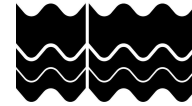


Agenda Item 6

East Sussex
County Council



Report to: Schools Forum

Date: 11th May 2018

Title of Report: Contingency 2017/18

By: Ed Beale, School Funding Manager

Purpose of Report: To provide an update on the 2017/18 de-delegated contingency fund.

Recommendation: Schools Forum is asked to note the information for 2017/18 and maintained primary and secondary school reps are asked to approve the proposal for 2018/19.

1 Background

1.1 De-delegation is for maintained schools only. In September 2016, Primary and Secondary maintained schools agreed that the contingency funds would be de-delegated for the financial year 2017/18. These funds can be held for a limited range of circumstances such as:

- Exceptional unforeseen costs which it would be unreasonable to expect governing bodies to meet.
- Schools in financial difficulties; or
- Additional costs relating to new, re-organised and closing schools.
- Managing extra ordinary personnel matters

2 Final Position

2.1 The following table illustrates the final position of the contingency funds for 2017/18 for the two phases:

Phase	Allocation (17/18)	Expenditure	No. of schools in receipt of contingency funds	Unused at Sep 17 and devolved back to schools	Outstanding at Mar 18
Primary	£315,800	£270,800	14	£45,000	£0
Secondary	£172,600	£134,300	3	£38,300	£0
Total	£488,400	£405,100	17	£83,300	£0

2.2 In 2017/18, 17 schools received funds from the contingency 'pot' compared to 23 in 2016/17. (This excludes any unspent funds that were devolved back to all schools).

2.3 As agreed at Schools Forum in March '17, in September '17, 30% of the remaining contingency funds were allocated back to Primary and Secondary maintained schools. This equated to a total of £83,300.

- 2.4 By February '18, all contingency funds in the Primary and Secondary Phase had been used and therefore no further funds remain for redistribution.

3 Proposal for 2018/19

- 3.1 For information purposes, the 18/19 allocations are £290,400 for the Primary phase and £170,800 for the Secondary phase.
- 3.2 Like 2017/18, the aim is to minimise the impact of returning any unspent contingency funds to schools at year end and to provide time for schools to be able to use the funds accordingly. Therefore, the proposal for 2018/19 is to continue with the existing arrangement of devolving 30% of the remaining funds in September 2018 and if any contingency funds remain in February '19, then these would be devolved in February '19.
- 3.3 Schools Forum are asked to note the final position for 2017/18 and maintained school representatives are asked to approve the proposal for the Primary and Secondary phase for 2018/19 whereby 30% of the remaining funds are devolved back to schools in September '18 and if any funds remain in February '19 then to devolve these too.