

**Schools Forum 9 May 2006**

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

**Allocation of 2006/07 One Off Funding from Dedicated Schools Grant**

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**Budget Working Group Discussed**

2. Yes - 26 April 2006

**Schools Forum Action**

3. To advise the Director regarding the proposal to allocate £250k of one off DSG resources available for 2006/07 only in accordance with Appendix 1.

**Attachments to Report**

4. Appendix 1.

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**Background**

2. HTCF-Budget Working at their meeting on 26 April proposed an allocation to Full Service Extended Schools in accordance with Appendix 1. Schools Forum are asked to endorse this proposal.
3. It is proposed that each ex Community/Leisure school now participating as a FSES will receive £20k and the other 16 FSES will receive £7k. This will be a one off allocation for 2006/07 and will not be distributed until such time that the DSG is confirmed by the DfES.

**Finance**

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

**Law**

6. 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**

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

## **Recommendation**

8. It is recommended that Schools Forum advise the Director of Children's Services on the allocation of the estimated £250k additional DSG for 2006/07, in line with HTCF-BWG proposals set out in paragraph 3.



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