Primary School	872	861	-11	-1.3%	850	-22	-2.6%
Huxley CofE Primary School	309	306	-3	-0.9%	303	-6	-1.9%
J H Godwin Primary School	895	887	-8	-0.9%	887	-8	-0.9%
Kelsall Primary School	724	714	-10	-1.3%	705	-19	-2.5%
Kingsley Community Primary School and Nursery	624	617	-7	-1.2%	610	-14	-2.4%
Kingsley St John's CofE (VA) Primary School	332	329	-3	-1.0%	326	-6	-2.0%
Kingsmead Primary School	819	809	-10	-1.2%	799	-20	-2.5%
Lache Primary School	1,103	1,089	-14	-1.3%	1,074	-29	-2.7%
Leftwich Community Primary School	847	836	-11	-1.3%	825	-22	-2.6%
Little Leigh Primary School	632	625	-7	-1.2%	617	-15	-2.4%
Little Sutton CofE Primary School	666	658	-8	-1.2%	650	-16	-2.4%
Lostock Gralam CofE Primary School	761	752	-9	-1.2%	742	-19	-2.5%
Lower Peover CofE Primary School	704	695	-9	-1.3%	686	-18	-2.4%
Malpas Alport Endowed Primary School	789	779	-10	-1.3%	769	-20	-2.5%
Manley Village School	314	311	-3	-1.0%	308	-6	-1.9%
Meadow Community Primary School	1,334	1,316	-18	-1.4%	1,309	-25	-1.9%
Mickle Trafford Village School	759	750	-9	-1.2%	740	-19	-2.5%
Mill View Primary School	771	761	-10	-1.3%	751	-20	-2.6%
Moulton School	766	760	-6	-0.8%	760	-6	-0.8%
Neston Primary School	673	666	-7	-1.0%	666	-7	-1.0%
Newton Primary School	1,357	1,342	-15	-1.1%	1,342	-15	-1.1%
Norley CofE VA Primary School	423	419	-4	-1.1%	414	-9	-2.2%
Oldfield Primary School	785	775	-10	-1.3%	767	-18	-2.2%
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School	1,458	1,442	-16	-1.1%	1,442	-16	-1.1%
Over Hall Community School	927	915	-12	-1.3%	903	-24	-2.6%
Over St John's CofE Primary School	625	617	-8	-1.2%	616	-9	-1.3%
Overleigh St Mary's CofE Primary School	1,467	1,447	-20	-1.4%	1,427	-40	-2.7%

Parkgate Primary School	695	687	-8	-1.2%	684	-11	-1.6%
Parklands Community Primary School	999	989	-10	-1.0%	978	-21	-2.2%
Rivacre Valley Primary School	928	916	-12	-1.3%	904	-24	-2.6%
Rossmore School	754	744	-10	-1.3%	735	-19	-2.5%
Rudheath Primary Academy	1,110	1,095	-15	-1.4%	1,092	-18	-1.6%
Saighton CofE Primary School	463	458	-5	-1.1%	452	-11	-2.3%
Sandiway Primary School	774	765	-9	-1.3%	755	-19	-2.5%
Saughall All Saints CofE Primary School	1,114	1,099	-15	-1.3%	1,094	-20	-1.7%
Shocklach Oviatt CofE Primary School	237	238	1	0.7%	238	1	0.7%
St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Weaverham	698	689	-9	-1.3%	680	-18	-2.5%
St Bernard's Roman Catholic Primary School	809	798	-11	-1.3%	793	-16	-2.0%
St Chad's CofE Primary School	812	802	-10	-1.1%	802	-10	-1.1%
St Clare's Catholic Primary School	594	587	-7	-1.2%	580	-14	-2.4%
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	1,137	1,122	-15	-1.4%	1,117	-20	-1.8%
St Luke's Catholic Primary School	744	734	-10	-1.3%	727	-17	-2.3%
St Martin's Academy Chester	Growing school - Comparison not provided						
St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School	779	774	-5	-0.6%	774	-5	-0.6%
St Oswald's CofE Aided Primary School	550	544	-6	-1.2%	537	-13	-2.4%
St Saviours Catholic Primary School	839	828	-11	-1.3%	817	-22	-2.6%
St Theresa's Catholic Primary School	818	820	2	0.2%	820	2	0.2%
St Werburgh's and St Columba's Catholic Primary	1,169	1,153	-16	-1.4%	1,141	-28	-2.4%
St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School	1,167	1,151	-16	-1.4%	1,137	-30	-2.5%
St Winefride's Catholic Primary School	713	704	-9	-1.3%	697	-16	-2.4%
Sutton Green Primary School	949	937	-12	-1.3%	925	-24	-2.6%
Tarporley CofE Primary School	766	757	-9	-1.3%	747	-19	-2.5%
Tarvin Primary School	844	834	-10	-1.3%	823	-21	-2.6%
Tattenhall Park Primary School	758	749	-9	-1.3%	739	-19	-2.5%
The Acorns Primary and Nursery School	1,370	1,352	-18	-1.4%	1,333	-37	-2.7%
The Arches Community Primary School	1,056	1,066	10	1.0%	1,066	10	1.0%

The Oak View Academy	683	674	-9	-1.3%	666	-17	-2.5%
The Oaks Community Primary School	793	783	-10	-1.3%	773	-20	-2.6%
Tilston Parochial CofE Primary School	457	452	-5	-1.1%	447	-10	-2.2%
Tushingham-with-Grindley CofE Primary School	427	427	0	0.0%	427	0	0.0%
University Church Free School	Growing school - Comparison not provided						
University Primary Academy Weaverham	686	677	-9	-1.3%	669	-17	-2.5%
Upton Heath CofE Primary School	1,443	1,423	-20	-1.4%	1,414	-29	-2.0%
Upton Westlea Primary School	859	847	-12	-1.3%	836	-23	-2.6%
Utkinton St Paul's CofE Primary School	335	332	-3	-1.0%	328	-7	-2.0%
Victoria Road Primary School	827	816	-11	-1.3%	809	-18	-2.2%
Waverton Community Primary School	761	751	-10	-1.3%	741	-20	-2.5%
Weaverham Forest Primary School	834	824	-10	-1.3%	817	-17	-2.0%
Westminster Community Primary School	658	650	-8	-1.2%	642	-16	-2.4%
Wharton CofE Primary School	1,507	1,487	-20	-1.3%	1,484	-23	-1.5%
Whitby Heath Primary School	1,397	1,379	-18	-1.3%	1,379	-18	-1.3%
Whitegate CofE Primary School	504	498	-6	-1.2%	492	-12	-2.3%
Whitley Village School	347	344	-3	-1.0%	340	-7	-2.0%
Willaston CofE Primary School	743	734	-9	-1.3%	725	-18	-2.5%
William Stockton Community Primary School	1,429	1,414	-15	-1.1%	1,396	-33	-2.3%
Willow Wood Community Primary School	1,340	1,322	-18	-1.4%	1,304	-36	-2.7%
Wimboldsley Community Primary School	494	489	-5	-1.1%	483	-11	-2.2%
Wincham Community Primary School	1,049	1,035	-14	-1.3%	1,022	-27	-2.6%
Winnington Park Community Primary School	835	825	-10	-1.3%	814	-21	-2.5%
Winsford High Street Community Primary School	1,679	1,665	-14	-0.8%	1,665	-14	-0.8%
Witton Church Walk CofE Primary School	1,224	1,207	-17	-1.4%	1,200	-24	-2.0%
Wolverham Primary and Nursery School	1,249	1,235	-14	-1.1%	1,220	-29	-2.4%
Woodfall Primary School	1,455	1,435	-20	-1.4%	1,416	-39	-2.7%
Woodlands Primary School	1,961	1,934	-27	-1.4%	1,906	-55	-2.8%
Primary Schools and Academies	106,047	104,847	-1,200	-1.1%	103,868	-2,179	-2.1%

Bishop Heber High School	4,769	4,699	-70	-1.5%	4,629	-140	-2.9%
Blacon High School,	2,670	2,632	-38	-1.4%	2,594	-76	-2.9%
Christleton High School	4,764	4,695	-69	-1.5%	4,625	-139	-2.9%
Ellesmere Port Catholic High School	3,536	3,492	-44	-1.2%	3,492	-44	-1.2%
Hartford Church of England High School	4,202	4,142	-60	-1.4%	4,081	-121	-2.9%
Helsby High School	5,129	5,056	-73	-1.4%	4,982	-147	-2.9%
Neston High School	6,350	6,256	-94	-1.5%	6,171	-179	-2.8%
Queen's Park High School	2,340	2,308	-32	-1.4%	2,275	-65	-2.8%
St Nicholas Catholic High School	4,972	4,899	-73	-1.5%	4,841	-131	-2.6%
Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College	4,218	4,156	-62	-1.5%	4,095	-123	-2.9%
The Bishops' Blue Coat CofE High School	4,266	4,204	-62	-1.5%	4,144	-122	-2.9%
The Catholic High School, Chester	3,507	3,456	-51	-1.5%	3,429	-78	-2.2%
The County High School Leftwich	4,568	4,501	-67	-1.5%	4,434	-134	-2.9%
The Whitby High School	6,623	6,528	-95	-1.4%	6,512	-111	-1.7%
The Winsford Academy	4,730	4,660	-70	-1.5%	4,655	-75	-1.6%
University of Chester Academy Northwich	2,219	2,187	-32	-1.4%	2,156	-63	-2.9%
University of Chester CE Academy	4,137	4,085	-52	-1.3%	4,085	-52	-1.3%
Upton-by-Chester High School	5,849	5,764	-85	-1.4%	5,724	-125	-2.1%
Weaverham High School	4,893	4,822	-71	-1.5%	4,750	-143	-2.9%
Secondary Schools and Academies	83,742	82,542	-1,200	-1.4%	81,674	-2,068	-2.5%
Total Cheshire West and Chester	189,789	187,389	-2,400	-1.3%	185,542	-4,247	-2.3%

**Cheshire West and Chester
Schools Forum
16 January 2017**

Agenda item 10

Schedule of meetings

Schools Forum – all meetings 4.30pm – 6.30pm (refreshments at 4pm) unless otherwise stated

Date	Venue	Proposed key agenda items
Monday 13 March 2017	Queen's Park High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEN funding for mainstream and special schools – funding from the high needs block 2017-2018 • central spend budgets 2017-2018 • DSG 2016-2017 forecast outturn at third review • Basic needs capital programme • Academy balances • NSFF stage 2 consultations
Monday 3 July 2017	Queen's Park High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School intervention funding 2016-2017 • School funding arrangements –national data comparison 2017-2018 • School funding arrangements for 2018-2019 • Directed revisions to schemes for financing schools • DSG 2016-2017 outturn • Financial year 2016-2017 analysis of schools balances • Annual review of Schools Forum membership, constitution and terms of reference

Schools Forum finance sub group – all meetings 2pm – 4pm unless otherwise stated

Date	Venue
Tuesday 28 February 2017	HQ 1.7
Tuesday 13 June 2017	HQ tbc
Tuesday 11 July 2017	HQ tbc