

**Agenda Item 6**

**Schools Forum**

**12<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**Pupil Number Growth – Additional Needs**

**This report is for decision**

**1. Recommendations:**

That Schools Forum members:

- 1.1 Approve the payment of Pupil Number Growth – Additional Needs to the schools as detailed in Section 4.4 of the report.

**2. Purpose**

- 2.1 To obtain approval from Schools Forum members for the payment of Pupil Number Growth – Additional Needs to the schools as identified in the report.

**3. Links to School Improvement Priorities**

- 3.1 The Local Authority has experienced a growth in pupil numbers of 26% over the last ten years. This has placed significant pressures on primary school places and is now affecting secondary school places. As a result of overall increases in pupil numbers schools are dealing with a higher number of pupils with additional needs. This report is written to support the allocation of additional funds to support this growing number of children with additional needs.

**4. Report Details**

- 4.1 At its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 Forum members agreed to set up a “Pupil Number Growth Fund – Additional needs”. One million pounds was allocated to the fund which could be distributed to schools experiencing significant increase in pupils with additional needs. Those needs include having English as an additional language and/or moving into an area which currently

attracts funding under the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) factor of the authority’s funding formula.

4.2 The following process and criteria was agreed for the allocation of funding:

- Funding will only be allocated to schools that have admitted a minimum of 5 pupils with additional needs.
- Funding will only be allocated to schools that it has been agreed meet the criteria for the existing pupil growth contingency or are classed as a local authority led expansion.
- Schools will need to highlight the need for ‘additional needs’ funding as part of their request for funding for general pupil growth. Schools that are LA led expansions should contact the Schools Strategic Finance Unit to request to be considered for additional needs funding.
- Information from the latest census will be used to verify whether any of the additional pupils have additional needs.
- If a pupil is logged as having English as an Additional Language the following per pupil allocations will apply (in line with the current funding formula): -

Primary	Secondary
£846	£1,227

- The pupils postcode will be matched to the relevant IDACI band and the following allocations applied if applicable (in line with the current funding formula): -

IDACI Band	Primary	Secondary
IDACI Band 0.3 – 0.4	£460	£667
IDACI Band 0.4 – 0.5	£506	£734
IDACI Band 0.5 – 0.6	£557	£807
IDACI Band 0.6 – 1.0	£612	£888

- No further funding allocations will be made once the £1m budget available has been used.

4.3 The schools listed in section 4.4 have previously been allocated funding from the Pupil Number Growth fund – Basic and wish to be considered for the additional needs funding.

4.4 Census information has been used to calculate the funding for pupils with additional needs. The schools below meet the criteria as set out above and would attract funding as detailed below:

<b>School</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Hargate Primary	£29,374
Holly Lodge	£31,808
George Salter Academy	£29,246
Phoenix Collegiate	£16,154
Shireland Collegiate Academy	£8,626
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£115,208</b>

## 5. Recommendations

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