


Agenda Item 2

	<p style="text-align: center;">London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOLS FORUM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 23rd March 2021</p>
Update: Schools Block and Central Services Schools Block Budget 2021/22	
Open	
Classification - For Scrutiny Review & Comment	
Key Decision: No	
Wards Affected: (All Wards); All	
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Purpose of the report This report confirms the funding allocations proposed and agreed by Schools Forum in January 2021 have now been agreed by local authority cabinet decision and confirmed by the ESFA. This report also proposes the allocation of the available falling rolls funding agreed by Schools Forum for the 2021/22 budget in addition to the remaining allocated falling rolls funding available from the 2020/21 budget.	

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Following Schools Forum approval of the 2021/22 Authority Proforma Tool (APT) in January 2021, the budget proposals were agreed by Hammersmith and Fulham cabinet on 1st February 2021 and subsequently agreed by the ESFA.
- 1.2. All mainstream schools had their delegated budgets for 2021/22 financial year confirmed in week commencing 22nd February.

- 1.3. Academies and Free Schools were also informed of their APT budget shares for the April 2021 to March 2022 period which is subject to recoument by the ESFA.
- 1.4. This paper also sets out the proposed allocations of falling rolls funding yet to be distributed to mainstream schools from the agreed 2020/21 and 2021/22 budgets.

2. Falling Rolls Allocations Proposed

- 2.1. There is a remaining Falling Rolls Fund of £0.223m from the 2020/21 budget and with respect to roll falls between October 2018 and 2019 census dates.
- 2.2. There is also a fund of £0.200m from the 2021/22 budget with respect to roll falls between October 2019 and 2020 census dates approved at the January 2021 Schools Forum.
- 2.3. ESFA guidance states that the local authority may set aside schools block funding to create a small fund to support good schools with falling rolls where local planning data shows that surplus places will be needed within the next three years.
- 2.4. The ESFA advise that the allocation of falling rolls funding should contain clear objective trigger points for qualification and a clear formula for calculating allocations.
- 2.5. The criteria agreed for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 falling rolls funds are detailed below:
 - Key trigger point is reached for falling rolls support. The fall in roll is more than 3% year on year.
 - An Ofsted category of Good or Outstanding (Mandatory per the regulations)

Plus any of the following where the school can evidence the impact on the School and the actions taken to adjust to a lower role or clear plan to recover the roll based on clear planning data agreed by the LA:

- surplus capacity exceeds a minimum number of pupils, or a percentage of the published admission number
- local planning data shows a requirement for a minimum percentage of the surplus places within the next three years
- formula funding available to the school will not support provision of an appropriate curriculum for the existing cohort
- the school will need to make redundancies in order to contain spending within its formula budget

- 2.6. Schools were asked for applications for falling rolls funding as part of the November schools budget consultation. The following schools applied and meet the first 2 criteria in paragraph 1.5.

SCHOOL	2018 to 2019 falling rolls	2019 to 2020 falling rolls
	£	£
ADDISON PRIMARY SCHOOL		19,495
Ark Bentworth Primary Academy	9,643	
Ark Swift Primary Academy	36,810	24,902
BRACKENBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL		11,472
Flora Gardens School		5,199
Fulham Cross Academy	11,454	
Fulham Primary School	453	
John Betts Primary School	30,943	
Kenmont Primary School		3,305
Miles Coverdale Primary School		5,792
Normand Croft		674
Old Oak Primary School	56,222	40,722
Queen's Manor School and Special Needs Unit	9,690	
Sir John Lillie		10,638
St Johns Walham Green		5,134
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	281	2,182
St Paul's CofE Primary School	47	17,986
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School	36,764	31,272
Sullivan Primary School	2,091	
Wormholt Park Primary School	28,603	21,227
	223,000	200,000

- 2.7. The detailed calculations are attached as Appendix 1. The method used fully allocates the 2 separate funds on standard amount per pupil lost above 3% of the roll. The amount for 2018 to 2019 is £1,560.42 per pupil and for 2019 to 2020 is £1,604.49 per pupil above the 3% threshold.
- 2.8. A subgroup of the Schools forum was convened on 15th March 2021 to review and agree the proposals for the allocation of falling rolls funding across all eligible schools. Following review at the subgroup, the proposals are recommended for approval.
- 2.9. **Schools Forum are asked to agree the proposed allocations and agree immediate payment of the allocations proposed.**

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