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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DATE AND TIME</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 2017</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AT 4.00 PM</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>VENUE</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BEST HUB, LANACRE AVENUE, GRAHAME PARK, COLINDALE, LONDON NW9 5FN</b></p>

**TO: MEMBERS OF SCHOOLS FORUM**

Chairman: Gilbert Knight  
Vice Chairman: Simon Horne

**Members:**

Andrew McClusky	John Bowra
Angela Trigg	Jude Stone
Annette Long	Keith Nason
Anthony Vourou	Lesley Burgess
Ayalah Hirst	Lesley Ludlow
David Byrne	Nigel Taylor
Gavin Smith	Robin Archibald
Gilbert Knight	Ruth Taylor
Jeanette Adak	Sarah Vipond
Jo Djora	Simon Horne
Joanne Kelly	

**Councillors:**

Reuben Thompstone

**Substitute Members:**

Beata Felmer (for Angela Trigg)  
Marc Lewis (for Gavin Smith)  
Ian Stewart (for Andrew McClusky)  
Siobhan O'Connell (for Sarah Vipond)

**Officers:**

Ian Harrison  
Val White  
Gaspere Nicolini  
Claire Gray  
Tamara Kulatunga  
Nick Adams

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**Minutes of the Schools Forum Meeting**  
**12<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**(4.00 pm, Training Room 2, BEST hub, Colindale)**

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

<b>Attended</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Type of Member</b>	<b>Member until end</b>
<b>Members</b>	Beata Felmer	London Academy	Substitute for Angela Trigg (Academy Principal)	Sept 2019
	Nigel Taylor	Childs Hill	Primary Community Governor	May 2018
	Robin Archibald	Broadfields Primary Academy	Academy School Representative	July 2019
	Gilbert Knight	Oakleigh	Special School Governor	Sep 2019
	Jeanette Adak	Monkfrith Primary	Primary Community HT	Sep 2019
	Jo Djora	The Hyde Academy	Academy School Principal	Jul 2017
	Joanne Kelly	Pavilion PRU	Pupil Referral Unit	Sep 2019
	Jude Stone	Cromer Road	Primary Community HT	Mar 2018
	John Bowra	Christ's College Finchley	Secondary School Governor	Jul 2020
	Keith Nason	National Education Union	Stakeholders - Unions	Sep 19
	Lesley Ludlow	Moss Hall Infants	Primary Community Governor	Apr 2017
	Liz Pearson	Early Years Learning Alliance	Substitute for substitute for Annette Long Nursery Community HT	
	Simon Horne	Friern Barnet	Secondary HT	Oct 2017
<b>LA Officers</b>	Ian Harrison	Education & Skills Director (Cambridge Education)	Officer	n/a
	Claire Gray	School Funding Manager		n/a
	Val White	Lead Commissioner		n/a
	Gaspere Nicolini	Senior Business Partner		n/a
	Tamara Kulatunga	CSG – School Funding		n/a

	<b>Did not attend</b>			
<b>Members</b>	Andrew McClusky	Hasmonean High School	Academy School Principal	Oct 2018
	Alayah Hirst	Independent Jewish Day School	School Governor	Jul 2020
	Ruth Taylor	Trent	VA governor	Jul 2020
	David Byrne	Barnet & Southgate Col	14-19 Provider Rep.	Sept 2019
	Kit Davies	Barnet and Southgate Col	Substitute 16-19 provider	Sept 2019
	Ian Stewart	Hasmonean high School (Boys`Site)	Substitute Acadamy Head of Finance	Oct 2018
	Lesley Burgess	Northway	Special School Headteacher	Sep 2019
	Marc Lewis	Wren Acadamy	Substitute Acadamy Finance Director	Nov 2019
	Angela Trigg	London Academy	Academy Representative	Sep 2019
	Siobhan O` Connell	Middlesex Uni. Nursery	Substitute Private provider	Sept 2019
	Jane Harris	Garden Suburb schools	Substitute Community Governor	Jul 2020
	Anthony Vourou	St John`s N11	Primary VA/Found. Governor	Sep 2019
	Sarah Vipond	Middlesex Uni. Nursery	Early Years Private Provider Representative	Sep 2019
<b>Non Members</b>	Cllr Reuben Thompstone	Lead member for Children`s Services		

## 1 SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERSHIP

### 1a. Membership review

The Schools Forum now has 8 vacancies, two more vacancies than originally shown. CG stated that volunteers are needed to replace members who have left and requested governor and headteacher members canvass additional volunteers whenever possible.

### 1b. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Members were asked to nominate a Chair and Vice Chair-person for the forthcoming academic year.

Nigel Taylor (NT) nominated Gilbert Knight (GK); this was seconded by Jeanette

Adak (JA). As there were no other nominations, GK was elected.

Joanne Kelly (JK) nominated Simon Horne (SH) as Vice-Chair; seconded by Jude Stone .As there were no other nominations, SH was elected.

GK chaired the meeting from this point forward.

## **2 WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

GK thanked Schools Forum for their nomination and welcomed new members : Jane Harris – Governor - Garden Suburb school, Annette Long – Moss Hall Nursery and Ruth Taylor – Governor - Trent CE (apologies for this meeting)

GK bid farewell to members leaving the Schools Forum: Jodi McCallum – Retiring from Barnet, Matthew Glenn – Leaving St Mary's and St John's, Jack Newton – resigned membership and Cllr Salinger – not on any committees as currently the mayor.

IH introduced two new CSG officers - Gaspare Nicolini (Senior Finance Business Partner) and Tamara Kulatunga (Deputy School Funding Manager).

## **3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Ruth Taylor and Cllr. Thompstone.

## **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

GK asked if there were any declarations of interest regarding personal pecuniary gain.

Keith Nason (KN) declared his interest in De-delegation of Trades Union duties and funding. KN also mentioned that NUT and ATL unions have merged to become The NEU – The National Education Union.

## **5 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Agreed as a true and accurate record of the last meeting.

## **6 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

## **7 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **7a 2017/18 Budget Monitoring and Revised budget – Gaspare Nicolini**

Gaspare Nicolini (GN) presented the Quarter 2 budget monitoring as shown in the agenda. The main pressures include Early Years reduction in income as a result of January census data (£0.425m), underlying pressure in rising cost of High Needs place expenditure / top ups (£0.342m). NNDR rates revaluations (£0.212m) and

adjustment to January funding – ISB (0.379m).

A request made to Schools Forum to approve the additional amount of £1.358m to be charged to brought forward reserves was approved in principle. It was noted that reserves have now dropped down to circa: £1m.

Nigel Taylor questioned if this is a historic low for reserves. GN stated that although the balance is historically low for Barnet, we are in a better position than most other local authorities.

Jo Djora (JD) asked if increased High Needs costs are common for this time of the year. IH stated it is but that the SEN team are undertaking a review to understand current pressure areas. Val White also mentioned that there is increasing pressure from post-16 students with SEND.

#### **7b 2018/19 Apprenticeship Levy for Community Schools – Ian Harrison**

The transitional arrangement for the council to cover the cost of levy contributions for community schools in 2017/18 has come to an end. IH confirmed that this will not continue in 18/19. It was also confirmed that this includes Nursery schools. However, all schools should be able to draw on training credits available.

### **8 TOWARDS A NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA – Ian Harrison**

#### **8a. National Funding Formula**

IH presented a number of slides (attached to these minutes) on school funding, beginning with slides on the provisional allocation of DSG funding and Barnet's options for the school funding formula in 2018-19.

2018/19 estimated DSG income and expenditure breakdown was presented based on indicative figures based on October 2016 census data. It was highlighted that figures will be subject to change arising from the October 2017 census data and the authority's final DSG allocation.

3 options were presented to Schools Forum. Option 1 - Modified Barnet formula, Option 2 – National Funding formula and option 3 – National formula with additional protection.

Option 1 would use a modified Barnet formula. This would exceed the school block income by £97k which would require a transfer from another block or an adjustment to the formula. MFG protection on reductions would continue at -1.5% per pupil. The schools forum discussed the feasibility of this option and agreed that it would create too much of a strain for losers when the national funding formula is implemented in full.

Option 2 would use NFF rates in the APT exactly as prescribed. This will result in an underspend of £0.820m against the £242,807m available in the schools block. This will leave the MFG at -1.5% (max loss per pupil). The maximum cash gain is likely to be +£162k and the maximum cash loss -£94k.



Option 3 will prepare schools for the eventual full implementation of the 'hard' National Funding Formula in 2020/21 by providing a smoother transition for losers rather than the big bang approach. This can be achieved by offering improved MFG protection for losers (-0.5% per pupil) but a cap on gains (0.5% per pupil). The maximum cash gain is likely to be +£44k and the maximum cash loss -£31k.

The Schools Forum was invited to comment on all 3 options. The Schools Forum decided to dismiss option 1 (current modified Barnet formula) and it was confirmed that modelling for all schools on Options 2 (NFF) & 3 (NFF with additional protection) will be included in the consultation. The council recommended option 3.

The council will consult all schools on the principles and present the results to the Schools Forum in December. The consultation will be held between mid - October and mid - November.

The council is consulting on the principles of protection/ capping, but the actual level of MFG protection and the cap on gains will be agreed when the total 2018/19 DSG funding is known in January as a result of the October 2017 census data.

#### **8b 2018/19 Education Services Grant**

IH mentioned that the situation in relation to the removal of the Education Services Grant (the 2016/17 ESG general rate element for Barnet - £2.8m) has not changed. The 2017/18 reduction was absorbed by the council but this may not continue.

The council would require the agreement of the maintained schools members of the Schools Forum to de-delegate funding to pay for services that were previously funded from the general rate element of the ESG. This would affect *maintained schools only*. If the council were to ask for dedelegation to make up £0.8m or the £2.8m lost income, the average cost per primary maintained school would be £8,500 (varying with pupil numbers) and £17,000 on average for secondary maintained schools.

If the authority and Schools Forum are unable to agree on the level of DSG to be retained by the LA to cover retained duties, the LA may refer it to the Secretary of State.

Keith Nason (KN) questioned if this de-delegation includes foundation schools, the answer was yes.

NT wanted to know if there is a breakdown of this figure rather than based on a single amount per pupil. Simon Horne mentioned that it is not possible to compare costs with other LAs if there is no breakdown available. GN stated that other LAs will also be setting a single rate per pupil.

Schools Forum noted the current position and noted that a special meeting of the Schools Forum would be held if the council does ask for dedelegation to cover lost ESG income. The Forum will then wish to consider whether schools should be consulted before the Forum decides its response to the council.

#### **9 Any other business**

BF questioned when each school would be made aware of their draft 18/19 allocation. It was confirmed that indicative figures (based on October 2016 census data) would be circulated as part of the consultation document and revised figures would be circulated after the updated DSG allocations and revised national funding formula allocations, based on 2017 census data, are available in January

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### **Draft agenda for next meeting – 7 December 2017**

Members approved the draft agenda for the next meeting.

GK closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 5.00pm.

## 6a. 2017/18 Budget monitoring and revised budget

### AGENDA ITEM 6a

Gaspare Nicolini, Senior Finance Business Partner

This report shows the November 2017 forecast position. It is presented to Schools Forum to note.

#### **2017/18 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)**

The November forecast outturn position shows no change from the previously reported (October 2017 Schools forum) quarter 2 position. However we expect further High Needs pressures which will be confirmed at the next Schools forum in February 2018 following a detailed review of commitments.

DSG Block	Rebased October income (after transfers from HN & EY blocks) £m	Forecast  Expenditure  £m	Difference  £m	
Schools				
- Individual Schools Budget	139.265	139.856	0.591	£0.212m NNDR pressure and Adjustment to January funding.
- Growth fund	1.300	1.300	-	
- Centrals Schools expenditure	1.652	1.652	-	
- ESG Retained Funding	0.798	0.798	-	
Sub-total	143.015	143.606	0.591	.
			-	
Early Years	25.060	25.485	0.425	Revised EY expenditure
			-	
High Needs	43.578	43.920	0.342	Revised HN place expenditure
			-	
Total DSG incl c/f	211.653	213.011	1.358	

The forecast year end reserve position as at November 2017:

<b>DSG Reserve</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
<i>Balance brought forward</i>	<b>4,224,809</b>

2017/18 Original Drawdown from reserve	(1,831,558)
2017/18 Additional drawdown from reserve	(1,358,165)
<i>2017/18 Revised estimated Balance to be carried forward</i>	<b>1,035,086</b>

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**6b. DfE consultation on Free School Meals/ Early Years Pupil Premium eligibility as a result of Universal Credit rollout**

The DfE has just launched a consultation relating to the identification of FSM and EYPP pupils once families are transferred onto the Universal Credit benefit scheme as opposed to the current benefits and tax credit system.

Under the new proposals, schools will still be responsible for identifying parents that may be eligible, but the criteria for the FSM/ EYPP entitlement will be based on net earnings instead of total household income (including benefits) as currently.

Protection is proposed for those pupils who are currently eligible where they would lose that eligibility, until such time as they leave their current phase of education (e.g. end of Primary, end of Secondary).

The revised criteria will also affect identification of FSM eligible pupils that trigger Pupil Premium FSM funding.

Barnet will be submitting a response on behalf of the local authority, but Schools Forum members and schools may wish to respond to the consultation directly; the consultation document can be found at: [https://consult.education.gov.uk/healthy-pupil-unit/fsm/supporting\\_documents/Consultation%20%20Free%20school%20meals%20and%20EYPP%20under%20Universal%20Credit.pdf](https://consult.education.gov.uk/healthy-pupil-unit/fsm/supporting_documents/Consultation%20%20Free%20school%20meals%20and%20EYPP%20under%20Universal%20Credit.pdf)

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## **6c. School Revenue Balances at March 2017**

### **AGENDA ITEM 6c**

#### **Introduction**

This report informs the Forum of the maintained schools' revenue balances for 31 March 2017 and provides a comparison with the previous year. The balances for each maintained school are set out in Appendix I.

The appendix shows schools' balances in relation to the Total Revenue Income (i.e. LA funding, plus school generated income). This is a change in presentation from previous reports which compared revenue balances with local authority funding but this new approach conforms to DfE methodology in presentation of schools' financial data from CFR (Consistent Financial Reporting) returns.

In relation to "What is a reasonable level?", the DfE gives guidance in the Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) support notes guidance where it states that LAs are able to claw back "excessive" surpluses which are uncommitted. However, the government has removed the requirement for such a clause in LA schemes. Barnet does not currently have a "clawback" clause and it is not proposed to re-introduce one.

The guidance also indicates that "The original thresholds [to indicate excessive balances], which are commonly still being used, were 5% of income (for secondary schools), or 8% of income (for primary, nursery, and special schools) ".

#### **Overall balances - all sectors**

Total revenue balances have remained relatively high at £10.89m compared to £11.43m last year. Capital balances remain modest at £322,373 for 16/17 and £231,213 for 15/16. School funding/budget shares have remained cash limited.

Inflationary cost increases on items such as salaries have been limited to small pay awards. General inflationary price increases have been variable although generally small, with some decreases.

The significant variations in balances between individual schools shows how different schools have managed with the financial pressures facing them.

#### **Nursery Sector**

There have been consistently high revenue balances for three of the four nursery schools over the last two years, although the overall revenue balances decreased from £744k to £615k. One nursery school has been asked to submit its 3 Year Budget Plan.

#### **Primary Sector**

This sector has revenue balances at £8.9m, an increase from £8.7m. Within that total there is a range of balances from deficit balances to a number of significant

balances. These include - Colindale £691,029, Danegrove £461,079, Livingstone £452,449.

The following schools have licenced deficits and recovery plans – Beis Yaakov, Hasmonian Primary, Pardes House, St Johns N20, St Josephs and Tudor. A number of schools have made staff redundant due to budget problems.

3 Year Budget plans have been requested for nine primary schools which have low balances or had a significant decrease in revenue balances.

### **Secondary sector**

There are six maintained secondary schools, only one of which has significant balances – Finchley Catholic High at £514,620. St James and St Michael's have licenced deficits and recovery plans. One other secondary school has been asked to submit its 3 Year Budget Plan.

### **Special sector**

There are three special schools, all of which had moderate balances.

### **Pupil Referral Units**

There are two PRUs – Northgate has a 22% balance, whilst The Pavilion has suffered a significant decrease in the level of its balance and has been asked to submit its 3 Year Budget Plan.

### **Conclusion**

This report is for information. The LA will continue to work closely with its schools to challenge those that appear to have “high” balances and support and challenge those with deficits or that are in danger of having a deficit budget position.

The Schools Financial Value Standard asks schools to prepare a three year budget plan. The authority may request to see these plans if it has concerns around the level of reserves.

The ability of LAs to manage deficits has been restricted following the DfE consultation on schools' loans. It is no longer possible for the LA to issue revenue loans to cover deficits, which might result in more notices of concern or withdrawal of delegation in future.

The DfE will issue related changes to the scheme for financing schools in due course. The LA will then consult Schools Forum and all schools on the implications.



## 7a. Consultation responses

### AGENDA ITEM 7a

There were 98 valid responses received. The responses relate to the following schools: 80 from Primary schools (maintained and academy/ free), 16 from Secondary schools (maintained and academy/ free), and 2 from All-through schools.

47 responses were from Headteachers or Principals, 40 from Governors and 11 from other representatives such as Bursars or School Business/ Finance managers.

The Survey presented two options:

Which option do you think Barnet should implement:

**Option 1** – the full National Funding Formula

**Option 2** – the National Funding Formula with additional protection (a phased introduction of the NFF in 2018-19 using MFG in order to make the formula affordable).

Responders were asked to select Option 1 or Option 2.

	All through	Primary	Secondary	Total	%
<b>Option 1 - National Funding Formula</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9.18</b>
<b>Option 2 - National Funding Formula with additional protection</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>87.75</b>
<b>No selection</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.06</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100%</b>

		All through	Primary	Secondary	Total	%
<b>Option 1 - National Funding Formula</b>	<b>Heads/Principals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b><u>4.08</u></b>
	<b>Governors</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b><u>4.08</u></b>
	<b>Others</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b><u>1.02</u></b>
<b>Option 2 - National Funding Formula with additional protection</b>	<b>Heads/Principals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>43</b>	<b><u>43.88</u></b>
	<b>Governors</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b><u>34.69</u></b>
	<b>Others</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b><u>9.18</u></b>

<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>Heads/Principals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<u><b>0</b></u>
	<b>Governors</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<u><b>2.04</b></u>
	<b>Others</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<u><b>1.02</b></u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>98</b>	<u><b>100%</b></u>

Of those that completed the question on which option should be implemented, 86 (87.75%) agreed with the proposal to implement option 2, the National Funding Formula with transitional protection so that turbulence to schools could be minimised during the transition period.

The comments supporting this option included that it seemed fairer and more manageable, allowed more time to plan budgets and would give time for schools to adjust before full implementation of the National Funding Formula in 2020/21

Recommendation:

The council is proposing to implement Option 2 – the National Funding Formula with additional protection, and we are asking Schools Forum to support this proposal going forward to the Children's, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding (CELS) committee meeting on 16 January 2018.

Outside the consultation on the options, the council has received a number of representations about the application of the increase in DSG funding allocations equivalent to an extra 0.5% per pupil for all schools. The key issue here is that the DSG funding does not meet the full cost of the growth fund (for new and expanding schools and bulge classes) and this has to be a first call on the schools block. A response to the points raised is being prepared and will be reflected in an additional paper to be circulated to the Schools Forum next week.

## **SCHOOLS FORUM - THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 2017**

### **Supplementary papers for items 7a and 7b**

## **7 Towards a National Funding Formula**

### **7a. Consultation responses – supplementary paper (for information)**

Outside the consultation on the options, the council has received a number of representations about the application of the increase in DSG (Dedicated Schools Grant) funding allocations to local authorities, which is equivalent to an extra 0.5% per pupil for all schools.

The DfE is increasing funding to local authorities for 2018/19 by 0.5% per pupil compared to the amounts schools received in 2017-18. The result is a provisional increase in funding for Barnet by £1.94m next year. The DfE indicative allocation to Barnet includes £813,257 for growth funding, which is the amount that is funded from the Schools Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant this year (2017-18).

Total growth funding for Barnet schools in 2017-18 was £3.9m. Whilst DSG funding covered £813,257 of this, the council funded the remaining £3.1m from DSG reserves. DSG reserves are funds that have accumulated as a result of careful budget management by the council and use of these reserves until this year has been the council's way of ensuring that the growth in school places does not result in top-slicing of the budgets allocated to schools.

Without these reserves, funding for schools would have been £3.1m lower than the actual funding distributed through the funding formula in 2017-18. The £1.94m increase in funding for 18-19 would then have applied to this lower base and, whilst it would mean school budgets increasing by at least 0.5% per pupil, the actual amount schools would then have in 18-19 would be no more than the amounts indicated in the consultation on the school funding formula.

The council is no longer able to make up the growth funding from DSG reserves, because the reserves have gradually been used up in the last few years (largely to pay for growth funding) and because of growing pressures on the High Needs budget as a result of demographic growth and the impact of the government's SEN reforms (in particular extending funding for pupils with special educational needs from 0 to 18 year olds to 0 to 25 year olds).

The growth funding has to be the first call on the Schools' Block funding allocated by the DfE, which reduces the amount available through the school funding formula.

For all these reasons, the £1.94m allocation does not automatically result in a 0.5% per pupil funding increase and the funding per pupil for all schools will be lower in 2018-19 than it would be if the DSG allocations included the actual cost of growth funding.

### ***Growth funding***

The growth funding includes two elements of funding:

- Funding for the one-off costs of setting up new schools, expanding existing schools and temporary 'bulge' classes

- Funding for the additional pupils entering expanded provision in September ahead of the 'lagged' formula funding that kicks in from the following April.

The figures used in the consultation on the funding formula for 2018-19 are provisional figures based on the provisional DSG allocations from the DfE. They also assume the growth funding in 18-19 will need to be at the same level as in 17-18. The position could improve with the final DSG allocations from the DfE and as a result of reviewing the growth requirements for 2018-19, but it is still unlikely to mean increases in per pupil funding for most Barnet schools. It is expected that final DSG allocations will be published shortly before the Christmas break.

The DfE has acknowledged that the current mechanism for calculating growth funding is not sufficiently robust and that further work will be undertaken to rectify this in future.

In the meantime, until the DfE takes on full responsibility for school funding in 2020-21, local authorities have to put in place transitional funding arrangements that cover the actual costs of growth.

## **7b. 2018/19 Education Services Grant (ESG) (for information)**

In 2016-17 the council received Education Services Grant (ESG) funding of £2.8m in relation to the statutory services it must provide to maintained schools (community and voluntary-aided schools, maintained special schools, nursery schools and PRUs). This funding was cut in the current financial year. In place of this ESG funding, the council received transitional funding of £985,000 and a 'school intervention and improvement grant' of £192,000. It is understood there will be no transitional funding in 2018-19 and it is not yet known if the school improvement grant will continue.

The council may request retention of schools block funding to cover some of this loss of ESG income. It chose not to do so in 2017-18, having regard to the transitional funding.

For 2018-19 the council has decided only to ask for de-delegation in respect of the cost of school improvement services currently undertaken over and above what is paid for from the school intervention and improvement grant.

LAs may ask maintained schools to de-delegate funding to supplement any 'school intervention and improvement grant' funding from the DfE. To enable the school improvement service to continue at its current level, the authority will therefore be requesting that maintained schools de-delegate approximately £101,000 towards the cost of these services. This request is set out in agenda item 7c (2018/19 De-delegation).

## 7c. 2018/19 De-delegation

### AGENDA ITEM 7c

The local authority is required to consult the primary and secondary LA maintained school representatives on the Schools Forum every year about de-delegation of a number of central budgets. De-delegated funds are a deduction from a school's budget share and are held centrally to fund relevant services. De-delegation can only apply to maintained primary and secondary school budgets. Academies, free schools, special schools and nurseries cannot de-delegate, but can choose to buy into traded services funded through de-delegation to maintained primaries and secondaries.

Decisions on de-delegation have to be taken at the Schools Forum. Decisions have to be taken separately in respect of maintained primary and maintained secondary schools and in each case the decision requires the agreement of a majority of the maintained representatives for the relevant phase on the Schools Forum.

For all these budgets, the total amount de-delegated depends on the number of LA maintained schools in Barnet, and how many pupils they have on roll. The budget available will fall if more schools convert to academies, but rise if maintained schools expand, or independent schools join the maintained sector.

For the 2018/19 financial year, the council is requesting the following de-delegation items:

#### Existing de-delegated budgets

The existing de-delegation items in Barnet are:

1. Behaviour support services (currently de-delegated by primaries but not secondaries)
2. Support to UPEG and bilingual learners ("Narrowing the Gap")
3. Staff costs – supply cover for (trade union) facility time

1. The **Behaviour Support** budget funds the high incidence support team's (HIST) work with maintained primary schools and the de-delegation rate is proposed to remain unchanged at **£3.01 per pupil**

2. Work on **narrowing the gap** with maintained schools is funded by the de-delegation from those schools. The de-delegation rates are proposed to remain unchanged at **£9.55 (Primary) and £16.34 (Secondary) per pupil**.

3. Staff costs for **trade union duties** funds the salaries of officials of the various unions representing staff in maintained schools. The budget is supplemented by income from a traded service that enables academies to contribute to these costs. The de-delegation rates are proposed to remain unchanged at **£1.66 (Primary) and £1.02 (Secondary) per pupil**.

## Former ESG duties

For the 2018/19 financial year, the Central School Services Block has been created and includes an allocation to authorities that covers the statutory duties that they carry out for maintained schools, Academies and Free Schools which were previously funded through the ESG. Barnet is requesting Schools Forum approval to retain the former retained duties element of the ESG for 2018/19 at the same rate as allocated by the DfE; the final amount is yet to be confirmed as it will be based on actual pupil numbers, but the figure in 2017/18 was £0.797m.

## **New for 2018/19**

### **4. Additional school improvement services**

The Authority is proposing is proposing to hold a de-delegated budget in 2018/19 of £101,000 for 'additional school improvement services'.

From 2018-19 the council no longer receives Education Services Grant funding in respect of statutory services to maintained schools. Council funding for these services is estimated to be around £450,000 and pays for most of the costs of the Learning Network Inspector service and towards the cost of the data team's work on school performance data. In 2017-18 the council received a school improvement grant of £192,000 from the DfE towards the cost of statutory school improvement services ('statutory intervention functions and services such as monitoring and commissioning of school improvement support'); it is not yet clear whether the grant will continue beyond this year or at what level. In any case this grant does not cover the full cost of the current service.

LAs may ask maintained school to de-delegate funding to supplement any school improvement grant funding from the DfE. To enable the school improvement service to continue at its current level, the authority is requesting that maintained schools de-delegate £101,000 towards the cost of these services.

The de-delegation rate proposed is £3.55 per Primary pupil and £1.80 per Secondary pupil. This would equate to a similar average contribution per phase (primary and secondary), as school improvement support does not tend to vary with the size of school.

### **5. Contingencies**

The Authority is proposing to hold a de-delegated budget in 2018/19 of £61,000 for schools specific contingency.

The current schools and early years finance (England) regulations 2017 allows LAs to hold a budget for "expenditure on the schools specific contingency". This centrally held item is deducted for the purpose of ensuring that monies are available to increase a school's budget share after it has been allocated and where it subsequently becomes apparent that a governing body has incurred expenditure which it would be unreasonable to expect it to meet from the school's budget share.

This may include expenditure in circumstances which were unforeseen when the school's budget share was initially determined.

An example of the use of contingencies would be the funding of additional NNDR (business rate) costs following a re-valuation. By having a contingency, the LA can meet the unexpected additional costs during the year in question. Without the contingency the school would have to meet the additional costs from its own resources. Academies and free schools are not affected as the contingency can only be applied to maintained schools. For all schools, following a re-valuation, the following year's budget is adjusted to reflect the actual revised NNDR costs.

The de-delegation rate proposed for both Primary and Secondary maintained schools is **£2 per pupil**.

**Recommendation** – The Schools Forum is asked to approve:

- The continuation of de-delegation on the same basis as 2017/18.

De-delegation	Primary	Secondary
<b>Behaviour Support</b>	yes/no/abstain	
<b>Narrowing the Gap</b>	yes/no/abstain	yes/no/abstain
<b>Trade Union Duties</b>	yes/no/abstain	yes/no/abstain

- The following new de-delegation items for 2018/19:

De-delegation	Primary	Secondary
<b>School contingency</b>	yes/no/abstain	yes/no/abstain
<b>School improvement services</b>	yes/no/abstain	yes/no/abstain

- Primary and secondary representatives of maintained mainstream schools are required to vote individually on each budget.





## AGENDA ITEM 10

### APPENDIX I – School Balances

## School Revenue Balances 2016-17

School Revenue Balances 2016-17									
School	Revenue Balance as at 31.03.17				School Revenue Income 2016-17*	Total Revenue Balance as % of Total Income	Comparison		
	Total Revenue Balance	Committed Revenue Balance (B01)	Uncommitted Revenue Balance (B02)	Community focused extended school rev. balance (B06)			As at 31.03.17	As at 31.03.16	Increase / (decrease)
Brookhill	158,462	0	158,462	0	658,839	24.1%	158,462	145,359	13,103
Hampden Way	125,592	0	90,784	34,808	788,271	15.9%	125,592	192,316	(66,724)
Moss Hall	302,767	3,260	299,507	0	728,157	41.6%	302,767	275,577	27,190
St Margarets	29,081	0	29,081	0	770,265	3.8%	29,081	131,617	(102,536)
<b>Sub Total - Nursery Sector</b>	<b>615,902</b>	<b>3,260</b>	<b>577,834</b>	<b>34,808</b>	<b>2,945,532</b>	<b>20.9%</b>	<b>615,902</b>	<b>744,869</b>	<b>(128,967)</b>
Akiva	(34,412)	0	(34,412)	0	2,403,701	(1.4%)	(34,412)	(4,078)	(30,334)
All Saints' CE School (N20)	151,873	0	151,873	0	1,397,362	10.9%	151,873	135,381	16,492
All Saints' CE School (NW2)	205,150	141,968	63,182	0	1,251,405	16.4%	205,150	152,778	52,372
Annunciation RC Infant School	122,676	122,676	0	0	993,637	12.3%	122,676	126,014	(3,338)
Annunciation RC Junior School	60,712	1,150	59,562	0	1,159,197	5.2%	60,712	29,980	30,732
Barnfield School	375,651	205	360,875	14,571	3,378,017	11.1%	375,651	387,326	(11,675)
Beis Yaakov	(39,656)	0	(39,656)	0	2,124,460	(1.9%)	(39,656)	(84,532)	44,876
Beit Shvilder Jewish Primary	58,612	0	58,612	0	1,438,851	4.1%	58,612	100,592	(41,980)
Bell Lane School	80,742	2,327	61,995	16,420	2,659,213	3.0%	80,742	73,706	7,036
Blessed Dominic RC School	74,707	17,000	57,707	0	2,238,788	3.3%	74,707	106,981	(32,274)
Brookland Infant School	49,818	0	49,818	0	1,617,447	3.1%	49,818	26,946	22,872
Brookland Junior School	181,476	1,642	179,834	0	1,806,337	10.0%	181,476	133,651	47,825
Brunswick Park School	119,745	5,000	114,745	0	2,281,981	5.2%	119,745	144,529	(24,784)
Chalgrave School	126,744	0	126,744	0	1,502,274	8.4%	126,744	84,969	41,775
Childs Hill School	39,642	34,350	5,292	0	2,548,685	1.6%	39,642	117,316	(77,674)
Christ Church CE School	175,744	1,069	174,675	0	1,175,514	15.0%	175,744	71,319	104,425
Church Hill School	89,142	0	89,142	0	1,238,838	7.2%	89,142	34,425	54,717
Colindale School	691,029	562,947	128,082	0	4,252,956	16.2%	691,029	666,977	24,052
Coppetts Wood School	416,464	0	321,162	95,302	2,160,169	19.3%	416,464	349,579	66,885
Courtland School	12,493	0	12,493	0	1,124,148	1.1%	12,493	17,215	(4,722)
Cromer Road School	137,978	0	137,978	0	2,165,056	6.4%	137,978	193,508	(55,530)
Danegrove School	461,079	0	461,079	0	3,478,533	13.3%	461,079	437,563	23,516
Deansbrook Infant School	36,223	0	36,223	0	1,723,892	2.1%	36,223	76,196	(39,973)
Dollis Infant School	84,239	0	84,239	0	1,845,336	4.6%	84,239	40,780	43,459
Dollis Junior School	(2,089)	(2,089)	0	0	2,160,976	(0.1%)	(2,089)	43,160	(45,249)
Edgware Primary	16,604	0	16,604	0	3,491,563	0.5%	16,604	64,214	(47,610)
Fairway School	170,461	0	114,620	55,841	2,103,906	8.1%	170,461	127,648	42,813
Foulds School	96,652	0	96,652	0	1,607,770	6.0%	96,652	61,881	34,771
Frith Manor School	1,969	0	1,969	0	3,267,456	0.1%	1,969	53,961	(51,992)
Garden Suburb Infant School	54,373	1,373	53,000	0	1,358,938	4.0%	54,373	71,415	(17,042)
Garden Suburb Junior School	105,199	11,276	93,923	0	1,846,163	5.7%	105,199	80,447	24,752
Goldbeaters School	(10,195)	0	(10,195)	0	2,704,545	(0.4%)	(10,195)	44,470	(54,665)
Hasmonean Primary School	(44,995)	0	(44,995)	0	1,299,664	(3.5%)	(44,995)	(63,009)	18,014
Hollickwood School	156,273	3,797	152,476	0	1,438,369	10.9%	156,273	72,869	83,404
Holly Park School	74,560	74,560	0	0	2,636,021	2.8%	74,560	20,887	53,673
Holy Trinity CE School	126,491	0	126,491	0	1,454,587	8.7%	126,491	34,290	92,201
Livingstone School	452,449	70,000	382,449	0	2,377,946	19.0%	452,449	393,161	59,288
Manorside School	13,576	0	13,576	0	1,951,607	0.7%	13,576	(16,299)	29,875
Martin Primary	178,533	0	178,533	0	3,441,054	5.2%	178,533	139,912	38,621
Mathilda Marks Kennedy School	24,291	0	24,291	0	1,399,541	1.7%	24,291	16,469	7,822
Menorah Foundation School	64,643	0	64,643	0	1,819,708	3.6%	64,643	23,476	41,167
Menorah Primary School	(1,760)	(1,760)	0	0	1,999,921	(0.1%)	(1,760)	(25,388)	23,628
Monken Hadley CE School	163,465	0	163,465	0	785,473	20.8%	163,465	63,203	100,262
Monkfrith School	122,305	0	122,305	0	1,630,171	7.5%	122,305	111,743	10,562
Moss Hall Infant School	72,561	8,618	63,943	0	1,976,744	3.7%	72,561	105,846	(33,285)
Moss Hall Junior School	208,725	23,600	185,125	0	2,259,787	9.2%	208,725	191,666	17,059
Northside School	399,999	0	399,999	0	1,562,528	25.6%	399,999	442,174	(42,175)
Orion School	120,927	0	120,927	0	5,623,877	2.2%	120,927	143,585	(22,658)
Osidge School	188,193	14,445	173,748	0	2,209,501	8.5%	188,193	180,845	7,348
Our Lady of Lourdes RC School	61,778	0	61,778	0	1,289,080	4.8%	61,778	72,948	(11,170)
Pardes House School	5,987	0	5,987	0	1,553,986	0.4%	5,987	(51,622)	57,609
Queenswell Infant School	18,396	0	18,396	0	1,670,335	1.1%	18,396	92,195	(73,799)
Queenswell Junior School	66,539	15,964	50,575	0	1,971,912	3.4%	66,539	73,146	(6,607)
Rosh Pinah School	32,370	0	32,370	0	2,599,371	1.2%	32,370	(8,597)	40,967
Sacred Heart RC School	144,437	22,558	121,879	0	1,993,266	7.2%	144,437	143,552	885
Sacks Morasha	64,166	0	64,166	0	1,115,784	5.8%	64,166	79,533	(15,367)
St. Agnes' RC School	300,440	60,000	240,440	0	1,812,781	16.6%	300,440	265,780	34,660
St. Andrew's CE School	172,134	1,000	171,134	0	1,075,469	16.0%	172,134	171,915	219
St. Catherine's RC School	231,123	910	230,213	0	2,468,521	9.4%	231,123	158,282	72,841
St. John's CE School (N11)	49,401	0	49,401	0	1,291,560	3.8%	49,401	108,062	(58,661)
St. John's CE School (N20)	(13,719)	(13,719)	0	0	1,235,573	(1.1%)	(13,719)	29,886	(43,605)
St. Joseph's RC Primary	(101,168)	(101,168)	0	0	2,543,708	(4.0%)	(101,168)	16,860	(118,028)
St. Mary's CE School (EN4)	62,593	0	62,593	0	1,159,448	5.4%	62,593	33,828	28,765
St. Mary's CE School (N3)	78,078	4,108	73,970	0	2,152,277	3.6%	78,078	100,768	(22,690)
St. Paul's CE School (N11)	253,746	0	253,746	0	1,201,842	21.1%	253,746	253,157	589
St. Paul's CE School (NW7)	23,742	0	23,742	0	1,150,438	2.1%	23,742	46,511	(22,769)
St. Theresa's RC School	23,559	1,852	21,707	0	1,178,875	2.0%	23,559	19,330	4,229
St. Vincent's RC School	115,609	1	115,608	0	1,584,229	7.3%	115,609	132,717	(17,108)

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Summerside School	100,079	10,108	89,971	0	3,097,477	3.2%	100,079	45,582	54,497
Sunnyfields School	143,408	3,612	139,796	0	1,476,551	9.7%	143,408	95,344	48,064
Trent CE School	13,208	13,208	0	0	1,054,666	1.3%	13,208	16,258	(3,050)
Tudor School	(48,708)	0	(48,708)	0	1,472,463	(3.3%)	(48,708)	20,564	(69,272)
Underhill School	184,595	114,709	3,906	65,980	3,697,116	5.0%	184,595	160,324	24,271
Wessex Gardens School	192,232	0	192,232	0	2,675,783	7.2%	192,232	365,842	(173,610)
Whitings Hill School	141,636	1,553	140,083	0	2,790,714	5.1%	141,636	233,083	(91,447)
Woodcroft Primary	97,409	2,409	95,000	0	2,830,240	3.4%	97,409	129,979	(32,570)
Woodridge School	70,041	1,203	68,838	0	1,235,176	5.7%	70,041	119,899	(49,858)
<b>Sub Total - Primary Sector</b>	<b>8,914,192</b>	<b>1,232,462</b>	<b>7,433,616</b>	<b>248,114</b>	<b>153,752,258</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>8,914,192</b>	<b>8,726,873</b>	<b>187,319</b>
St. Mary's & St. Johns Primary	370,562	7,739	362,823	0	4,910,338	7.5%	370,562	177,419	193,143
<b>Sub Total - All-through Sector</b>	<b>370,562</b>	<b>7,739</b>	<b>362,823</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,910,338</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>370,562</b>	<b>177,419</b>	<b>193,143</b>
Finchley Catholic High School	514,620	54,393	460,227	0	6,863,393	7.5%	514,620	517,084	(2,464)
Friem Barnet School	220,869	54,110	166,759	0	5,453,527	4.1%	220,869	300,510	(79,641)
JCoSS	(1,427)	(1,427)	0	0	10,236,908	(0.0%)	(1,427)	123,972	(125,399)
Menorah High	30,055	0	30,055	0	1,754,037	1.7%	30,055	0	30,055
St James' Catholic High School	(225,752)	0	(225,752)	0	6,595,825	(3.4%)	(225,752)	108,187	(333,939)
St. Michael's Catholic Gram'r Sch.	(198,517)	(198,517)	0	0	4,697,117	(4.2%)	(198,517)	16,232	(214,749)
<b>Sub Total - Secondary Sector</b>	<b>339,848</b>	<b>(91,441)</b>	<b>431,289</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,600,808</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>339,848</b>	<b>1,065,985</b>	<b>(726,137)</b>
Mapledown School	77,439	0	83,091	(5,652)	2,533,571	3.1%	77,439	118,167	(40,728)
Northway School	182,559	12,995	169,564	0	2,384,971	7.7%	182,559	107,766	74,793
Oakleigh School	203,251	63,660	139,591	0	3,477,085	5.8%	203,251	154,313	48,938
<b>Sub Total - Special Sector</b>	<b>463,249</b>	<b>76,655</b>	<b>392,246</b>	<b>(5,652)</b>	<b>8,395,627</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>463,249</b>	<b>380,246</b>	<b>83,003</b>
Northgate School	130,915	37,611	93,304	0	595,018	22.0%	130,915	72,845	58,070
Pavilion Study Centre	59,022	0	59,022	0	2,394,782	2.5%	59,022	260,791	(201,769)
<b>Sub Total - Pupil Referral Units</b>	<b>189,937</b>	<b>37,611</b>	<b>152,326</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,989,799</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>189,937</b>	<b>333,636</b>	<b>(143,699)</b>
<b>Sub Total All Sectors</b>	<b>10,893,690</b>	<b>1,266,286</b>	<b>9,350,134</b>	<b>277,270</b>	<b>208,594,361</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>10,893,690</b>	<b>11,429,028</b>	<b>(535,338)</b>
*School Funding is all funding - I01 to I18									

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