

Appendix D: Comments made within the 2022/2023 consultation response

Question 2:

Considering the borough as a whole and to ensure support for the most vulnerable children & young people in the district, do you support the LA's request to continue to transfer 1.5% from the schools block to the high needs block?

No. However, we would agree to a 0.5% transfer from the schools block to help support the high needs block, in line with the DFE guidance.

Question 4:

Do you agree that the Local Authority should continue to provide for a growth fund from reserve? It is estimated for 2022/2023 a budget of £250,000 is required

Yes. Could some modelling be done on any schools where pupils numbers change significantly regardless of planned admission number changes? This could be a combined pot across falling rolls and planned growth to support any schools where in-year changes in pupil numbers have the potential to cause budgetary issues.

Yes, it is important that those schools with increasing numbers are able to access funding to support increase student just as it is for those schools with declining numbers protected by MFG.

Question 5:

Do you agree that the local authority should provide for a falling rolls fund from reserve?

Yes, see above suggestion for combining falling rolls and growth into a single larger pot to target

No we do not agree the LA providing funding for outstanding or good schools with falling numbers. However if this was a fairer system and included inadequate and RI schools then perhaps yes.

Question 6:

Do you agree that funding from the central school services block can be held centrally for the services outlined above?

Yes we agree that funding from the central school service block should be retained centrally to cover admissions service, schools forum and central licences. We feel the funding should also include admission appeals rather than be charged separately for these.