

<b>West Berkshire Schools' Forum</b>	
<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>School Balances as at 31 March 2013</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> June 2013</b>
<b>Contact Officer(s)</b>	<b>Claire White</b>
<b>For Decision</b>	

1.1 The schools accounts for 2012/13 have now been closed and the closing balances for each school determined.

1.2 The following table summarises the overall closing balances compared to the previous year (the opening balances relating to schools converting to Academies during the financial year have been removed for comparison purposes). A detailed breakdown per school is shown in Appendix A.

	<b>As at 31 March 2012 £'000</b>	<b>As at 31 March 2013 £'000</b>	<b>Increase / (decrease) £'000</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	58	65	7
<b>Primary</b>	3,192	3,041	(151)
<b>Secondary</b>	464	1,040	576
<b>Special</b>	277	170	(107)
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,991</b>	<b>4,316</b>	<b>325</b>

1.3 Although overall balances have increased, this is largely due to John O Gaunt School having its deficit cleared at the end of the last financial year. Generally, schools have managed to retain a reasonable level of contingency, with an average of 6% for primary schools and 3% for secondary schools.

1.4 The schools other than John O Gaunt who had a deficit budget for 2012/13 were Fir Tree and Stockcross. Fir Tree converted to Academy Status in March 2013, but had significantly reduced their planned deficit by about 50%. Stockcross closed with a small surplus.

1.5 One school (The Castle Special School) closed with a deficit balance. The explanation from the school is that they had brought forward some items of spend prior to the new financial year when their budget allocation for 2013/14 had been confirmed in early March. A balanced budget will be set by the school for the current year.

1.6 West Berkshire's Balance Control Mechanism sets a maximum limit for balances on schools' delegated budgets of 8% primary and 5% secondary of the annual budget allocation or £20,000 (whichever is greater). Balances in excess of this limit may be clawed back. After adjustments for late one off

funding and carry forward of other grant funding, two schools closed with an excess surplus balance (compared to 19 schools last year). Both schools had been in contact with Schools' Finance early in the Spring Term regarding their likely position, and the Schools' Finance Manager determined that their circumstances were exceptional and that they should be allowed to carry forward their full surplus including the excess. Brimpton, as a very small school effected by the funding reforms, has planned to continue with 3 classes for another academic year whilst it reviews its structure according to funding available for 2014/15. Westwood Farm Junior had an IEB put in place earlier this year, and due to their circumstances needs more time to plan for the best use of the balance.

1.7 Schools should be commended on their ability during 2012/13 to monitor and control their budgets, as at the close of the year there were no real deficits or excess surpluses to cause concern.

**Recommendation: To agree to the two schools with an excess surplus balance carrying forward their full surplus with no clawback.**

### **Appendices**

Appendix A – School Balances as at 31 March 2013

# APPENDIX A

School Balances Summary (Net Revenue Balance only) Exclude Capital and Community Focused	Closing Balance 31/03/12	Closing Balance 31/03/13	Change in Balance	Upper Threshold	Excess Balance	Less Late Funding Adjustment	Less Other Grants Carried Fwd	Final Excess Balance
<b>NURSERY SCHOOLS</b>								
Hungerford Nursery School	20,311	22,465	2,153	Excluded from Balance Control				
Victoria Park Nursery School	37,669	42,679	5,010	Excluded from Balance Control				
<b>TOTAL NURSERY SCHOOLS</b>	<b>57,981</b>	<b>65,144</b>	<b>7,163</b>					
<b>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>								
Aldermaston Church of England Primary School	59,263	39,370	-19,894	53,688	0	10,191		0
Basildon Church of England Primary School	40,524	38,802	-1,722	42,941	0	8,631		0
Beedon Church of England (Controlled) Primary School	24,658	23,054	-1,603	21,406	1,649	2,342		0
Beenham Primary School	6,577	2,217	-4,360	32,091	0	5,223		0
Birch Copse Primary School	147,907	50,035	-97,872	113,309	0	26,418		0
Bradfield Church of England Primary School	4,733	28,460	23,727	53,728	0	10,429		0
Brightwalton Church of England Aided Primary School	22,935	29,269	6,334	34,007	0	7,577		0
Brimpton Church of England Primary School	20,984	26,668	5,685	21,043	5,625	3,478		2,148
Bucklebury Church of England Primary School	24,364	7,126	-17,239	40,328	0	7,255		0
Burghfield St Mary's Church of England Primary School	25,784	15,006	-10,778	51,511	0	10,345		0
Calcot Infant School and Nursery	39,647	59,620	19,973	64,266	0	9,336		0
Calcot Junior School	48,999	36,869	-12,130	62,009	0	9,069		0
Chieveley Primary School	135	20,204	20,069	55,134	0	10,031		0
Cold Ash St Mark's Church of England Primary School	53,636	57,112	3,476	55,737	1,374	11,507		0
Compton Church of England Primary School	46,688	27,908	-18,780	43,818	0	8,914		0
Curridge Primary School	19,739	19,694	-45	34,956	0	6,546		0
Dow nsw ay Primary School	47,379	58,627	11,248	62,239	0	13,802		0
Enborne Church of England Primary School	43,733	26,443	-17,289	24,466	1,977	3,593		0
Englefield Church of England Primary School	20,755	29,678	8,923	35,999	0	7,013		0
Falkland Primary School	145,156	121,029	-24,127	119,196	1,833	23,437		0
Francis Baily Primary School	121,632	101,184	-20,448	152,649	0	22,823		0
Garland Junior School	55,154	66,385	11,231	60,862	5,523	11,377		0
Hampstead Norreys Church of England Primary School	24,903	25,209	305	36,538	0	7,136		0
Hermitage Primary School	59,198	33,708	-25,490	59,177	0	11,593		0
Hungerford Primary School	116,314	95,942	-20,372	113,051	0	22,007		0
The Ilsleys' Primary School	18,956	22,541	3,585	25,846	0	4,304		0
Inkpen Primary School	20,020	17,777	-2,244	26,883	0	4,729		0
John Rankin Infant and Nursery School	59,196	57,262	-1,934	59,067	0	7,912		0
John Rankin Junior School	35,781	30,041	-5,740	64,811	0	10,140		0
Kennet Valley Primary School	52,988	58,193	5,204	62,009	0	10,359		0
Kintbury St Mary's Church of England Primary School	50,792	54,113	3,321	55,305	0	8,558		0
Lambourn Church of England Primary School	32,456	60,117	27,662	55,477	4,640	10,398		0
Long Lane Primary School	61,732	100,301	38,569	76,862	23,439	15,764	8,000	0
Mortimer St John's Church of England School	7,742	44,831	37,088	54,572	0	11,890		0
Mortimer St Mary's CofE Junior School	75,387	67,757	-7,630	65,591	2,166	13,608		0
Mrs Bland's Infant School	59,701	42,085	-17,616	56,915	0	9,031		0
Pangbourne Primary School	32,210	33,220	1,010	60,156	0	12,029		0
Parsons Dow n Infant and Nursery School	47,591	57,597	10,006	75,938	0	12,876		0
Parsons Dow n Junior School	65,641	51,199	-14,442	74,547	0	13,530		0
Purley Church of England Infant School	20,300	27,441	7,141	24,351	3,090	3,857		0
Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery	56,224	73,877	17,653	67,408	6,469	11,990		0
Shaw -cum-Donnington CE Primary School	25,409	16,810	-8,599	35,397	0	4,210		0
Chaddleshorth Shefford Federation CE Primary School	50,246	27,851	-22,395	35,565	0	4,020		0
Speenhamland Primary School	46,614	70,340	23,725	90,021	0	14,792		0
Springfield Primary School	79,407	85,357	5,950	82,752	2,604	13,958		0
Spurcroft Primary School	34,841	74,508	39,667	98,329	0	16,335		0
St Finian's Catholic Primary School	26,039	33,835	7,796	54,354	0	13,300		0
St John the Evangelist CE Infant and Nursery School	98,732	8,398	-90,334	55,827	0	8,084		0
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	39,826	53,655	13,830	58,014	0	8,684		0
St Nicolas Church of England Junior School	18,351	52,724	34,373	73,511	0	14,552		0
St Paul's Catholic Primary School	41,565	43,390	1,825	89,959	0	16,299		0
Stockcross Church of England School	8,747	9,098	351	36,092	0	6,547		0
Streatley Church of England Voluntary Controlled School	6,180	32,932	26,752	32,799	134	5,319		0
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet CE VA Primary School	32,024	34,288	2,264	36,289	0	5,355		0
Thatcham Park Church of England Primary School	176,354	127,483	-48,871	109,820	17,664	18,254		0
Theale Church of England Primary School	81,218	68,742	-12,476	72,797	0	10,339		0
Welford and Wickham Church of England Primary School	38,308	29,809	-8,498	32,845	0	5,420		0
Westwood Farm Infant School	71,521	48,329	-23,192	59,211	0	9,465		0
Westwood Farm Junior School	75,620	103,541	27,921	73,613	29,928	12,325	9,600	8,003
Whitelands Park Primary School	93,293	107,746	14,452	94,482	13,264	16,660		0
The Willows Primary School	43,307	84,119	40,811	63,075	21,043	68,287		0
The Wincombe School	127,029	39,686	-87,344	103,926	0	13,024		0
Woolhampton Church of England Primary School	25,542	27,721	2,178	32,283	0	5,682		0
Yattendon Church of England Primary School	34,625	22,664	-11,961	31,025	0	4,070		0
<b>TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>	<b>3,192,314</b>	<b>3,040,993</b>	<b>-151,321</b>		<b>142,422</b>			<b>10,151</b>
<b>SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>								
The Downs School	271,753	324,209	52,456	281,782	42,427	41,313	2,000	0
John O'Gaunt Community Technology College	-350,802	166,255	517,057	127,240	39,015	492,161		0
Little Heath School	101,581	113,755	12,173	414,206	0	59,644		0
Theale Green Community School	240,812	236,099	-4,713	317,408	0	50,205		0
The Willink School	200,101	199,355	-746	244,818	0	50,306		0
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>	<b>463,446</b>	<b>1,039,673</b>	<b>576,228</b>		<b>81,443</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>								
Brookfields Special School	252,524	213,794	-38,730	Excluded from Balance Control				
The Castle School	24,756	-43,730	-68,486	Excluded from Balance Control				
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>277,280</b>	<b>170,064</b>	<b>-107,217</b>					
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>3,991,020</b>	<b>4,315,873</b>	<b>324,853</b>		<b>223,865</b>			<b>10,151</b>