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# School Budgets 2016/17

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**Report being considered by:** Schools Forum  
**On:** 11/07/2016  
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**Item for:** Discussion      **By:** All Maintained Schools Representatives

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## 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 All maintained schools have now submitted their three year budgets. This report sets out the overall position and highlights some key observations.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

<b>Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Council or the Executive for final determination?</b>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## 3. Overall Position

- 3.1 Appendix A shows the budgets submitted by maintained schools for 2016/17 plus their two year strategic forecast, alongside their closing balance for 2015/16 and their 2016/17 forecast submitted a year ago. The figures combine together all the revenue accounts, so include the main school budget, resource unit, pupil premium and sports premium.
- 3.2 The overall position of the 74 maintained schools (69 budgets submitted as 5 sets of federated schools now operate with one single budget for 2 schools) is shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1	Number of schools	2015/16 number	2014/15 number
Surplus budget	48 (70%)	54 (73%)	56 (76%)
Balanced budget (contingency nil or less than £2k)	13 (19%)	16 (22%)	15 (20%)
Deficit budget	8 (11%)	4 (5%)	3 (4%)
TOTAL	69	74	74

- 3.3 What is noticeable is the number of surplus budgets is going down, with the number of deficit budgets increasing.
- 3.4 Table 2 shows the overall balances compared to the original forecasts:

<b>TABLE 2</b>	<b>2015/16 Budget £'000</b>	<b>2015/16 Actual £'000</b>	<b>2016/17 Forecast (last year) £'000</b>	<b>2016/17 Budget £'000</b>
Nursery	0	79	-115	1
Primary	977	2,189	-401	631
Secondary	-751	-329	-1,663	-948
Special	186	676	-26	243
Pupil Referral Units	197	616	-149	186
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>-2,354</b>	<b>113</b>

3.5 It is evident from these figures that many schools will generally set a “worst case scenario” budget, but will manage spending decisions carefully during the year with sight of the longer term position.

#### 4. Deficit Budgets

4.1 The schools setting a deficit budget in 2016/17 are shown in Table 3. Note that the balances are the net position of all revenue accounts including pupil premium grant.

<b>TABLE 3</b>	<b>2016/17 Opening Balance £</b>	<b>2016/17 Forecast Closing Deficit Balance £</b>	<b>2016/17 Balance Forecast Last Year £</b>
John O’Gaunt Secondary	-915,569	-1,185,065	-1,474,820
Beenham	+5,178	-5,173	0
Hampstead Norreys	+33,277	-1,235	-45,674
John Rankin Schools	-169,724	-182,298	20,431
Purley	+53,046	-8,520	-62,330
Spurcroft	-78,930	-79,970	11,650
Sulhamstead & Ufton Nervet	-844	-10,190	9,834
Westwood Farm Schools	7,810	-65,170	-69,863

4.2 There are 8 schools with a deficit budget for 2016/17 compared to 4 last year (2 of the 4 schools setting a deficit in 2015/16 now have a balanced budget for 2016/17).

4.3 The WBC schools finance team are currently reviewing the deficit recovery plans for each school. A report on each will be brought back to Schools’ Forum later in the year.

## 5. Year Two and Three Forecasts

5.1 The overall position on the year two and three forecasts are shown in Table 4

<b>TABLE 4</b>	<b>2017/18 Forecast £'000</b>	<b>2018/19 Forecast £'000</b>
Nursery	-86	-195
Primary	-669	-2,108
Secondary	-1,662	-2,779
Special	-37	-286
Pupil Referral Units	-320	-863
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-2,774</b>	<b>-6,231</b>

- 5.2 If schools take no action, a significant overall deficit would occur. 26 schools have forecast a year 2 (2017/18) deficit of greater than £25k, compared to 20 schools in 2015/16. As has been evident from Table 2, this position is unlikely to materialise, although the increase in numbers shows it is becoming more difficult for schools balance their budgets without making any changes to their operation. Unless in a deficit position and the school has been required to produce a detailed deficit recovery plan, for many schools years two and three are usually the position if nothing changes – i.e. pupil numbers are static so funding remains the same, staffing numbers and grades remain the same, yet costs (inflation and pay rises) go up.
- 5.3 During the autumn term once staffing numbers and salaries are settled for the academic year and pupil numbers are known, schools will re-evaluate the position, and if still showing a deficit for year two, will start looking at savings options.
- 5.4 Schools that are showing an increase in their balance rather than going into deficit, are generally those where pupil numbers (hence funding) are rising greater than costs.
- 5.5 It is assumed that funding rates per pupil will remain the same, although following the Government's consultation on school funding, this may change the position for West Berkshire schools.
- 5.6 Individual school positions will continue to be monitored by the WBC Schools Finance team.

## 6. Appendices

Appendix A – School Budgets 2016/17

## 7. Heads Funding Group Recommendation

- 7.1 It was noted how increasingly difficult it is to set a balanced budget without it having a significant impact on the quality of teaching and learning pupils receive – this is a factor that the figures on their own do not show.

Main Cost Centre	SCHOOL BUDGETS (ALL revenue budgets - including PPG & Resource Units, but excluding before/after school clubs)	Closing Balance 31/03/2016	Forecast set last year for 2016/17	Current Budget Set (+ 2 year forecast) Estimated Closing Balance		
				2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
<b>NURSERY SCHOOLS</b>						
98200	Hungerford Nursery School Centre for Children and Families	16,325	200	0	1,332	-11,878
98300	Victoria Park Nursery School	63,047	-114,790	1,390	-87,335	-183,035
<b>TOTAL NURSERY SCHOOLS</b>		<b>79,372</b>	<b>-114,590</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>-86,003</b>	<b>-194,913</b>
<b>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>						
91000	Aldermaston Church of England Primary School	38,391	-10,455	3,340	-28,321	-77,209
91100	Basildon Church of England Primary School	22,502	80	4,540	16,477	59,565
91300	Beedon Church of England (Controlled) Primary School	18,530	-1,591	6,480	-28,353	-71,159
91400	Beenham Primary School	5,178	0	-5,173	-5,441	7,159
91200	Birch Copse Primary School	7,116	0	480	5,110	7,410
91500	Bradfield Church of England Primary School	73,115	4,615	4,365	-45,430	-104,490
91600	Brighton Church of England Aided Primary School	29,047	-8,542	9,310	2,803	-21,352
91700	Brimpton Church of England Primary School	20,490	-45,916	4,130	13,200	23,990
91800	Bucklebury Church of England Primary School	5,051	-11,835	110	-7,190	-20,440
91900	Burghfield St Mary's Church of England Primary School	12,401	3,730	4,950	7,660	2,430
92122	Calcot Schools Federation	197,277	118,300	126,340	17,400	-141,250
92400	Chieveley Primary School	27,589	-37,629	0	6,070	1,270
95900	Cold Ash St Mark's Church of England Primary School	71,387	-21,470	77,350	92,280	112,332
92200	Compton Church of England Primary School	35,129	19,406	42,328	74,509	92,864
92300	Curridge Primary School	19,464	4,180	6,850	3,412	-15,118
92500	Downsway Primary School	56,844	-73,800	35,440	7,900	-61,410
92800	Enborne Church of England Primary School	14,256	35,650	4,826	6,089	13,425
92900	Englefield Church of England Primary School	44,229	-16,770	19,170	-23,974	-65,048
93000	Falkland Primary School	136,793	52,218	50,520	-101,450	-193,010
93200	Francis Baily Primary School	71,923	-94,440	23,002	-120,491	-261,913
93400	Garland Junior School	132,349	56,173	126,185	86,755	64,066
93500	Hampstead Norreys Church of England Primary School	33,277	-45,674	-1,235	-18,233	-5,643
93600	Hermitage Primary School	37,379	-31,580	11,410	2,532	-13,702
93700	Hungerford Primary School	76,194	4,468	12,120	2,980	13,730
92700	The Isleys' Primary School	2,425	30,441	5,670	-27,926	-69,786
93800	Inkpen Primary School	22,212	5,720	12,900	-12,180	-49,001
93900	John Rankin Infant and Nursery School	-43,733	2,000			
94000	John Rankin Junior School	-125,991	18,431	-182,298	-152,399	-91,947
94100	Kennet Valley Primary School	37,989	-23,910	2,020	-29,550	-66,970
94200	Kintbury St Mary's Church of England Primary School	61,699	-13,300	17,730	-46,940	-60,470
94300	Lambourn Church of England Primary School	97,167	32,530	25,450	-39,893	-99,213
94400	Long Lane Primary School	23,885	6,156	22,030	18,560	31,890
95800	Mortimer St John's Church of England School		-307	0	-30,940	-27,430
97500	Mortimer St Mary's CofE Junior School	43,589	22,700	25,610	1,910	-21,590
94500	Mrs Bland's Infant School	21,888	49,975	1,120	-35,046	-53,198
94600	Pangbourne Primary School	19,834	29,754	7,150	11,240	-2,110
94722	Parsons Down Federation	117,697	-232,090	9,060	-203,363	-431,480
94900	Purley Church of England Infant School	53,046	-62,330	-8,520	16,600	44,330
95000	Robert Sandlands Primary School and Nursery	44,165	27,102	8,680	8,862	-12,851
95100	Shaw - cum-Donnington Church of England Primary School	31,457	35,700	20,670	18,420	11,650
95222	Chaddleshorth Shefford Federation Church of England Primary School	19,077	8,730	11,365	26,095	19,315
95300	Speenhamland Primary School	105,718	0	71,852	65,636	23,610
95400	Springfield Primary School	39,620	18,665	38,340	-1,510	-64,240
95500	Spurcroft Primary School	-78,930	11,650	-79,970	-34,830	12,560
95700	St Finian's Catholic Primary School	19,659	-14,860	250	-42,895	-114,982
97700	St John the Evangelist Church of England Infant and Nursery School	32,494	-13,662	8,810	5,180	40
97800	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	53,789	7,120	12,900	-44,870	-139,710
96200	St Nicolas Church of England Junior School	1,085	-36,996	4,546	17,945	2,785
96100	St Paul's Catholic Primary School	58,682	-97,980	43,940	31,920	-6,400
96300	Stockcross Church of England School	1,398	7,230	4,962	2,518	-1,759
96400	Streatley Church of England Voluntary Controlled School	62,691	27,617	35,610	23,789	5,752
96500	Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet Church of England VA Primary School	-844	9,834	-10,190	5,190	12,130
99700	Thatcham Park Church of England Primary School	29,335	-21,678	0	-40,881	-105,177
96600	Theale Church of England Primary School	35,995	-1,599	0	-42,305	-70,965
96700	Welford and Wickham Church of England Primary School	1,970	5,890	2,496	4,639	-6,466
96800	Westwood Farm Infant School	2,357	-8,460			
96900	Westwood Farm Junior School	5,453	-61,403	-65,170	-94,150	-84,780
98700	The Willows Primary School	73,790	6,252	1,430	-6,920	-108
99400	The Winchcombe School	84,008	-25,580	8,605	1,678	8,272
97300	Woolhampton Church of England Primary School	35,740	0	6,620	0	-17,280
97400	Yattendon Church of England Primary School	12,948	-24,770	380	-8,720	-28,370
<b>TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>		<b>2,188,968</b>	<b>-401,283</b>	<b>630,886</b>	<b>-668,842</b>	<b>-2,107,452</b>
<b>SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>						
98800	The Downs School	364,309	155,953	231,884	105,202	-189,555
99000	John O'Gaunt Community Technology College	-915,569	-1,474,820	-1,185,065	-1,354,747	-1,523,278
99200	Little Heath School	103,383	-193,211	120	-232,882	-625,140
99600	The Willink School	118,444	-150,832	4,670	-180,090	-440,860
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>		<b>-329,433</b>	<b>-1,662,910</b>	<b>-948,391</b>	<b>-1,662,517</b>	<b>-2,778,833</b>
<b>SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>						
98100	Brookfields Special School	230,911	111,760	38,160	6,670	39,240
98000	The Castle School	445,542	-137,560	204,790	-43,509	-325,529
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>676,453</b>	<b>-25,800</b>	<b>242,950</b>	<b>-36,839</b>	<b>-286,289</b>
<b>PUPIL REFERRAL UNITS</b>						
98400	Alternative Curriculum	425,361	-36,430	168,002	-167,358	-543,318
97900	Reintegration Service	190,322	-112,760	17,850	-152,770	-319,940
<b>TOTAL PRUs</b>		<b>615,683</b>	<b>-149,190</b>	<b>185,852</b>	<b>-320,128</b>	<b>-863,258</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>3,231,043</b>	<b>-2,353,773</b>	<b>112,687</b>	<b>-2,774,329</b>	<b>-6,230,745</b>