



SCHOOLS FORUM

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2017

At 2.30 pm

in the

COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, MAIDENHEAD,

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PART I

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ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SCHOOLS FORUM

Date:	12th December 2017	AGENDA ITEM: 05
Title:	Budget Monitoring and Forecast 2017/18	
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1 REPORT SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Schools Forum with:

- a reminder of the falling rolls funding criteria and parameters agreed in March 2016
- confirmation of which schools meet the agreed criteria for 2018/19
- funding options to agree the level of the falling rolls funding for 2018/19

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Forum is asked to note the contents of this report agreeing the recommended level of falling rolls funding to be allocated through the Schools Funding formula for 2018/19.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 On 8th March 2016 Schools Forum agreed the implementation of the falling rolls funding. Qualifying criteria was as follows:

- NOR at last Oct count must be below 'viable school population'; (70% of total school population if full)
- admissions data evidences that reduction in pupil numbers is temporary, lasting less than three years
- school must be graded Good or Outstanding at last Ofsted

3.2 The funding parameters were set as follows:

- the maximum sum any school can receive is restricted as follows:
 - Primary £100,000
 - Middle £150,000
 - Secondary £200,000
- the funding rate is capped at 50% of relevant AWPU rate
- total funding available remains capped at the same rate as for 2016/17 of £300,000
- if the total allocations for eligible schools exceed this amount, each school's allocation will be scaled back proportionately to fit the available funding
- minimum amount any school can receive is set at £10,000
- allocations are for one year only

- 3.3 The purpose of the fund is to offset temporary reductions in school budgets caused by short-term reductions in pupil numbers. In this way, the fund can help avoid the need to make staff redundant, only to have to employ new staff within two or three years. The fund is not intended to address budgetary issues arising from longer term declining demand.
- 3.4 Under school finance regulations, local authorities can top-slice the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) to create a central fund to “*support good schools with falling rolls, where local planning data show that the surplus places will be needed within the next three financial years. The schools forum should agree both the value of the top-slice and the criteria for allocation, and the local authority should regularly update the schools forum on the use of the funding.*”
- 4 FUNDING 2018/19**
- 4.1 There were two schools that met the agreed falling rolls criteria in 2016/17. No applications were received for 2017/18.
- 4.2 In respect of 2018/19 both Altwood Church of England School and Churchmead Church of England (VA) Secondary School have been assessed and meet the criteria.
- 4.3 Based on the current model the total funding allocation for 2018/19 is £229,625 as set out in table 1. To assist Schools Forum other funding allocations levels have been provided.

Table 1. Falling rolls funding 2018/19

School	Funding per agreed model £300,000	Funding capped £200,000	Funding capped £100,000
Altwood Church of England School	29,625	16,854	8,427
Churchmead Church of England School	200,000	183,146	91,573
Falling Rolls Funding 2018/19	229,625	200,000	100,000
Unallocated	70,375	0	0
Total Falling Rolls Funding 2018/19	300,000	200,000	100,000