West Berkshire Schools' Forum				
Title of Report:	Individual School Budgets 2015-16			
Date of Meeting:	13 th July 2015			
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For Discussion				

1. Summary

- 1.1 Appendix A shows the budgets submitted by maintained schools for 2015-16, alongside their closing balance 2014/15, budget share and pupil numbers.
- 1.2 Of the 74 budgets submitted:

	Number of schools	% of total	2014/15 number
Surplus budget	54	73%	56
Balanced budget (contingency nil or less than £2k)	16	22%	15
Deficit budget	4	5%	3

1.3 The schools with deficit budgets are:

	Opening balance	Closing deficit budget
John O'Gaunt Secondary	-605,233	-967,030
Long Lane Primary	19,537	-15,660
Kintbury Primary	26,913	-3,010
Purley	9,039	-24,060

2. John O'Gaunt School

2.1 Although the school has now moved to an 11 – 16 school following suspension of the 6th form, has made a number of cuts to staffing including the leadership team, and sought other non staff savings, it still has an on-going shortfall of about £500k per annum based on its current costs.

2.2 The options for the future operation of John O' Gaunt school are now receiving careful consideration from the Council's Management Board.

3. Long Lane Primary School

- 3.1 Due to the agreement reached between the LA, Purley Infants and Long Lane that Purley would become a Primary School, Long Lane's pupil numbers have fallen and a program of reorganisation and restructuring is being undertaken over a period of time, resulting in the deficit.
- 3.2 The school has sought advice from the Schools Accountancy team with regard to the financial issues they have to address, and have submitted their deficit recovery plan.

4. Kintbury Primary School

- 4.1 The deficit is the result of falling number of pupils on roll, two very small cohorts (9 in Year 4, and 14 in Foundation) progressing through the school, falling Minimum Funding Guarantee, imminent transfer to secondary school of a proportionately large number of children with a high level of needs resulting in redundancy of support staff, and the associated redundancy costs as a result of identifying these issues and the need to have a staffing restructure.
- 4.2 The school is receiving advice from the Schools Accountancy team with regard to finalising their deficit recovery plan.

5. Purley

- 5.1 The transition of Purley from an infant school to a primary school started in September 2013. The first year intake to year 3 was very low (8 pupils). The admission number was amended from17 to 15 the following year (though had previously had year groups of about 20) which has impacted on the school's ability to combine classes to save on costs .The school also reports a high level of low level special needs which has also impacted the budget.
- 5.2 By completing the transition to a full primary and the standardising of year intakes at 15 will provide the ability to combine year groups into a more cost effective class structure, which the school expects will help recover its financial position.
- 5.2 The school is receiving advice from the Schools Accountancy team with regard to finalising their deficit recovery plan.

6. Other Observations

6.1 A similar number of schools to last year are setting a budget with no contingency or a minimal amount of less than £2k (16 schools), making robust budget monitoring and forecasting a crucial requirement to avoid an in year deficit. Where schools are starting the year with a high carry forward balance, this is quickly being diminished as costs continue to rise, yet funding rates per pupil remain static.

6.2 An increasing number of schools are forecasting deficits in 2016/17 if no action is taken, and as always, this will be reviewed with each individual school during the Autumn term. 19 schools have forecast a year 2 deficit of greater than £25k, compared to 15 schools in 2014/15 (though 8 schools are still to submit a forward budget plan, which is due by the end of the Summer term). However, the number of schools who actually end up submitting a deficit budget tends to reduce significantly, 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 2015-16

Appendix A

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Main Cost Centre	SCHOOL BUDGETS (main budget only - excludes ring fenced funding)	Closing Balance 31/03/2015		et (+ 2 year fo ed Closing Ba 2016/17		Budget Share 2015/16	Pupil Numbers Jan '15
	NURSERY SCHOOLS	04 700	0	000	0.500	400 700	00
98200 98300	Hungerford Nursery School Centre for Children and Families Victoria Park Nursery School	21,723 52,372	0	200 -114,790	-2,590 -240,460	483,703 530,241	92 140
	TOTAL NURSERY SCHOOLS	74,095	0	-114,590	-243,050	1,013,944	232
	PRIMARY SCHOOLS						
91000	Aldermaston Church of England Primary School	58,715	17,410	-10,455	-35,673	678,121	169
91100	Basildon Church of England Primary School	14,761	4,670	80	13,450	557,919	136
91300	Beedon Church of England (Controlled) Primary School	11,638	3,170	-1,591 0	-28,371 0	284,335	43
91400 91200	Beenham Primary School Birch Copse Primary School	2,958 -5,331	0 4,240	0	0	469,833 1,432,582	417
91500	Bradfield Church of England Primary School	44,294	35,130	4,615	191	570,805	138
91600	Brightwalton Church of England Aided Primary School	25,443	4,790	-8,542	-31,340	445,729	104
91700 91800	Brimpton Church of England Primary School Bucklebury Church of England Primary School	17,697 511	390 240	-45,916 -11,835	-88,774 -29,955	280,316 523,151	45
91900	Burghfield St Mary's Church of England Primary School	-5,678	13,050	3,730	14,690	752,556	200
92122	Calcot Schools Federation	178,144	139,390	118,300	60,720	2,017,219	535
92400 95900	Chieveley Primary School Cold Ash St Mark's Church of England Primary School	914 44,156	0	-37,629	-76,477 -44,897	733,574	202
92200	Compton Church of England Primary School	18,638	7,010 26,069	-21,470 19,406	35,714	691,116 686,365	176
92300	Curridge Primary School	9,902	1,280	.,		444,873	102
92500	Dow nsw ay Primary School	48,287	6,600	-73,800	-189,600	797,525	214
92800 92900	Enborne Church of England Primary School Englefield Church of England Primary School	7,124 40,520	12,680 23,060	35,650 -16,770	68,120 -46,200	310,211 464,772	59 108
93000	Falkland Primary School	118,764	110,740	52,218	-34,037	1,515,156	454
93200	Francis Baily Primary School	94,921	21,900	-94,440	-263,310	1,847,678	524
93400	Garland Junior School	31,252	50,940	56,173	40,227	806,551	207
93500 93600	Hampstead Norreys Church of England Primary School Hermitage Primary School	31,267 44,658	2,220 11,510	-45,674 -31,580	-108,982 -90,750	441,163 716,014	103
93700	Hungerford Primary School	31,241	23,730	01,000	00,100	1,502,264	415
92700	The Isleys' Primary School	18,632	16,440	30,441	39,811	299,930	57
93800	Inkpen Primary School John Rankin Infant and Nursery School	43,294 -9,823	28,680 960	5,720	-6,590	351,974 1,006,259	69 280
93900 94000	John Rankin Junior School	-18,870	4,380			843,855	200
94100	Kennet Valley Primary School	55,055	3,190	-23,910	-59,890	803,597	200
94200	Kintbury St Mary's Church of England Primary School	26,913	-3,010	-13,300	-31,670	620,060	140
94300 94400	Lambourn Church of England Primary School Long Lane Primary School	68,479 19,537	49,280 -15,660	32,530 6,156	-20,800 14,408	828,969 879,354	229 243
95800	Mortimer St John's Church of England School	-21,116	-13,000	-25,280	-22,910	663,989	167
97500	Mortimer St Mary's CofE Junior School	52,184	23,470			815,432	222
94500	Mrs Bland's Infant School	-6,945	1,470	49,975	101,058	751,280	193
94600 94722	Pangbourne Primary School Parsons Dow n Federation	44,147 136,403	32,250 12,940	29,754 -232,090	34,192 -466,960	797,184 2,005,625	218 533
94900	Purley Church of England Infant School	9,039	-24,060	-62,330	-47,860	375,134	77
95000	Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery	72,680	26,390	27,102	11,332	905,224	243
95100	Shaw -cum-Donnington Church of England Primary School	19,670	30,280	35,700	8,560 13,355	470,749	90 49
95222 95300	Chaddlew orth Shefford Federation Church of England Primary School Speenhamland Primary School	28,622 90,341	14,650 37,100	8,730	13,300	426,186 1,190,718	269
95400	Springfield Primary School	32,271	34,315	18,665	-25,524	1,104,627	320
95500	Spurcroft Primary School	15,602	13,540	11,650	22,710	1,503,145	442
95700 97700	St Finian's Catholic Primary School St John the Evangelist Church of England Infant and Nursery School	59,776 -17,758	26,490 1,600	-14,860 -13,662	-74,260 -40,797	745,588 757,954	198 206
97800	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	37,060	25,330	7,120	-40,797	757,954	200
96200	St Nicolas Church of England Junior School	14,492	3,860	-36,996	-88,825	925,355	251
96100	St Paul's Catholic Primary School	93,091	17,460	-97,980	-241,582	1,168,287	328
96300 96400	Stockcross Church of England School Streatley Church of England Voluntary Controlled School	31,218 23,844	11,450 27,402	7,230 27,617	-1,070 10,217	454,815 451,862	104 104
96500	Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet Church of England VA Primary School	33,703	17,050	9,834	-1,156	438,902	104
99700	Thatcham Park Church of England Primary School	29,054	0			1,469,149	431
96600	Theale Church of England Primary School	83,066	0	-1,599	-15,064	1,313,358	280 91
96700 96800	Welford and Wickham Church of England Primary School Westw ood Farm Infant School	-2,999 38,003	1,040 6,670	5,890 -8,460	1,550 -39,920	418,996 814,766	91
96900	Westwood Farm Junior School	50,382	9,120	-61,403	-159,563	1,013,901	228
98700	The Willow's Primary School	38,253	13,868	6,252	33,052	1,283,554	342
99400	The Winchcombe School Woolhampton Church of England Primary School	127,266	7,650 0	-25,580 0	-26,559 0	1,636,745	362
97300 97400	Yattendon Church of England Primary School	4,666 29,989	1,000	-24,770	-44,420	426,717 377,098	92 71
	TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS	2,214,018	976,814	-431,384	-1,978,353	50,082,357	12,810
	SECONDARY SCHOOLS						
98800	The Dow ns School	260,972	205,557			5,823,307	1244
99000	John O'Gaunt Community Technology College	-605,233	-967,030	-1,474,820		2,298,847	396
99200 99600	Little Heath School The Willink School	18,039 22,987	0 10,144	-193,211 -150,832	-644,576 -345,027	7,834,337 4,934,166	1632 1025
55000	TOTAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS	-303,234	- 751,329	-1,818,863	-3,011,133	20,890,657	4,297
98100	SPECIAL SCHOOLS Brookfields Special School	307,860	113,650	111,760	94,500	5,016,386	221
98100	The Castle School	247,664	72,910	-137,560	-501,660	3,367,511	150
	TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS	555,525	186,560	-25,800	-407,160	8,383,897	371
	PUPIL REFERRAL UNITS						
98400	Alternative Curriculum	296,171	50,170	-36,430	-143,500	1,400,993	50
97900	Reintegration Service	415,686	146,780	-112,760	-391,690	1,349,254	57
	TOTAL PRUS	711,857	196,950	-149,190	-535,190	2,750,247	107
	TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS	3,252,259	608,995	-2,539,827	-6,174,886	83,121,102	17,817