

**Schools Forum 9 May 2006**

**Report of the Director of Children's Services**

**Published Admission Numbers**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To seek the advice of Schools Forum regarding the funding of the Published Admission Numbers (PAN) increases for the 2006/07 academic year.

**Budget Working Group Discussed**

2. Yes - 26 April 2006

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3. To advise the Director regarding the one off allocation of budget to Hillcrest School for 2006/07, from the Schools Specific Contingency.

**Attachments to Report**

4. None

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**Background**

2. At the February 2006 Schools Forum meeting (agenda item 4), members agreed to fund in the 2006/07 financial year, the planned PAN increases from September 2006. The report covered 7 schools.
3. The School Finance Regulations (England) 2006 do not permit a local authority to amend schools budgets in year if the change relates to a per pupil allocation, although a cash value can be allocated in year.
4. At the time of issuing the 2006/07 school budgets, the PAN increase for Hillcrest secondary school had not been approved and therefore the school budget for 2006/07 does not include funding for the proposed PAN increase from September 2006; albeit a sum of £70,812 had been set aside within the school specific contingency to fund this increase.
5. The Schools Organisation Committee is due to meet in late May 2006 to consider this application on behalf of Hillcrest school.
6. This report seeks the advice of Schools Forum as to whether an in year allocation should be made to Hillcrest, from the schools specific contingency, in respect of the PAN increase if this is subsequently approved by the SOC.
7. If Schools Forum supported an in year allocation to Hillcrest school, the amount would need to be agreed.

**Finance**

8. The funding of schools is prescribed by the DfES through the School Finance (England) Regulations 2006.
9. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, the Schools Budget will be funded by a direct DfES grant: Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

## **Law**

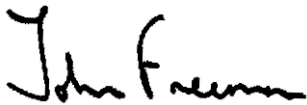
10. Councils' LMS Schemes are made under Section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The Education Acts 1996 and 2002 also have provisions relating to school funding.

## **Equality Impact**

11. The Council's Equal Opportunities Policy is taken into account when considering the allocation of resources.

## **Recommendation**

12. Schools Forum note the report in respect of the funding for Hillcrest school proposed PAN increase and advise the Director of Children's Services of their views.



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