

Agenda Item No 5

Report to: **Schools Forum**

Date: **22 November 2019**

Title of Report: **Growth Fund / Falling Rolls Fund**

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Purpose of Report: **To update Schools Forum on the current position in 2019/20 and to seek approval for funding in 2020/21.**

Recommendation:

Schools Forum is asked to approve an allocation of £1,554,100 for the 2020/21 Growth Fund.

1. Introduction

1.1 The 2019/20 Growth Fund and Falling Rolls Fund were approved by Schools Forum on 23 November 2018.

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 which sets a maximum class size of 30 pupils with one teacher. There are a few exceptions where class sizes can exceed 30 but there is no entitlement to Growth Fund, for example, admissions through 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 are admitted into the school.

1.3 The Falling Rolls Fund is used to support good or outstanding schools with temporary but significant falling rolls where local planning data shows that the places will be needed in the near future. It is designed to avoid the need for a school to potentially restructure and then recruit again shortly afterwards. 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 2018 census and the October 2019 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 2021 be equal to or exceed their number on roll as at October 2018.

2. Growth Fund 2019/20

2.1 Schools Forum approved a budget of **£1,226,800** for the 2019/20 Growth Fund. This figure was based on estimated Key Stage 1 pupil numbers and the predicted additional classes required for the 2019/20 academic year.

2.2 For 2019/20 the following numbers of schools were eligible for either Key Stage 1 top-up funding, additional class funding or new schools funding.

- **34** primary schools were eligible for Key Stage 1 top-up funding

- **14** primary schools were eligible for additional class funding
- **1** secondary school was eligible for additional class funding
- **3** primary (including all-through) schools were eligible for new schools funding.

2.3 Approximately **£1,208,900** of the Growth Fund has been spent in 2019/20, leaving a balance of **£17,900** to be carried forward to 2020/21. A summary of expenditure against the 2019/20 Growth Fund allocation is provided in **Appendix A**.

3. Growth Fund 2020/21

3.1 The proposed allocation for 2020/21 is based on the estimated October 2019 pupil numbers and estimated Key Stage 1 numbers as at October 2020. A 10% contingency has been added to the Key Stage 1 top-up element to allow for any unforeseen changes.

3.2 Additional class funding for 2020/21 is based on the predicted need for places identified through the annual update to the pupil forecasting model, most recently updated in July 2019 and available in the recently published [School Organisation Plan 2019-2023](#). A 10% contingency has been added to the additional class element to allow for any unanticipated pressures.

3.3 It is estimated that the following number of schools will be eligible for Growth Fund support in 2020/21.

- **45** primary schools potentially eligible for Key Stage 1 top-up funding
- **16** primary schools potentially eligible for additional class funding
- **2** secondary schools potentially eligible for additional class funding
- **3** primary (including all-through) schools are eligible for new schools funding.

3.4 In total, the Growth Fund requirement for 2020/21 is **£1,572,000**. This is partially offset by the carry forward of **£17,900** from 2019/20 as referred to in 2.3 above. The adjusted requirement is therefore **£1,554,100**.

Recommendation:

Schools Forum is recommended to approve an allocation of **£1,554,100** for the 2020/21 Growth Fund.

3.5 A breakdown of the Growth Fund calculation for 2020/21 is provided in **Appendix B**. The updated Growth Fund document for 2020/21 will be available online ahead of the new financial year.

4. Falling Rolls Fund 2019/20

4.1 Schools Forum approved a budget of **£82,000** for the 2019/20 Falling Rolls Fund. Two schools qualified for a payment from the fund, receiving **£19,000** in total. The remaining balance of **£63,000** will be carried forward to the 2020/21 Falling Rolls Fund. A summary of spend against the 2019/20 Falling Rolls Fund is provided in **Appendix A**.

5. Falling Rolls Fund 2020/21

5.1 Based on estimated pupil numbers, no schools are eligible for the Falling Rolls Fund in 2020/21. The carry forward of £63,000 from 2019/20 should be sufficient as a contingency for the year. Therefore, we are not seeking any new funds from Schools Forum in 2020/21.

5.2 The updated Falling Rolls Fund document for 2020/21 will be available online ahead of the new financial year.

Growth Fund and Falling Rolls Fund expenditure 2019/20

Summary of Growth Fund and Falling Rolls 2019/20

	Allocations as per Nov '19 Schools Forum	Actual / Planned Expenditure	Funds Remaining
Funding type			
KS1 top up (Including 10% Contingency)	£479,300	£473,000	£6,300
Additional classes (Including 10% Contingency)	£498,800	£487,200	£11,600
Pre-opening costs / dis-economy funding	£248,700	£248,700	£0
Net total	£1,226,800	£1,208,900	£17,900
Falling Rolls Fund	£82,000	£19,000	£63,000

DfE	Name	KS1 top up (April 19 - Aug 19)	KS1 top up (Sep 19 to Mar 20)	Additional class funding (April 19 - Aug 19)	Additional class funding (Sep 19 to Mar 20)	New Schools Funding	Total	Falling Rolls Fund
2054	Brede Primary School	£13,329					£13,329	
2056	Chiddingfold Primary School		£1,546				£1,546	
2060	Hamsey Community Primary School	£12,158	£21,221				£33,379	
2076	Park Mead Primary School			£16,645	£29,302		£45,947	
2078	Plumpton Primary School	£7,473	£14,663				£22,136	
2082	Punnetts Town Community Primary School	£1,618	£6,465				£8,083	
2083	Ringmer Primary School	£5,131					£5,131	
2091	St Michael's Primary School, Withyham		£14,663				£14,663	£13,000
2094	Chyngton School				£1,430		£1,430	
2099	Little Common School	£6,302					£6,302	
2104	Cradle Hill Community Primary School				£37,500		£37,500	
2105	Polegate School				£37,500		£37,500	
2136	Motcombe Community School			£5,053			£5,053	
2151	Bourne Primary School			£1,420	£7,988		£9,408	
2153	Meridian Primary School			£11,038	£27,454		£38,492	
3009	Burwash C of E School	£13,329	£22,860				£36,189	
3012	Catsfield Church of England Primary School		£1,546				£1,546	
3015	Cross in Hand Church of England Primary School		£24,500		£37,500		£62,000	
3016	Crowhurst C of E Primary School		£4,826				£4,826	
3018	Danehill Church of England Primary School	£2,789	£8,105				£10,894	
3022	East Hoathly C of E Primary School		£3,186				£3,186	
3028	Forest Row Church of England Primary School	£5,131	£11,384				£16,515	
3041	Southover C of E Primary School			£249	£6,349		£6,598	
3043	Mayfield Church of England Primary School	£2,789	£8,105				£10,894	
3046	Ninfield Church of England Primary School	£13,329	£22,890				£36,219	
3047	Northiam Church of England Primary School	£2,789	£8,105				£10,894	
3048	Nutley Church of England Primary School	£5,131	£11,384				£16,515	
3049	Peasmarsh Church of England Primary School	£6,302	£13,023				£19,326	
3051	St Michael's Church of England Primary School, Playden	£13,329	£22,860				£36,189	
3062	Stonegate Church of England Primary School	£7,473	£14,663				£22,136	
3063	Ticehurst C of E Primary School						£0	£6,000
3076	Bodiam Church of England Primary School		£1,546				£1,546	
3080	Staplecross Methodist Primary School	£3,960	£9,744				£13,704	
3323	Framfield Church of England Primary School	£3,960	£9,744				£13,704	
3325	St Mark's Church of England Primary School, Hadlow Down	£447	£4,826				£5,272	
3331	Mark Cross Church of England Primary School	£5,131	£11,384				£16,515	
3335	Holy Cross Church of England Primary School	£8,645	£16,302				£24,947	
3339	St Mary Magdalene				£11,200		£11,200	
	Maintained Schools	£140,546	£289,540	£34,405	£196,223	£0	£660,715	£19,000
2002	Oakwood School	£9,874					£9,874	
3364	Rye Community Primary School	£7,562					£7,562	
2154	Shinewater Primary School	£6,405					£6,405	
3345	Annecey Catholic Primary School, Seaford	£11,031					£11,031	
2021	Breakwater Academy		£1,546	£7,930	£21,105		£30,581	
2023	White House Primary School		£6,465				£6,465	
2011	The Baird			£3,762	£12,907		£16,669	
2009	High Cliff			£3,762	£3,070	£28,000	£34,832	
2012	ARK Blacklands			£22,500	£37,500		£60,000	
4026	Beacon secondary			£60,000	£84,000		£144,000	
2008	Burfield Academy					£28,000	£28,000	
4027	Hailsham Academy Trust					£192,667	£192,667	
	Academy Schools	£34,872	£8,012	£97,954	£158,582	£248,667	£548,087	£0
	TOTALS	£175,418	£297,552	£132,359	£354,805	£248,667	£1,208,802	£19,000

Growth Fund requirement 2020/21

Funding type	
Key Stage 1 top-up funding	£831,800
Additional class funding	£600,200
New school funding	£140,000
Sub total	£1,572,000
Less carry forward from 2019/20	-£17,900
2020/21 allocation	£1,554,100

Falling Rolls Fund requirement 2020/21

Funding	
Carry forward from 2019/20	£63,000
New funding requirement	£0
2020/21 allocation	£63,000