

<b>West Berkshire Schools' Forum</b>	
<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>School Budgets 2014-15 and Schools in Financial Difficulty</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> July 2014</b>
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<b>For Discussion</b>	

## 1. Summary

1.1 The attached Appendix A shows the budgets submitted by maintained schools for 2014-15.

1.2 Of the 74 budgets submitted:

	<b>No of schools</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Surplus budget	56	76%
Balanced budget (contingency nil or less than £2k)	15	20%
Deficit budget	3	4%

1.3 The schools with deficit budgets are:

	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Closing deficit budget</b>
John O'Gaunt Secondary	-161,470	<b>-535,450</b>
Bradfield Primary	-1,230	<b>-74,720</b>
Kintbury Primary	50,716	<b>-25,430</b>

## 2. John O'Gaunt School

2.1 Following the submission of John O'Gaunt's deficit budget last year and subsequent discussions with the school, the Council went out to wider consultation on an all through school which would generate additional net funding for the school and bring them into a balanced position within five years. This was not received well by the local community and has therefore not been progressed. In the meantime the school continues to operate with pupil numbers which do not generate enough funding to meet their ongoing costs.

2.2 The Corporate Director for Communities, Head of Finance, and Leader of the Council have recently met with the school and other key parties to discuss this budget further as there is currently no deficit recovery plan.

### **3. Bradfield Primary School**

3.1 Bradfield went into special measures in December 2012, and have since faced the challenge of improvement against reduced funding. Staffing costs have increased with a temporary Executive Head in place alongside other additional teaching resources. The school managed to close with a minimal deficit considering the increased staffing costs, but the 2014/15 budget is a deficit mainly due to redundancy costs and compensation payments following a 2014/15 staff restructure. The school have submitted a funding bid to meet these costs.

3.2 The current 5-year budget shows that the school will not be able to recover this deficit position unless there is financial assistance towards their one off redundancy costs.

### **4. Kintbury Primary School**

4.1 Following the Requires Improvement outcome of the September 2012 Ofsted, pupil numbers have fallen impacting on funding. The school has also lost funding as a result of the new formula, and is receiving minimum funding guarantee (MFG). Without the MFG the school cannot balance its budget so is reviewing its structure. The school has a year group of 11 pupils which has been taught as a separate class and the new Headteacher has decided to combine the class of 11 with another year group from September 2014. Also, the TA hours/structure has been identified as unsustainable and a possible restructure of the TAs will be completed either this financial or next financial year.

4.2 The related redundancy costs of the restructure take the school into deficit in 2014/15. However, due to the likelihood of the MFG continuing for at least 2015/16, the restructure may be delayed pending further financial modelling, and the school will balance its budget in 2014/15.

### **5. Other Observations**

5.1 A number of schools are setting a budget with no contingency or a minimal amount of less than £2k (15 schools this year compared to 13 in 2013/14), making robust budget monitoring and forecasting a more crucial requirement to avoid an in year deficit. As school balances in the primary and secondary sectors continue to diminish, this is to be expected, as costs continue to rise, yet funding rates per pupil remain static.

5.2 A significant number of schools are forecasting deficits in 2015/16 if no action is taken, and as always, this will be reviewed with each individual school during the Autumn term. 15 schools have forecast a year 2 deficit of greater than £25k, compared to 11 schools in 2013/14 (note that 13 schools are still to submit a forward budget plan, which is due by the end of the Summer term). However, no school submitting a year 2 deficit last year has actually submitted a deficit budget for 2014/15 as what usually occurs is either a turnover in staff

resulting in a reduction of the forecast costs, or as a result of the deficit forecast the school will have taken positive action to reduce their costs.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A - School budgets 2014-15

## Appendix A

Main Cost Centre	SCHOOL BUDGETS (main budget only - excludes ring fenced funding)	Closing Balance 31/03/2014	Budget Set (+ 2 year forecast) Estimated Closing Balance		
			2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
<b>NURSERY SCHOOLS</b>					
98200	Hungerford Nursery School Centre for Children and Families	24,974	5,930	7,380	0
98300	Victoria Park Nursery School	50,788	70	-65,543	-139,983
<b>TOTAL NURSERY SCHOOLS</b>		<b>75,762</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>-58,163</b>	<b>-139,983</b>
<b>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>					
91000	Aldermaston Church of England Primary School	48,911	24,380	-24,800	-91,880
91100	Basildon Church of England Primary School	16,359	1,950	-17,110	-41,700
91300	Beedon Church of England (Controlled) Primary School	1,437	6,123	16,909	11,161
91400	Beenham Primary School	-16,420	0	0	0
91200	Birch Copse Primary School	102,482	17,390	18,930	8,050
91500	Bradfield Church of England Primary School	-1,235	-74,720		
91600	Brightwalton Church of England Aided Primary School	21,016	4,370	4,398	-1,183
91700	Brimpton Church of England Primary School	21,832	2,260	-54,529	-115,619
91800	Bucklebury Church of England Primary School	-14,274	100	-7,610	-9,143
91900	Burghfield St Mary's Church of England Primary School	1,909	900	21,880	36,360
92122	Calcot Schools Federation	117,000	74,810	87,540	89,910
92400	Chieveley Primary School	2,184	0	1,450	-7,670
95900	Cold Ash St Mark's Church of England Primary School	51,893	2,020	-41,630	-75,800
92200	Compton Church of England Primary School	17,217	17,020	24,440	17,480
92300	Curridge Primary School	8,071	800		
92500	Downsway Primary School	58,367	19,870	-44,490	-134,810
92800	Enborne Church of England Primary School	11,516	2,140	8,676	14,324
92900	Englefield Church of England Primary School	18,819	17,388	-29,183	-86,624
93000	Falkland Primary School	109,701	124,330	57,460	-59,331
93200	Francis Baily Primary School	59,884	8,680	-80,140	-181,850
93400	Garland Junior School	26,454	16,290	11,624	-10,166
93500	Hampstead Norreys Church of England Primary School	45,001	22,447	-25,781	-106,987
93600	Hermitage Primary School	29,593	17,310	11,060	-14,730
93700	Hungerford Primary School	86,119	19,770		
92700	The Ilsleys' Primary School	-21,475	6,130	-5,849	-5,224
93800	Inkpen Primary School	23,340	37,230	23,030	3,830
93900	John Rankin Infant and Nursery School	42,062	0		
94000	John Rankin Junior School	21,177	0		
94100	Kennet Valley Primary School	51,935	65,480	54,110	24,750
94200	Kintbury St Mary's Church of England Primary School	50,716	-25,430		
94300	Lambourn Church of England Primary School	32,224	41,008	47,778	17,668
94400	Long Lane Primary School	17,351	4,820	-58,265	-145,975
95800	Mortimer St John's Church of England School	11,438	120	-52,050	-150,210
97500	Mortimer St Mary's CofE Junior School	55,104	14,700		
94500	Mrs Bland's Infant School	37,505	11,565	13,764	1,991
94600	Pangbourne Primary School	47,890	57,230	58,320	43,830
94722	Parsons Down Federation	73,683	8,878	-101,800	-278,726
94900	Purley Church of England Infant School	8,145	3,720	-5,470	-16,080
95000	Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery	60,071	52,600	36,543	673
95100	Shaw-cum-Donnington Church of England Primary School	20,428	20,150	-7,150	-53,430
95222	Chaddleworth Shefford Federation Church of England Primary School	32,178	32,570		
95300	Speenhamland Primary School	57,449	38,810	28,190	0
95400	Springfield Primary School	55,490	20,540	27,010	22,951
95500	Spurcroft Primary School	44,955	29,247	2,575	2,315
95700	St Finian's Catholic Primary School	24,108	770	-6,890	-52,310
97700	St John the Evangelist Church of England Infant and Nursery School	13,362	330		
97800	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	44,672	10	-6,270	-7,060
96200	St Nicolas Church of England Junior School	62,861	14,550		
96100	St Paul's Catholic Primary School	79,967	30,280	-42,370	-129,130
96300	Stockcross Church of England School	20,464	22,400	800	-17,060
96400	Streatley Church of England Voluntary Controlled School	28,065	5,190	-8,969	-39,158
96500	Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet Church of England VA Primary School	23,122	8,890	6,820	-500
99700	Thatcham Park Church of England Primary School	72,687	33,520	15,300	2,780
96600	Theale Church of England Primary School	63,209	0	-52,610	-72,600
96700	Welford and Wickham Church of England Primary School	10,298	8,620	-14,530	-48,860
96800	Westwood Farm Infant School	46,443	3,770	-12,510	-30,700
96900	Westwood Farm Junior School	72,221	2,860		
98700	The Willows Primary School	24,851	170	2,235	45,285
99400	The Winchcombe School	75,519	2,710	-67,215	-132,667
97300	Woolhampton Church of England Primary School	14,276	0	5,000	5,100
97400	Yattendon Church of England Primary School	12,464	10,420	-32,170	-70,530
<b>TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>		<b>2,234,093</b>	<b>889,486</b>	<b>-213,549</b>	<b>-1,839,255</b>
<b>SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>					
98800	The Downs School	154,102	252,478	251,688	251,867
99000	John O'Gaunt Community Technology College	-161,469	-535,446	-882,296	-1,270,824
99200	Little Heath School	69,407	20,000	-186,790	-522,590
99600	The Willink School	151,083	5,535		
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>		<b>213,122</b>	<b>-257,433</b>	<b>-817,398</b>	<b>-1,541,547</b>
<b>SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>					
98100	Brookfields Special School	555,510	157,480	154,390	128,930
98000	The Castle School	183,800	80,760	16,110	-137,360
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>739,310</b>	<b>238,240</b>	<b>170,500</b>	<b>-8,430</b>
<b>PUPIL REFERRAL UNITS</b>					
98400	Alternative Curriculum	138,762	194,880		
97900	Reintegration Service	175,615	129,655	65,775	-14,275
<b>TOTAL PRUs</b>		<b>314,377</b>	<b>324,535</b>	<b>65,775</b>	<b>-14,275</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>3,576,665</b>	<b>1,200,828</b>	<b>-852,835</b>	<b>-3,543,490</b>