

**Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council**

**Dudley Schools Forum – 13 July 2005**

**Report of the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning**

**Use of Centrally Held School Specific Contingency 2004/05**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To report to the Forum the use of the centrally held school specific contingencies in 2004/05.

**Background**

2. The purpose of the contingency is, in general terms, to provide for in year allocations for significant in year increase in pupil numbers, in-year changes in floor area, interest on carry-forward balances, school-based emergencies, union duties, premature retirements and redundancies and other initiatives and emergencies which is difficult for an individual school to cater for from within their delegated budget.
3. Details of the expenditure for 2004/05 are included on the attached appendix 1, which indicates that the budget of £667,672 was overspent by £273,485; this balance will be rolled forward and recovered from the 2005/06 budget allocation.

**Proposal**

4. It is proposed that the Forum receive this report and note the contents.



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**APPENDIX 1**

<b><u>DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING</u></b> <b><u>2004/05 BUDGET STATEMENT FOR SCHOOL SPECIFIC &amp; GENERAL CONTINGENCY</u></b>			
	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure Sub - total</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET 2004/05</b>			<b>667,672</b>
<b><u>Floor area increases</u></b>			
Brier	18,999		
High Arcal	1,158		
Castle	8,639		
Holly Hall	6,393		
Thorns CC	658		
Wallbrook	628		
Ham Dingle	1,652		
Crestwood	14,179		
Netherbrook	362		
Northfield Road	199		
Total Floor area increases		<b>52,867</b>	
<b><u>Pupil number increases</u></b>			
Coseley	64,727		
High Arcal	38,836		
Holly Hall	31,644		
Hasbury	3,362		
Roberts	2,346		
Total Pupil number increases		<b>140,915</b>	
<b><u>Interest on School Balances - 2004/05</u></b>		<b>223,313</b>	
<b><u>Union Duties</u></b>		<b>94,639</b>	
<b><u>Statemented Pupil Support – in year adjs</u></b>		<b>180,461</b>	
<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>			
Deficit carried forward 2003/04	98,400		
Ellowes Hall Headteacher Conference	2,000		
Support for Netherton Park	32,600		
EDTEACH – Bulletin Plus	5,500		
Workforce Remodelling Consultancy	26,222		
Rent of site at Pens Meadow	6,716		
Total Miscellaneous		<b>171,438</b>	
<b><u>Premature retirements/redundancies</u></b>			
Cradley High	7,604		
Holly Hall	38,902		
Earls	1,980		

Oldswinford Hospital	4,050		
St Joseph's (Sb)	24,988		
Total Premature retirements/redundancies		<b>77,524</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>941,157</b>
<b>Expenditure in Excess of Budget - Overspend Carried Forward to 2005/06</b>			<b>-273,485</b>