

Agenda Item No 5

Report to: **Schools Forum**

Date: **23 November 2018**

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 in 2018/19 and to seek approval for funding in 2019/20.**

Recommendation:

Schools Forum is asked to approve:

- **An allocation of £1,227,000 for the 2019/20 Growth Fund, and**
 - **An allocation of £39,000 for the 2019/20 Falling Rolls Fund**
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The 2018/19 Growth Fund and Falling Rolls Fund were approved by Schools Forum on 26 November 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 open in a local authority area they are entitled to receive pre-opening funding 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 2017 census and the October 2018 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 2020 be equal to or exceed their number on roll as at October 2017.

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 4,900 in 2016/17.
- 2.2 The fall in countywide births is reflected in a fall in primary reception intake numbers. In 2017/18 there were 5,476 Year R children in East Sussex. By 2021/22 intake numbers are predicted to fall to around 5,100. In some parts of the county, most notably Hailsham, the

continued downward trend in births is being offset by the stimulus to births from high levels of new housing meaning there is still a pressure on places.

- 2.3 Overall primary school numbers in the county are likely to peak at around 38,600 in 2018/19 before beginning to fall away from 2019/20.
- 2.4 The rise in births between 2001/02 and 2010/11 is starting to impact on secondary school numbers. In 2017/18 the countywide Year 7 total was 5,078. Intakes are predicted to rise to around 5,650 by 2022/23.
- 2.5 Overall secondary school numbers are forecast to rise from 25,735 in 2017/18 to around 28,650 in 2022/23.

3. Growth Fund

- 3.1 Schools Forum approved a budget of **£1,478,000** for the 2018/19 Growth Fund, which, along with the 2017/18 carryforward of £8,700, gave a total budget of **£1,486,700**. This figure was based on estimated Key Stage 1 pupil numbers and the predicted additional classes required for the 2018/19 academic year.
- 3.2 For 2018/19 the following numbers of schools were eligible for either Key Stage 1 top-up funding or additional class funding.
 - **47** primary schools eligible for Key Stage 1 top-up funding
 - **16** primary schools eligible for additional class funding
 - **1** secondary school eligible for additional class funding.
- 3.3 In 2018/19 we have been able to more easily identify children admitted as permitted exceptions (such as under the Fair Access Protocol) and who therefore do not qualify for Key Stage 1 top-up funding. This, together with fewer schools qualifying for additional class funding than predicted, has led to a significant underspend against the approved Growth Fund budget of **£395,482**. A summary of spend in 2018/19 is provided in **Appendix A**.
- 3.4 Given the size of the underspend and the recognised financial pressure schools are under, we have decided to devolve the remaining funds back to all primary and secondary schools immediately. For all maintained and non-maintained schools this will be calculated at a rate of £6.29 per pupil (£395,482 / 62,825 – the total number of funded students in the 2018/19 funding formula). The funds will be paid to you in November 2018.
- 3.5 The proposed allocation for 2019/20 is based on the estimated October 2018 pupil numbers and estimated Key Stage 1 numbers as at October 2019. A 10% contingency has been added to the Key Stage 1 top-up element to allow for any unforeseen changes.
- 3.6 Additional class funding for 2019/20 is based on the predicted need for places identified through the annual update to the pupil forecasting model, most recently updated in July 2018. A 10% contingency has been added to the additional class element to allow for any unanticipated pressures.
- 3.7 It is estimated that the following number of schools will be eligible for Growth Fund support in 2019/20.
 - **41** primary schools potentially eligible for Key Stage 1 top-up funding
 - **14** primary schools potentially eligible for additional class funding
 - **2** secondary schools potentially eligible for additional class funding
- 3.8 In addition to Cavendish School, Burfield Academy and High Cliff Academy who received new schools funding in 2018/19, Hailsham Community College Academy Trust will qualify for new schools funding from January 2019 to support the establishment of its new primary phase from September 2019 when it will admit its first reception intake.
- 3.9 In total, the Growth Fund requested for 2019/20 is **£1,227,000**. A breakdown of the Growth Fund calculation is provided in **Appendix B**.

Recommendation:

Schools Forum is recommended to approve an allocation of **£1,227,000** for the 2019/20 Growth Fund.

- 3.10 The updated Growth Fund document for 2019/20 will be available online ahead of the new financial year.

4. Falling Rolls Fund

- 4.1 Schools Forum approved a budget of **£50,000** for the 2018/19 Falling Rolls Fund. One school qualified for a payment from the fund, receiving **£7,000** in total. The remaining balance of **£43,000** will be carried forward to the 2019/20 Falling Rolls Fund. A summary of spend against the 2018/19 Falling Rolls Fund is provided in **Appendix C**.
- 4.2 Based on estimated pupil numbers one school will qualify for the Falling Rolls Fund in 2019/20 and is likely to receive approximately **£32,000**. To this, we have added a contingency of **£50,000** to cover any changes between the estimated numbers and the October 2018 School Census figures. The total requirement of **£82,000** in 2019/20 will be partially offset by the carry forward from 2018/19 referred to in 4.1 above.

Recommendation:

Schools Forum is recommended to approve an allocation of **£39,000** for the 2019/20 Falling Rolls Fund.

Growth Fund Summary 2018/19

Funding type	Allocation	Spend	Funds remaining
Key Stage 1 top-up funding	£804,000	£490,745	£313,255
Additional class funding	£556,700	£458,373	£98,327
New School funding	£126,000	£142,100	-£16,100
Grand Total	£1,486,700	£1,091,218	£395,482

Key Stage 1 top-up funding April to August 2018		
3049	Peasmarsh CE Primary School	£623
3325	St Mark's CE Primary School, Hadlow Down	£623
3051	St Michael's CE Primary School, Playden	£1,780
3326	St Mary the Virgin CE Primary School, Hartfield	£1,780
3047	Northiam CE Primary School	£4,093
3062	Stonegate CE Primary School	£4,093
3068	Firle CE Primary School	£5,249
2060	Hamsey Community Primary School	£6,405
3335	Holy Cross CE Primary School	£6,405
3018	Danehill CE Primary School	£7,562
3046	Ninfield CE Primary School	£7,562
3048	Nutley CE Primary School	£7,562
2089	Westfield School	£8,718
3009	Burwash CE School	£8,718
3074	Newick CE Primary School	£9,874
2054	Brede Primary School	£11,031
3003	Battle and Langton CE Primary School	£12,187
3013	Chailey St Peter's CE Primary School	£12,187
3045	Netherfield CE Primary School	£12,187
3050	Pevensey and Westham CE Primary School	£13,344
2015	Phoenix Primary Academy	£11,208
2012	ARK Blacklands Primary Academy	£6,819
2001	Heron Park Primary Academy	£5,721
2002	Oakwood Primary Academy	£3,527
2019	Sir Henry Fermor CE Primary School	£11,208
3364	Rye Community Primary School	£4,624
Sub total		£185,089

Key Stage 1 top-up funding September 2018 to March 2019		
2055	Broad Oak Community Primary School	£216
2078	Plumpton Primary School	£216
2099	Little Common School	£216
3012	Catsfield CE Primary School	£216
3063	Ticehurst CE Primary School	£216
3004	Beckley CE Primary School	£1,835
3029	Frant CE Primary School	£1,835

3331	Mark Cross CE Primary School	£1,835
3033	High Hurstwood CE Primary School	£3,454
3043	Mayfield CE Primary School	£3,454
3080	Staplecross Methodist Primary School	£3,454
2082	Punnetts Town Community Primary School	£5,073
3049	Peasmarsh CE Primary School	£5,073
3325	St Mark's CE Primary School, Hadlow Down	£5,073
3051	St Michael's CE Primary School, Playden	£6,692
3323	Framfield CE Primary School	£6,692
3326	St Mary the Virgin CE Primary School, Hartfield	£6,692
3343	St Philip's Catholic Primary School, Uckfield	£8,311
3028	Forest Row CE Primary School	£9,930
3047	Northiam CE Primary School	£9,930
3062	Stonegate CE Primary School	£9,930
2060	Hamsey Community Primary School	£13,167
3335	Holy Cross CE Primary School	£13,167
2153	Meridian Primary School	£14,786
3018	Danehill CE Primary School	£14,786
3046	Ninfield CE Primary School	£14,786
3048	Nutley CE Primary School	£14,786
3009	Burwash CE School	£16,405
2054	Brede Primary School	£19,643
3345	Annecy Catholic Primary School, Seaford	£19,643
2083	Ringmer Primary School	£24,500
2002	Oakwood Primary Academy	£18,024
2115	Jarvis Brook School	£3,454
3364	Rye Community Primary School	£14,786
2025	ARK Castledown Primary Academy	£216
2154	Shinewater Primary School	£13,167
Sub total		£305,656

Additional class funding April to August 2018		
2151	Bourne Primary School	£1,685
2136	Motcombe Community School	£7,467
3041	Southover CE Primary School	£5,154
2153	Meridian Community Primary School	£7,467
2094	Chyngton School	£6,311
2076	Park Mead Primary School	£17,874
2154	Shinewater Primary School	£3,845
2011	The Baird Primary Academy	£1,650
2021	Breakwater Academy	£10,429
2009	High Cliff Academy	£7,137
Sub total		£69,020

Additional class funding September 2018 to March 2019		
2151	Bourne Primary School	£8,359
2103	Denton Community Primary School	£1,883
2120	Sandown Primary School	£1,883
2136	Motcombe Community School	£16,454
3041	Southover CE Primary School	£13,216

2153	Meridian Community Primary School	£19,956
2094	Chyngton School	£14,835
2076	Park Mead Primary School	£31,024
2143	West Rise Junior School	£37,500
2104	Cradle Hill Community Primary School	£37,500
2105	Polegate School	£37,500
2011	The Baird Primary Academy	£8,359
2021	Breakwater Academy	£27,786
2009	High Cliff Academy	£11,597
2012	ARK Blacklands Primary Academy	£37,500
4026	Beacon Academy	£84,000
Sub total		£389,352

New school funding		
4064	The Cavendish	£14,000
2008	Burfield Academy	£56,000
2009	High Cliff Academy	£56,000
4027	Hailsham Community College – new primary phase	£16,100
Total		£142,100

Growth Fund requirement 2019/20

Funding type	
Key Stage 1 top-up funding	£479,300
Additional class funding	£498,800
New school funding	£248,700
2019/20 funding request (rounded)	£1,227,000

Falling Rolls Fund Summary

2018/19 Falling Rolls Fund allocation	£50,000
2018/19 expenditure (Ticehurst and Flimwell CE Primary School)	-£7,000
2018/19 carry forward	£43,000
2019/20 estimated expenditure	£32,000
2019/20 contingency	£50,000
2019/20 funding required	£82,000
2019/20 funding request (less 2018/19 carry forward)	£39,000