

AGENDA



SCHOOLS FORUM

Date : Thursday 19th January 2017

Time : 4.30pm

Place : Badminton Road Offices, First Floor, Room 1009

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9	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	5 mins

SCHOOLS FORUM
Thursday 1 December 2016
Badminton Road Offices

PRESENT:

Dave Baker	Executive Headteacher, Olympus Academy Trust
Sally Bowd	Winterbourne Early Years Centre (Voluntary Sector)
Mark Dee	Executive Headteacher, The Park and Parkwall Primary Federation
Mark Freeman	Headteacher, St Michael's CE VC Primary, Stoke Gifford
Kim Garland	Headteacher, Brimsham Green School
Liz Gibbons	Diocese of Bristol
John Goff	Governor, New Horizons Learning Centre
Liz Jardine	Early Years (Private Sector)
Keith Lawrence (Chair)	Governor, Culverhill School
Jim Lott	Governor, The Tynings Primary School
Peter Smart	Headteacher, The Castle School
Paul Tanner	Chair of Finance and Resources Committee, Olympus Academy Trust
Adrian Vye	Headteacher, St Michael's Primary, Winterbourne
Susie Weaver	Principal, Wallscourt Farm Academy
Bernice Webber	Headteacher, Old Sodbury CE Primary
Jon Wilmshurst	Finance Manager – representing Sarah Lovell, Senior Finance Manager, Cabot Learning Federation

Chair: Keith Lawrence

Officers:

Mustafa Salih	Interim Head of Financial Management and Business Support
Jen Williams	Integra Finance Director
Tamsin Moreton	Integra Schools Finance
Davina Gibbon	Senior Finance Officer, Corporate Finance

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees were welcomed by the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Emma Jarman, Cllr Trevor Jones, Sarah Lovell, Lisa Parker, Ann Reed, Max Reed, Geoff Howell, Louise Leader

3. EVACUATION PROCESS

The Chair drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure

4. ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2016

There was an amendment to Item 9 minutes. The reference to school balances now reads "Schools Forum discussed the level of school balances"

6. SCHOOL FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017/2018

Mustafa Salih, Interim Head of Financial Management and Business Support presented an update on the first consultation with schools.

MS explained that the narrative in the tables has been expanded to provide more explanation of the proposed changes.

School comments to the consultation have been included in Appendix A.

The proposed changes are in line with school responses.

Schools Forum commented that it was surprised that so few schools had responded to the consultation.

Agreed:

The Schools Forum agreed the following:

Primary Low Cost High Incidence (Prior Attainment): Proposal to weight Years 1 to 4 results so that there is consistency in allocating funding across all primary year groups

Secondary Low Cost High Incidence (Prior Attainment): Proposal to keep the Secondary Low Cost High Incidence total budget the same as 2016/17 by adjusting the funding rate

Varying pupil numbers – new schools/primary phase: Proposal to use the Autumn School Census pupil numbers and add 7/12ths of the planned September 2017 reception admission number (PAN)

MFG application to dis-apply regulation: Proposal to request a MFG disapplication where secondary schools and academies have admitted primary phase from September 2015

7. SCHOOL FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017/18 – CONSULTATION 2

Mustafa Salih, Interim Head of Financial Management and Business Support presented a paper on the second funding arrangements consultation with schools which proposes changes to schools funding to reduce the DSG overspend.

MS reported that the estimated DSG overspend remains at £7.7m.

Table 5 shows the majority of schools who responded preferred Option 3, School comments have been included in Appendix D.

Appendix B is the Minister's response to the Leader of the Council's letter to The SoS Education on South Gloucestershire funding. Appendix C provides School Forum with an update on the strategic work High Needs Working Group which met on 17th November and will look at High Needs pressure areas with a strategic view to reducing the DSG overspend. The next meeting is due to take place before the Christmas break.

Schools Forum were concerned that the level of overspend had not been identified earlier and that schools have not been given an opportunity to plan for the funding reduction. There was a need for better forecasting and better communication with Schools Forum. Schools would have difficulty achieving savings in year one because of a time lag in implementing reductions. There was concern on how schools would manage the challenge of making savings and that it might not work.

MS stated that the proposals included a longer term recovery plan (option 3) which was the maximum that would comply with prudent financial management principles and met the Director of Finance's statutory responsibilities in this area. Schools with balances could use these in their budget planning but it is recognised that this option is not available to all schools. Where maintained schools dip into overspend they could apply for a licenced deficit while academies have a similar option with the EFA. In addition the Council would also look to establish support for Schools in exceptional circumstances to cope with significant financial turbulence subject to further consultation with the Schools Forum.

Agreed:
The Schools Forum agreed the following:

Implement Option 3 for financial year 2017/18 with the requirement for further consultation with the Schools Forum regarding future aspects of the Deficit Recovery Plan.

That Children's Adults and Health Committee on 7th December are informed of the other financial pressures facing schools (e.g. pay awards, pension scheme, apprenticeship levy) and the resulting potential for

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND THE SCHOOLS FORUM WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

There was no change to work programme

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

Meeting closed at 18.42

South Gloucestershire Schools Forum

19 JANUARY 2017

DEPLOYMENT OF THE DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2017/2018

Purpose of Report

1. To consult on the deployment of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2017/2018.

Policy

2. The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is an Education Funding Agency (EFA) grant which is used in its entirety to fund the Schools Budget which in turn supports school and pupil related expenditure. The grant is ring-fenced and must be used in accordance with criteria set by the EFA.
3. Local Authorities (LAs) may centrally retain funding for purposes defined in regulations made by the Secretary of State. The balance of the DSG (just over 97% in 2016/2017) is allocated to schools and early years providers.
4. Local Authorities must distribute funding to their maintained schools using a formula which accords with the regulations made by the Secretary of State, and enables the calculation of a budget share for each maintained school. The financial controls within which delegation works are set out in the Scheme for the Financing of Schools.

Background

5. From 2013-2014 the DSG was split into three funding blocks. These are:
 - **Schools Block** – this funds secondary, primary, junior and infant schools
 - **High Needs Block** - this covers special schools, alternative provision and high cost, low incidence Special Educational Needs (SEN), i.e. (Education, Health and Care Plans)
 - **Early Years Block** - this funds private voluntary independent providers
6. During 2016/17 the DfE conducted a “DSG Baseline Exercise” with all LAs where LAs were asked to recast their 2016/17 funding blocks into better alignment with their current spending plans. For example many local authorities have been spending at a higher level than their High Needs Block by vireing (moving budget) amounts from their Schools Block into

their High Needs Block. This baselining exercise would make that annual vireing requirement less likely by permanently transferring that amount.

7. Each LAs DSG allocation was further significantly affected by the Government's reforms to Early Years Education Funding. These reforms involved the following:
 - Introducing a new Early Years National Funding Formula which moved the calculation of each LAs Early Years Block onto a new formulaic basis rather than the historic basis that had been in place previously,
 - Additional funding to support the new entitlement to 30 hours of free nursery education for eligible pupils from September 2017,
 - New limits on how much of the Early Years Funding Block can be retained centrally by LAs,
 - Additional funding to allow the expectation that the average funding rate to providers of early year's education of at least £4.00 per hour.
8. There is also a presumption that the budgets for services provided by the local authority are delegated to schools and are then either traded with schools or the Schools Forum agree that the funding should remain centrally.
9. At the Children's Adults and Health Committee meeting on 7 December 2016, members approved the process for determining the rates to be used in the allocation of funding to schools for 2017/18 and the allocation of the High Needs Block.

Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement 2017/2018

10. Incorporating the realigned Funding Blocks and the early years funding reforms the DfE announced on 22 December 2016 each LA's DSG funding allocations for 2017/18, which for South Gloucestershire Council are presented in the table below:

	a	B	C	d=c-b	
	2016/17 Allocation Prior to Baseline Exercise	2016/17 Allocation After Baseline Exercise	2017/18 Final Allocation	Change	Explanation for Change
Schools Block	£m 150.97	£m 150.08	£m 151.15	£m 1.07	Pupil number Increase – 35,818fte to 36,073fte + £660k ESG Transfer
Early Years	12.01	12.01	14.86	2.85	Pupil Number/Hours Increase to 30 hours.
High Needs	26.2	29.02	29.59	0.58	Uplift and transfer in for post 16 base funding.
Total	189.18	191.10	195.60	4.50	

11. The Schools Block is used to fund mainstream schools and their provision. The Early Years Block is used to fund early year's provision. The High Needs Block brings together funding for all high needs pupils/students to enable commissioning of places for young people from 0-25 from a single stream. For 2018/19 a new Central Services Block will be created by adding together two funding streams: elements of the DSG used to fund central services and the Education Services Grant used to fund ongoing LA's statutory responsibilities for schools and which is ceasing from 2017/18.
12. The Government's intended move to a National Funding Formula for Schools was delayed until 2018/19 and is subject to a current second consultation which closes on 22 March 2017.

DSG Recovery Plan and Schools Specific Contingency

13. At the last meeting of the Schools Forum a decision was approved to implement a DSG Deficit Recovery Plan beginning in 2017/18 to resolve the current DSG overspend. Against a challenging backdrop regarding School Funding this was a difficult decision to take but did demonstrate the Schools Forum's commitment to its key responsibility to have strategic oversight of the Schools Budget. In reaching this difficult decision a number of concerns were raised regarding the financial impact on schools and the challenges of managing budgets

across multiple years with time lags in achieving efficiencies and changing circumstances such as pupil number changes.

14. Current school funding regulations are set out in the Financing of Maintained Schools Regulations 2015 which have provision for LAs to establish a Schools Specific Contingency, from its DSG funding for expenditure in relation to:
- i. Schools in financial difficulty,
 - ii. New, amalgamating or closing schools,
 - iii. Circumstances which were unforeseen when the schools budget share was initially determined

15. It is therefore proposed to establish such a contingency for 2017/18 of £300,000. The ability to access this funding by a school deemed to be in financial difficulty would be very tightly controlled and in accordance with the following proposed criteria:

Firstly a licensed deficit should be considered and only when a school cannot produce a recovery plan within the licensed deficit criteria and falls into one of the categories below would additional assistance from the Schools Specific Contingency be considered:

- a. Pupil number variations significantly outside of reasonably expected levels*
- b. School is in Special Measures*
- c. School is in Notice to Improve/Serious Weaknesses/Causing concern*
- d. End of key stage assessments below national for the last 3 years*
- e. Pupil progress in English and maths below expected levels*
- f. Ofsted judgement – Requires Improvement.*

16. Schools would be able to submit a case to the Head of Financial Management and Business Support who would make the decision to grant funding in conjunction with the Head of Education Learning and Skills and the Director of Children’s Adults and Health. In addition regular financial monitoring reports would be provided to the Schools Forum on the use of the Contingency.

Education Services Grant (ESG)

17. The ESG was introduced from 2013 to provide a clear, consistent and simple methodology for both local authorities and academies to be funded for specific education related services.

18. Up until 2017/18 ESG was being reduced annually and was made up of the following 2 rates:

- **Retained Duties Rate:** provided to LAs to fund education services they provide to all schools including academies
- **General Duties Rate:** provided to LAs and academies to fund services LAs provide to maintained schools but which academies must provide for themselves (e.g. financial audit functions).

19. For 2017/18 the general duties rate is ceasing and the funding provided through the retained duties rate is being cut and added into the Schools Block of the DSG (for South Gloucestershire the transfer in to the DSG is £660k). The following table sets out the funding allocation over recent years:

South Gloucestershire ESG Funding					
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Total ESG Allocation	£4.2m	£3.8m	£2.7m	£2.4m	£0.66m*

*transferred into DSG

20. The whole of the £2.4m 2016/17 income budget for ESG is held within the Children Adults and Health's mainstream budget (non DSG) and there would therefore be a potential budget shortfall of around £1.8m (£2.4m - £0.6m) in 2017/18. The Government's position regarding this shortfall (which is a situation replicated in every LA) is that LA's have been given the power to fund the shortfall from the DSG. This further pressure on School Funding has recently been highlighted in the national media.
21. For South Gloucestershire Schools, unlike schools in many other LAs, the Council has taken the decision to fund this shortfall in its entirety for 2017/18 rather than seek to charge the shortfall to the DSG. Beyond 2017/18 there will be a need for the CAH Department to review all functions that were funded by the ESG to see if savings and efficiencies can be identified to reduce this new burden on the Council's mainstream budget.
22. There is also a requirement placed on each LA to consult with its Schools Forum on the use of the amount of former ESG transferred into the DSG. To recap for South Gloucestershire this transferred funding amounts to £660k and presented in the table below is the proposed use of this funding in accordance with the relevant regulations.

	£
Statutory Regulatory Duties	
Director and Secretary (30%)	67,719
Planning for the education service as a whole (Sch 1, 20b): (mainly Education Planning and Development Team and 5% of HoS)	163,520
Accounts including:	
Budget prep, External Audit information, Administration of Grants, Authorisation and Monitoring expenditure not met from school budget shares.	147,313
Internal audit and other tasks related to the authority's chief finance officer's responsibilities under Section 151 of LGA	73,530
Consultation costs relating to non-staffing issues (Sch 1, 20r)	12,500
Standing Advisory Committees for Religious Education (SACREs) (Sch 1, 24)	14,000
Education Welfare	
Responsibilities regarding the employment of children (Sch 1, 29)	72,320
Asset Management	
Management of the LA's capital programme including preparation and review of an asset management plan, and negotiation and management of private finance transactions (Sch 1, 10a)	108,578
Total	659,480

23. The functions are all statutorily essential functions and the Schools Forum is asked to approve the use of this element of the DSG on the functions set out in the table above.

Early Years Block

24. The early years block will fund the provision of free education entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds and disadvantaged 2 year olds.

25. The Government consulted with the sector concerning a new funding formula, the outcomes of which were announced in December 2016. Local Authorities are expected to consult with the sector on the

changes ready for them to be implemented in the new financial year 2017-18.

26. A separate report is being presented to this meeting of the Schools Forum setting out the detail behind the consultations with all providers and the proposed funding formula for early year's education.

2 Year Old Funding

27. The DfE has also increased funding rates for 2 year olds. The Forum is asked to note the approach to pass through 93% of the increased funding in-line with the 3 & 4 years olds funding approach. The table below provides details of the existing 2 year old funding rates and the 2017/18 proposed funding rates.

	Group Settings	Childminders
2016/17	£ 4.95	£4.85
2017/18	£ 5.05	£4.95

Pupil Premium

28. The Forum is asked to note that for 2017/2018 the Pupil Premium will be paid at the following rates and is additional funding to the DSG funding schools and providers receive:

Free School Meals – Primary £1,320
 Free School Meals – Secondary £935
 Service Children - £300
 Post Looked After Children - £1,900
 Looked After Children - £1,900
 Disadvantaged - Early Years - £300

CONSULTATION POINTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) The Schools Forum is asked to note and comment on the proposed deployment of the DSG and approve the establishment of a Schools Specific Contingency as follows:

	£million
Schools Block:	
School Budget Shares	150.85
Schools Specific Contingency	0.30
Early Years Block	14.86
High Needs Block	29.59
Total	195.60

(2) The Schools Forum is asked to approve the use of the former ESG funding transferred into the DSG in accordance with the table set out in paragraph 22 of this report.

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Background Papers

1. DfE letter to Schools – School Funding Arrangements for 2017/2018.
2. Education Funding Agency - Schools revenue funding 2017 to 2018 – Operational Guide.
3. Schools Funding Arrangements for 2017/18 – CAH Committee – 7 December 2016

South Gloucestershire Council

SCHOOLS FORUM

19 January 2017

EARLY YEARS FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017/2018

Purpose of Report

1. To consult on proposals regarding the Early Years Funding Formula for 2017/18.

Policy

2. The Government are changing the way funding is allocated to local authorities and the way in which local authorities allocate this to settings.
3. Local authorities are now being allocated funding according to a three part formula, which will see a minimum funding rate of £4.30 per hour per child being allocated. Under this formula, South Gloucestershire will receive £4.34 per hour per child. 7% of this will be retained to ensure the continued delivery of the local authority statutory services for early years, reducing to 5% in 2018/19.

Background

4. The Department for Education (DfE) consulted on its proposed changes to Early Years Funding for three and four year olds in August 2016.
5. In December 2016, the DfE announced that the new Early Years funding formula for settings would be implemented from April 2017.
6. The funding proposals contained in this report follow a consultation undertaken with the Early Years Sector.
7. During the consultation with the sector, many providers expressed concern about the levels of funding. Whilst they acknowledged the increases would help with the 15 hours they currently provide, the levels set often do not reflect what settings charge for additional hours, therefore with the introduction of 30 hours of funding, there is concern they will lose money and may become unsustainable.

Proposal Regarding the base rate paid to settings

8. Funding allocated to settings has been split into two different parts, the Base Rate and Supplements. The base rate should be set at no less than 90% of the total amount paid to settings, with the remaining 10% being given as supplements.
9. As part of the consultation with the sector, a minimum base rate of 95.75% was considered, with the remaining 4.25% to be awarded as supplements.

It is proposed to allocate a base rate of 96.75% to all providers with effect from April 2017.

It is proposed that the funding formula is reviewed in January 2018 to enable adjustments to be made when levels of funding change again in April 2018.

Proposal Regarding the Deprivation Supplement

10. This is a mandatory supplement which is aimed at supporting settings who work with the most disadvantaged children.
11. Disadvantage has a significant impact on children's development and attainment, which can affect their life chances. Research indicates that early targeted support before children start school can significantly improve their attainment. Currently, 0.3% of early years funding is allocated for deprivation supplements. Reflecting the Governments' drive to improve funding for the most disadvantaged children throughout the education system and the Local Authority commitment to improving the educational outcomes for disadvantaged children, the deprivation supplement should be set at 1% or approximately £0.04 per hour per child.
12. Currently, this funding is allocated according to postcodes of the children. The Local Authority are aware that this may not always target the most disadvantaged children the fund is aimed at supporting. The sector were therefore consulted on whether the link to postcodes should continue, or whether it should be linked to Early Years Pupil Premium funding.

It is proposed that the deprivation supplement should be set at 1% or £0.04 per hour from April 2017

It is proposed that the allocation of deprivation funding should be linked to children in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium.

Proposal Regarding the Early Years Inclusion Fund

13. This is a mandatory supplement which is aimed at supporting children with lower levels of Special Educational Needs, prior to an EHCP being started.
14. The government are going to legislate for every area to set up a local inclusion fund for children with special educational needs to support providers in driving outcomes for these children. Local Authorities will be required to publish details on how they are using their SEN inclusion fund to support their early years SEN cohort, as part of their published 'Local Offer'. This will include the fund's planned value, eligibility criteria, and the process for allocating the fund to providers.
15. It is intended that the fund provides early targeted support to enable providers to meet the needs of individual children with SEND within their setting, in order that they can make progress. The fund is aimed at children who have emerging or lower levels of SEND, or are not yet ready for an EHCP. Funding for children with more complex needs will continue to be allocated through the Early Years High Needs Block already available to settings.
16. The Government expects local authorities to pass the majority of their SEN inclusion funds to providers in the form of top up grants on a case-by-case basis: this will count within the 93% pass-through.
17. The sector were consulted on the amount which should be in the Inclusion Fund and proposals for its administration.

It is proposed that the Early Years Inclusion Fund should be set at 2% or £0.08 per hour from April 2017.

It is proposed the draft guidelines presented to the sector should continue to be developed.

Proposal regarding the Flexibility Supplement

18. This is a discretionary supplement to be used to support childminders, who under this funding formula would receive a cut in their funding.
19. Under the current funding system, childminders are paid a different hourly rate for both two year olds and those aged three and four when compared to other settings. This is to reflect the different statutory adult child ratios applied to childminders which results in higher unit costs. Under the revised funding, childminders could see a potential decrease in their hourly rate. The sector were therefore asked if a supplement of 23p per child per hour should be paid to childminders in order they maintain their currently hourly rate.

20. Consultation with the sector indicated the sector would like the supplement to be paid for 2017-18 to support the childminders.

It is proposed that Childminders receive a flexibility payment of 23p per hour for 2017-18 to maintain their current hourly rate.

Summary of Consultation Outcome

21. The consultation period with the sector lasted 3 weeks. During this time, every setting was emailed, received a telephone call and were able to access 5 information briefing sessions, information was also posted on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), enabling web based access. The response rate has been high with 107 people attending the consultation meetings and 143 total responses. This represents responses from approximately 40% of the sector who claim funding.

22. The sector were consulted on the rates of the mandatory supplements of Deprivation and the Early Years Inclusion Fund and the discretionary flexibility funding for childminders. The following table summarises the outcome of the Consultation undertaken with Providers and the proposed recommendations that will be put forward to the Children Adults and Health Committee for approval:

Table 1

		Percentage of Responses			
1	Question: Should the Deprivation Supplement be set at 1% or 2%?				
		1% (4p per hour)	2% (8p per hour)	No View	Recommendation
	Overall in Favour	55.6%	28.2%	16.2%	1% supplement
	Childminders	35.6%	38.4%	26%	
	Preschools	70.35	21.6%	8.1%	
	Day Nurseries	84.4%	12.5%	3.1%	
2	Question: The deprivation supplement is currently allocated according to postcode information. Should this continue or should this be linked to Early Years Pupil Premium?				
	Comments from the sector The sector have expressed concern that the funding reaches the children it is intended for and have raised questions as to how the impact of this funding will be monitored to ensure it really is narrowing the attainment gap for children. They also raised the concern that if the funding is linked to EYPP funding, they will need to overcome the reluctance of parents to apply for EYPP.				

	Postcode	EYPP	Combination	No View	Recommendation
Overall in Favour	8.4%	62.2%	23.8%	5.6%	Funding to be linked to EYPP funding
Childminders	4.1%	64.4%	27.4%	4.1%	
Preschools	5.3%	60.5%	28.9	5.3%	
Day Nurseries	18.8%	59.4%	12.5%	9.4%	

3 Question: Should the amount allocated to the Inclusion Fund be set at 1%, 1.5% or 2%?

Comments from the sector

The sector have generally welcomed the development of the Inclusion Fund and feel it will make a difference to the work they are doing with children. Additional questions were asked about how the fund should be administered. Responses to these were very positive, with most people welcoming the opportunity to be able to apply for additional funding and feeling the processes outlined were very clear. However, the sector have expressed concerns that the process should not be over burdensome and should enable them to access funding when they require it rather than waiting several months for it to be granted. A working group will be established to look at this in more detail in the coming months. It will be important to review the impact of this funding next year.

	1% (4p per hour)	1.5% (6p per hour)	2% (8p per hour)	No View	Recommendation
Overall	36.6%	14.1%	38%	11.3%	2% Supplement
Childminders	37%	8.2%	34.2%	20.5%	
Preschools	31.6%	21.1%	44.7%	2.6%	
Day Nurseries	45.2%	19.4%	35.5%	-	

4 Question: Should childminders be paid a flexibility supplement of 23p per hour?

There were no comments from the sector in relation to this question.

	23p supplement	No supplement	No view	Recommendation
Overall	71.8%	22.5%	5.6%	A supplement should be paid to childminders for one year and be reviewed.
Childminders	100%	-	-	
Preschools	47.4%	39.5%	13.2%	
Day Nurseries	31.3%	59.4%	9.4%	

Other comments from the sector arising from the Consultation

23. There is genuine concern that whilst funding levels have been increased, this does not reflect the real increases settings are facing. Examples typically cited included the increases in pension contributions and the national wage which will see changes to salary structures in settings.
24. Some Day Nurseries responding to the consultation have expressed they felt the consultation was difficult to respond to as they do not know what the constraints will be around the 30 hour funding as the government have alluded to possible restrictions on settings charging for additional services such as cooked meals. They feel that if too many constraints are placed on what they can charge for, then the funding levels being paid for 30 hours will not be enough to keep them sustainable. Therefore, a few nursery owners/managers were reluctant to agree to supplements as they felt they would need the highest base rate in order to minimise the impact of funding changes on their setting.
25. The sector can see the advantage of the funding for the 15 hour provision but are concerned about the impact of funding being extended to 30 hours. Currently, settings charge additional fees for children attending longer than 15 hours, these are often at higher rates than the Nursery Education Grant fund. With the extension of hours, many day nurseries and some preschools have expressed that they will be operating at a loss and will struggle to remain sustainable.
26. These concerns will need to be carefully considered and the impact of them evaluated when we consult with the sector on 30 hours in the spring.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Schools Forum is asked to note and approve the proposals and recommended actions set out in the body of the report and summarised in Table 1, paragraph 22.

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SCHOOLS FORUM WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

All meetings at 4.30pm at Badminton Road, Yate

19th January 2017 Room 1009, First Floor	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earmarked Capital Programme 2017/18 • Council Budget 2017/18 • Deployment of the DSG 2017/18 	
2nd March 2017 Room 0012 Ground Floor	11th May 2017 Room 0012 Ground Floor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Budget Monitor 2016/17 • The Schools Forum Constitution from April 2017 • Education Commission Update • National Schools Funding Formula - Stage 2 Consultation Response. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of Schools Block Funding Formulae 2017/18 • Education Commission Update • Traded Services Update • Chipping Sodbury - Outturn 2016/17
13th July 2017 Room 0012 Ground Floor	14th September 2017 Room 0012 Ground Floor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for 2018/19 (if known) • Provisional Outturn 2016/17 (including school balances) • Schools Forum Membership • Date of future meetings and the Work Programme 2017/18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DfE Consultation on School Funding 2018/19 • Allocation of Schools Block Growth Funding • 1st Budget Monitor 2017/18 • Education Commission Update • Traded Services Update

ANY OTHER BUSINESS