

Agenda Item No 7

Report to:	Schools Forum
Date:	24 November 2017
Title of Report:	Growth Fund / Falling Rolls Fund
By:	Gary Langford, Place Planning Manager
Purpose of Report:	To update Schools Forum on the current position for both funds in 2017/18 and the funding requirement in 2018/19.

Recommendation:

Schools Forum is asked to approve:

- **An allocation of £1,478,000 for the 2018/19 Growth Fund, and**
 - **An allocation of £50,000 for the 2018/19 Falling Rolls Fund**
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The 2017/18 Growth Fund and Falling Rolls Fund were approved by Schools Forum on 13 January 2017.
- 1.2 The Growth Fund supports maintained and non-maintained schools which are required to provide extra places in order to meet basic need within the local authority. The fund is provided for:
 - Key Stage 1 top-up: paid to schools to enable them to comply with Key Stage 1 class size legislation. An infant class size must not increase above 30 pupils with a single teacher subject to a number of exceptions such as the Fair Access Protocol
 - Additional classes: where the local authority has made a formal request for a school to set up one or more additional classes or requests a permanent increase in a school's Published Admission Number
 - New school funding: where new schools have opened in a local authority area, the DFE requires local authorities to pay pre-opening costs to cover costs incurred prior to the new school opening, and dis-economy funding to cover costs incurred whilst the school fills to capacity. The funding decreases year on year as more year groups in the new school are admitted
- 1.3 The Falling Rolls Fund is to support good or outstanding schools with falling rolls where local planning data shows that the places will be needed in the near future. The funding is for maintained and non-maintained schools. The circumstances in which a payment is made from the Falling Rolls fund are:
 - The school is judged to be good or outstanding at their last Ofsted inspection (this is a mandatory requirement from the DFE)
 - The number on roll has dropped between the October 2016 census and the October 2017 number on roll. The number on roll must have dropped by 5% or more
 - Local planning data (East Sussex County Council pupil forecasting model) predicts that the number on roll will, at October 2019 be equal to or exceed their number on roll as at October 2016.

2. Background

- 2.1 Births in East Sussex rose significantly, from 4,500 in academic year 2001/02 to a peak of 5,500 in academic year 2010/11. Since then, countywide births have fallen to around 5,200 in 2015/16.
- 2.2 The fall in countywide births is reflected in a fall in primary reception intake numbers. In 2016/17 there were 5,551 Year R children in East Sussex. By 2019/20 intake numbers are

predicted to fall below 5,400. Based on East Sussex County Council's demographic projections, longer term Year R numbers are forecast to remain around 5,400 – with a continued downward trend in births in some parts of the county being offset by the stimulus to births from high levels of new housing in other areas, most notably Hailsham.

2.3 It will take a number of years before the recent peak in births and Year R numbers works its way through the system. Total primary numbers on roll, standing at 38,264 in 2016/17, are forecast to peak at around 39,700 in either 2020/21 or 2021/22.

2.4 The rise in births between 2001/02 and 2010/11 is starting to impact on secondary school numbers. In 2016/17 the countywide Year 7 total was 4,814. It is predicted to rise until it reaches a peak of around 5,700 in 2023/24. In 2016/17 total numbers on roll in secondary schools hit their lowest point in recent years at 23,907. By 2023/24 numbers are forecast to exceed 30,000, peaking at approximately 30,500 around the middle of the decade.

3. Growth Fund

3.1 Schools Forum approved a budget of **£1,502,000** for the 2017/18 Growth Fund, along with the 2016/17 carryforward of £11,600, gave a total budget of **£1,513,600**. This figure was based on estimated Key Stage 1 pupil numbers and the predicted additional classes required for the 2017/18 academic year.

3.2 For 2017/18 the following numbers of schools were eligible for either Key Stage 1 top-up funding or additional class funding.

- **43** primary schools eligible for Key Stage 1 top-up funding
- **20** primary schools eligible for additional class funding
- No secondary schools were eligible for additional class funding.

3.3 A summary of spend against the 2017/18 Growth Fund allocation is provided in **Appendix A**. In summary, **£1,504,900** will be spent in 2017/18 leaving a balance of **£8,700** to be carried forward to the 2018/19 Growth Fund.

3.4 The proposed allocation for 2018/19 is based on the estimated October 2017 pupil numbers and estimated Key Stage 1 numbers as at October 2018. A 10% contingency has been added to the KS1 top up element to allow for any unforeseen changes.

3.5 Additional class funding for 2018/19 is based on the predicted need for places identified through the annual update to the pupil forecasting model in July 2017. In line with increasing secondary school numbers we are including for the first time in 2018/19 an allocation for additional secondary school classes. A 10% contingency has been added to the additional class element to allow for any unanticipated pressures.

3.6 The updated Growth Fund document for 2018/19 will be available online once approved.

3.7 It is estimated that the following number of schools will be eligible for Growth Fund support in 2018/19.

- **49** primary schools eligible for Key Stage 1 top-up funding
- **14** primary schools eligible for additional class funding
- **1** secondary school eligible for additional class funding

3.8 In total, the Growth Fund requested for 2018/19 is **£1,478,000**. A breakdown of the Growth Fund calculation is provided in **Appendix B**.

Recommendation:

Schools Forum is recommended to approve an allocation of **£1,478,000** for the 2018/19 Growth Fund.

4. Falling Rolls Fund

- 4.1 Schools Forum approved a budget of **£99,000** for the 2017/18 Falling Rolls Fund. Nine schools qualified for a payment from the fund, receiving the full budget amount. A summary of spend against the 2017/18 Falling Rolls Fund allocation is provided in **Appendix C**.
- 4.2 Based on estimated pupil numbers no schools qualify for the Falling Rolls Fund in 2018/19, however, we have included a contingency of £50,000 to cover any changes between the October 2017 census and the estimated numbers.

Recommendation:

Schools Forum is recommended to approve an allocation of **£50,000** for the 2018/19 Falling Rolls Fund.

Growth Fund Summary 2017/18

	Allocation	Expenditure	Balance Remaining
Pre-opening costs / dis-economy funding	£224,000	£224,000	£ 0
KS1 top up	£607,500	£634,900	-£27,400
Additional classes	£682,100	£646,000	£36,100
Total	£1,513,600	£1,504,900	£8,700

Pre-opening costs / dis-economy funding

Name of school	Amount
High Cliff Academy	£ 84,000
Burfield Academy	£ 84,000
The Cavendish School	£ 56,000
TOTAL	£224,000

Key Stage 1 top-up funding

Name of school	Amount
Alfriston School	£ 528
All Saints' and St Richard's CE Primary School, Heathfield	£ 20,500
Battle and Langton CE Primary School	£ 21,832
ARK Blacklands Primary Academy, Hastings	£ 9,746
Brede Primary School	£ 24,465
Burwash CE Primary School	£ 13,931
Danehill CE Primary School	£ 32,366
East Hoathly CE Primary School	£ 3,396
Firle CE Primary School	£ 13,931
Fletching CE Primary School	£ 14,500
Glenleigh Park Primary Academy, Bexhill	£ 7,782
Hamsey Community Primary School	£ 13,931
Hellingly Community Primary School	£ 13,403
Heron Park Primary Academy, Eastbourne	£ 8,210
Hollington Primary Academy, Hastings	£ 8,901
Holy Cross CE Primary School, Uckfield	£ 8,210
Mark Cross CE Primary School	£ 2,065
Phoenix Academy, Hailsham	£ 15,891
Mayfield CE Primary School	£ 2,065
Maynards Green Community Primary School	£ 13,403
Netherfield CE Primary School	£ 15,891
Newick CE Primary School	£ 32,366
Ninfield CE Primary School	£ 19,198
Northiam CE Primary School	£ 19,198
Nutley CE Primary School	£ 27,099
Oakwood Primary Academy, Eastbourne	£ 5,137
Peasmarsh CE Primary School	£ 19,198
Pevensey and Westham CE Primary School	£ 27,099
Roselands Infants School, Eastbourne	£ 14,500
Rye Community Primary School	£ 12,216
Sedlescombe CE Primary School	£ 21,832
Sir Henry Fermor CE Primary School, Crowborough	£ 15,891
Southover CE Primary School, Lewes	£ 31,797

St Andrew's CE Infant School, Eastbourne	£ 14,500
St Mark's CE Primary School, Hadlow Down	£ 6,030
St Mary the Virgin CE Primary School, Hartfield	£ 16,565
St Michael's CE Primary School, Playden	£ 3,396
St Michael's Primary School, Withyham	£ 2,065
Chailey St Peter's CE Primary School	£ 29,733
St Thomas' CE Primary School, Winchelsea	£ 11,208
Staplecross Methodist Primary School	£ 3,396
Stonegate CE Primary School	£ 5,137
Westfield School	£ 32,366
TOTAL	£634,874

Additional class funding

Name of school	Amount
Ark Blacklands Primary Academy	£ 22,500
Bourne Primary School, Eastbourne	£ 13,362
Breakwater Academy, Newhaven	£ 26,284
Chyngton School, Seaford	£ 31,797
Cradle Hill Community Primary School, Seaford	£ 33,000
Heron Park Primary Academy, Eastbourne	£ 22,500
High Clifff Academy, Newhaven	£ 18,316
Iford and Kingston CE Primary School	£ 28,391
Meridian Community Primary School, Peacehaven	£ 34,625
Motcombe Community School, Eastbourne	£ 47,599
Park Mead Primary School	£ 49,355
Polegate School	£ 33,000
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Hastings	£ 33,000
Sandown Primary School, Hastings	£ 33,000
Shinewater Academy, Eastbourne	£ 10,728
Southover CE Primary School, Lewes	£104,496
The Baird Primary Academy, Hastings	£ 5,036
Tollgate Community Junior School, Eastbourne	£ 33,000
West Rise Junior School, Eastbourne	£ 33,000
Wivelsfield Primary School	£ 33,000
TOTAL	£645,989

Growth Fund summary requirement 2018/19

Funding type	Amount
KS1 top up	£ 730,900
KS1 top up contingency (10% rounded)	£ 73,100
Additional classes	£ 506,100
Additional class contingency (10% rounded)	£ 50,600
Pre-opening costs / dis-economy funding	£ 126,000
Net total	£1,486,700
Less budget b/fwd from 2017/18	£ 8,700
Total funding request for 2018/19	£1,478,000

Falling Rolls Fund Summary 2017/18

Name of school	Amount
Barcombe CE Primary School	£ 6,000
Ditchling (St Margaret's) CE Primary School	£ 7,000
Rodmell CE Primary School	£10,000
Westfield School	£10,000
Alfriston School	£ 5,000
Frant CE Primary School	£ 5,000
Mayfield CE Primary School	£17,000
Ninfield CE Primary School	£10,000
The Eastbourne Academy	£29,000
TOTAL	£99,000