

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO SCHOOLS FORUM

1.	Meeting:	SCHOOLS FORUM
2.	Date:	28th November 2014
3.	Title:	School expansions: transitional funding
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

Pupil numbers are increasing within the Borough creating a shortage of available places in certain areas. This increasing pressure on school places means it is necessary to increase the number of school places available to meet current and projected demand. This report outlines the transitional 7/12 funding required to support the creation of additional school places in the Borough until school census funding generates the income for new pupils.

6. Recommendation:

- **It is recommended that the 2015/16 allocations specified be approved and funded from the Pupil Growth element within the Schools Block. A further report will be submitted in due course to confirm requests for transitional funding for 2016/17 and beyond once the outcome of future proposals and consultations are known.**

7. Proposals and Details

Pupil numbers are increasing in the Borough and there is increasing pressure on school places, particularly in Key Stage 1, making it necessary to increase the number of primary school places available in certain areas of the Borough. The impact on children and families can be significant where siblings are separated across more than one school; parents are reluctant to take up offers of a school place due to logistical and financial constraints around travel; and a potentially negative impact on one or more children's attendance, participation and achievement of wider educational outcomes.

Agreed formula to be used to determine allocation amounts:

- 7/12 of an M6 Teacher - £31,552 = (£18,405)
- 7/12 of a Band D TA - £15,725 = (£9,173) – (6,436) Based on 30 hours per week term time only.
- 7/12 of a Level 3 SMSA - £12,787. (£7,459) – (£1,090) Based on 6hrs.15mins per week term time only.
- Plus £252 x the number of additional anticipated pupils
- Plus a fixed amount of £3000.

2015/16 allocations scheduled to date:

<i>School</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>Pupils anticipated</i>
Wath C of E	(2)	£32,711	based on 15 pupils
Listerdale	(2)	£32,711	based on 15 pupils
Thurcroft Infants	(2)	£32,711	based on 15 pupils
Wales Primary	(2)	£32,711	based on 15 pupils
Flanderwell	(3)	£24,400	remainder from CFWD
Flanderwell	(4)	£32,711	based on 15 pupils
Brinsworth Howarth	(2)	£32,711	based on 15 pupils
Aston Hall	(3)	£32,711	based on 15 pupils
TOTAL:		£253,417	

8. Finance

Where schools are expanded, it is necessary to provide interim financial support to bridge the gap between 1st September and 31st March. Funding is allocated to schools each financial year based upon numbers on roll on Census day in October of the preceding year. Additional pupils commencing at the start of a new academic

year will not be on roll at that time in order to generate sufficient funding to meet additional staffing and other agreed expenditure.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There are always risks and uncertainties when school place provision is considered since future pupil numbers are based on estimations. Over provision at one school could influence pupil numbers at other schools. Local Authorities are obliged, however, to provide sufficient places, promote diversity and increase parental preference.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The major theme supported by the forward planning and provision of school places is 'to ensure that everyone has access to skills, knowledge and information to enable them to play their part in society'. The expansion of schools would enable more parents to access their first preference school for their child and, therefore, increase that performance indicator.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Reports to the Decision Maker in relation to:

Annual Admissions Consultations

Proposals to increase admission numbers temporarily, and to make prescribed alterations to schools

2014/15 allocations:

School Expansion Allocations:

<i>Aston Hall</i>	= £32,711
<i>Broom Valley</i>	= £72,982
<i>Listerdale</i>	= £32,711
<i>Wath C of E</i>	= £36,491
<i>Herringthorpe Jun</i>	= £32,711
<i>Wales Primary</i>	= £32,711
<i>Brampton Ellis Jnr</i>	= £32,711
<i>Thurcroft Infant</i>	= £32,711
<i>Treeton C of E</i>	= £32,711

TOTAL = **£338,450**

Fair Access Allocations:

<i>St Ann's</i>	= £10,944
<i>Coleridge</i>	= £ 4,864
<i>East Dene</i>	= £ 9,728
<i>Badsley Primary</i>	= £ 3,648
<i>High Greave</i>	= £ 2,432
<i>Ferham</i>	= £ 3,648
<i>Kimberworth</i>	= £ 3,648
<i>Thornhill</i>	= £ 1,216

TOTAL = **£40,128**

Schools requested to go 'over PAN' due to catchment / local area pressure

<i>Fullerton</i>	= £ 6,021
<i>Sandhill</i>	= £14,596

TOTAL = **£20,617**

Request for advance on scheduled 2015/16 allocation of £32,711

<i>Flanderwell</i>	= £12,163
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GRAND TOTAL = **£411,358**

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