

Cabinet Member for Education & Skills

Decision to be taken on or after 17 January 2017

**Decision can normally be implemented at least
3 working days after decision has been signed.**

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Title: Dedicated Schools Grant 2017-18

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Local members affected: All

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Summary

The Council needs to take a decision on the use of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and report the outcome to the Department for Education (DfE) by 20th January 2017.

Due to the delay by the DfE this year in providing guidance and information the proposals for 2017-18 cannot be discussed at the Schools Forum until 17th January 2017. Schools Forum support for this decision is desirable overall and explicitly needed for some aspects.

This report (per DfE guidance) sets out a proposed decision for the Cabinet Member to ***in principle*** agree to the proposals set out for the use of the Dedicated Schools Grant, with final details delegated to the Managing Director for Children's Social Care & Learning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member.

Recommendation

1. That the proposals set out in the appended report for the use of school funding (state years) are agreed in principle subject to consultation with the Schools Forum.
2. To give delegated authority to the Managing Director for Children's Social Care & Learning to submit a final proposal to the DfE amending the proposal as needed, following consultation with the Schools Forum and Cabinet Member.

Resource implications

The DSG for 2017-18 is £412m. The report set out in the appendix sets out the full details of the allocations.

Legal implications

The recommendations follow the guidance issued by the Department for Education. Legal advice has been provided by the Council's legal advisors.

Other implications/issues

The recommendations affect the funding for all schools in Buckinghamshire and early years providers and Local Authority managed and provided services.

Appendix 2 sets out an Equalities Impact Assessment on the implications of this funding decision. Can you confirm there is no adverse impact on groups following your EIA?

Feedback from consultation, Local Area Forums and Local Member views (if relevant)

Feedback has been sought through the Schools Forum, Bucks Academies and Secondary Heads and Primary Executive Board. Final feedback will be given by Schools Forum on 17th January.

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.

If you have any views on this paper that you would like the Cabinet Member to consider, or if you wish to object to the proposed decision, please inform the Democratic Services Team by 5.00pm on 16 January 2017. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 387969) or e-mail to democracy@buckscc.gov.uk