

West Berkshire Schools' Forum	
Title of Report:	School Budgets 2013-14
Date of Meeting:	15th July 2013
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1. Summary

1.1 The attached Appendix A shows the budgets submitted by schools for 2013-14.

1.2 Of the 74 budgets submitted:

	No of schools	% of total
Surplus budget	61	82%
Balanced budget	10	14%
Deficit budget	3	4%

1.3 The schools with deficit budgets are:

	Opening balance	Closing deficit budget
John O'Gaunt	£124,392	-£182,497
The Willows	£84,120	-£43,240
Parsons Down Junior	£51,200	-£16,484

2. John O'Gaunt School

2.1 The submitted a deficit budget of £182,497 is much larger than anticipated from the reviewed draft budgets as the school has included a £55k upgrade of the 10-year-old wireless infrastructure, as well as the planned redundancies.

2.2 The 2012/13 carried forward surplus includes an additional allocation of £187k and an amount of £85k included for redundancies as agreed by the Schools' Forum in March 2013.

2.3 Pupil number assumptions continue to be modest with 2013/14 funding based on 378 rising to 441 in 2017/18.

2.4 The Head of Finance and Corporate Director for Communities are meeting the school to discuss this budget further as there is no deficit recovery position.

3. The Willows Primary School

3.1 The 2012/13 carried forward surplus includes additional funding of £59k as agreed by the Schools' Forum in March 2013.

3.2 The school will gain additional funding from the in-year growth of pupil numbers but it is difficult to predict the exact impact due to the nature of the school catchment area. A conservative estimate has been included in the budget but this could be higher.

3.3 The current 5-year budget shows that the school will recover this deficit position by 2016-17.

4. Parsons Down Junior School

4.1 The school has been impacted by the capping of the increase in funding under the funding formula reforms but they have included in their budget an amount from in-year growth of pupil numbers. The school also need to undergo a 3-year programme of ICT refurbishment so have budgeted a deficit recovery by 2016/17.

4.2 With regards to pupil numbers the school have been funded for 254 pupils with only 36 in the current year 6 but this will rise to 298 for 2014/15 and 342 by 2017/18.

Appendices

Appendix A - School budgets 2013-14