

## PLANNING FOR CENTRAL EXPENDITURE 2012/13

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### 1. Purpose

To offer the Schools Forum an early opportunity to consider the proposed central expenditure for the 2012/13 financial year.

### 2. Recommendations

That the Schools Forum considers the proposed central expenditure items for 2012/13 and advise the LA of any concerns.

### 3. Issues

Each year the Local Authority brings forward items with a view for them to be funded from central expenditure. At the request of the Schools Forum, the following schedule provides an early indication of proposed changes to the central expenditure for 2012/13.

As for 2011/12, no significant change is being proposed for 2012/13. In the context of increasing pupil numbers, the central expenditure is being held at the same level, or reducing in some cases, in order to maximise the amount of funding paid directly to schools.

We are proposing to continue holding resources to pay for services where economies of scale can be achieved by the collective use of the resource (for example licenses and subscriptions). In the event of large numbers of schools becoming academies this may become unsustainable and we may have to delegate the funding to schools which would end the ability for schools to benefit from the collective provision.

The information presented has a caveat. Academies directly receive LACSEG funding which represents their share of the many centrally held expenditure items (but they no longer benefit from the services this funding supports). Should the numbers of Academies increase then this may have an impact on the central budgets. However, it is unlikely that the budgets can be reduced in-year by the same amount that is being deducted from the DSG. The LACSEG relevant budgets are shown in *italics* in the table.

## PROPOSED 2012/13 CENTRAL EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE

Area	2011/12 Budget £'000	Proposals
Contingency		
General Contingency	235	No proposed change.*
LA Initiatives (support for schools in LA categories of concern)	276	No proposed change.*
SEN AER Contingency – Stamented Pupils	970	Indicative trend suggests this is reducing, but will be dependent on final formula allocation as well as quantum. Some of this budget will be delegated to schools - see the LA funding formula consultation.
SEN Temporary Support	200	Subject to the LA funding formula consultation.
Temporary Behaviour Support	150	Subject to the LA funding formula consultation.
Diploma Delivery Grant	24	This budget will reduce to zero as the grant is ceasing.
Repair and Maintenance Emergency Fund	73	No proposed change.*
Small Class Size Contingency	191	It is proposed to delegate this budget to schools – see the LA funding formula consultation.
'Ghost Pupils' Secondary Schools	120	No proposed change.*
Early Years Contingency	95	This will be based on the estimated increase in take up during the year.
Schools in Financial Difficulty	134	No proposed change.*
Provision for Pupils with SEN - Assigned to Pupils		
Early Years - AER	30	No proposed change.*
Specialist Equipment	120	No proposed change.*
SENDIS Support Teachers	541	This budget requires further analysis and is likely to increase by approx £200k as costs are transferred to DSG.
Provision for Pupils with SEN		
Early Years Services Area Sencos, Portage	502	No proposed change.*
Early Intervention Centre	279	No proposed change.*
Speech and Language Therapy Contract PCT	313	No proposed change.*
Other Provision	170	No proposed change.*
Support for Inclusion		
Outreach Project	93	No proposed change.*
Independent Special Schools	6,321	Analysis suggests this is

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Fees		reducing.
Independent School Fees (non SEN)	390	No proposed change.*
Inter Authority Recoupment		
Expenditure - Special Schools	700	No proposed change.*
Income - Special Schools	(769)	No proposed change.*
Pupil Referral Units		
Primary PRU	359	No proposed change.*
<i>Behaviour Support Services</i>		
<i>Behaviour Support Services (Team and Resources)</i>	652	<i>No proposed change.*</i>
<i>Children in Care Team (DSG element)</i>	154	<i>No proposed change.*</i>
<i>Restorative approaches</i>	41	<i>No proposed change.*</i>
<i>Free School Meals Administration</i>	32	<i>No proposed change.*</i>
EMASS	324	<i>It is proposed to reduce this budget as part of the activity is carried out in schools.</i>
<i>School Admissions</i>	357	<i>Increase of £15k to fund an upgrade to the admissions system (ONE)</i>
<i>Licences/Subscriptions</i>	42	<i>No proposed change.*</i>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>		
<i>Hazard Safety Centre</i>	90	<i>This budget will reduce to zero in 2012/13.</i>
<i>Longrigg/Caldecotte</i>	64	<i>This budget will reduce to zero in 2012/13.</i>
<i>NNDR Appeals</i>	10	<i>No proposed change.*</i>
<i>Off Site Activity Advice and System</i>	20	<i>No proposed change.*</i>
<i>School Closure texting service</i>	5	<i>No proposed change.*</i>
<i>Development of HCSS Budgeting software</i>	5	<i>This budget will reduce to zero in 2012/13.</i>
<i>Carbon Reduction Commitment</i>	170	<i>No proposed change.*</i>
<i>Servicing of Schools Forum</i>	33	<i>No proposed change.*</i>
<i>Staff Costs</i>		
<i>Redundancy costs</i>	790	<i>Proposed decrease to £300k.</i>
<i>Facilities Time</i>	59	<i>It is proposed to delegate this budget to schools – see the LA funding formula consultation.</i>
<i>Prudential Borrowing Costs - Walnuts Special School</i>	307	<i>No proposed change.*</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,672</b>	

\* Excluding inflation and any changes due to demography.