

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Allocation of £0.300m from the Statutory School Reserves to support pupil growth
Total Value:	£0.300m (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	On 3rd Nov 2016, Schools Forum approved the allocation of an additional £0.300m to support pupil growth in 2016/17 from the Statutory School Reserve. Once such a request has been approved by Schools Forum, it also needs the approval of the Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills, before the payment can be released.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	As above. In the report titled: "Pupil Growth Contingency Fund - proposed additional budget", which was approved by Schools Forum on 3rd November 2016, paragraph 5.5 of the Finance comments stated that approval would also be required by the Portfolio Holder for Schools, before the payment can be released.
Briefing notes documents:	Pupil Growth Contingency - proposed additional budget.doc
Other Options Considered:	Not to approve the allocation of £0.300m from the statutory school reserves to support pupil growth. This option has been discounted as the pupil growth contingency fund provides funding predominantly to schools who have admitted additional school children to meet growing need for school places. The level of pupil growth in Nottingham in recent years has been substantial, therefore the release of the funding is required.
Background Papers:	None.
Unpublished background papers:	Pupil Growth Contingency - proposed additional budget.doc

Published Works:	Refer to report, already approved by Schools Forum: "Pupil Growth Contingency Fund - proposed additional budget, 3 Nov 2016".
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None.
Any Information Exempt from publication:	Yes
Exempt Information:	
Description of what is exempt:	Legal advice is contained within an exempt appendix.
	An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
5 - Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.	The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because the information sets out the legal risks inherent in the course of action proposed here, which the Portfolio Holder is arguably entitled to consider without Nottingham City Council's position being affected simply by the consideration of those risks.
Documents exempt from publication:	2017-04-27 DDM Stat School Reserve to support pupil growth exmpt legal obs.pdf
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	N/A
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: Included within the Schools Forum report, Pupil Growth Contingency Fund dated 3 November 2016.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes

Call In Expiry date:

17/05/2017

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance

Legal Advice:

This advice is exempt from publication and is contained within an exempt appendix Advice provided by Jonathan Ludford-Thomas (Senior Solicitor) on 27/04/2017.

Finance Advice:

On 3rd November 2016 Schools Forum approved the allocation of £0.300m to support additional pupil growth in the financial year 2016/17 from the Statutory School Reserve. This was to fund £0.270m of staffing and classroom costs set up costs, as well as the inclusion of a contingency of £0.030m for further requests. Schools Forum originally approved the allocation of £1.018m for the financial year 2016/17 but this was then increased to £1.318m meet the unforeseen increase in demand as outlined in paragraphs 1.3 to 1.5 of the attached Schools Forum report.

In line with the local authority's Constitution approval is now being sought from the Portfolio Holder of Children Services to enable the release the funding to the affected schools.

For information please refer to the financial observations in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.5 of the original Schools Forum report. Advice provided by Julia Elizabeth Holmes (Finance Analyst) on 24/04/2017.

Signatures

Sam Webster (PH for Business, Education and Skills)

SIGNED and Dated: 09/05/2017

Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)

SIGNED and Dated: 05/05/2017