**SCHOOLS FORUM – 1st JULY 2015**

**DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT 2015-16 – BLOCK ALLOCATION ANALYSIS**

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to provide school forum members with a breakdown of the 2015-16 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) block allocation which was published by central government on the 17th December 2014 and final allocations confirmed during March 2015.

1. **Settlement position**

The table below shows the final confirmed allocations as at the 1st April 2015, the recoupment that will be taken by the EFA to pay direct to Academy schools and academy High Needs establishments in respect of “per place” funding and the amount the Local Authority will receive.

As a reminder the settlement for 2015-16 represents a significant increase on the 2014-15 allocation which was attributable to the inclusion of the 3 non-recoupment academies in the base line, the inclusion of Early Years Pupil Premium in DSG and a slight increase in pupil numbers.

There has been no significant major changes in the monetary value between the final allocation and that announced on the 17th December 2014. The only item worthy of note is that confirmation of final recoupment figures in respect of the High Needs Block has result in further spend of £0.133m being available for allocation. At present this sum is unallocated.



As a reminder the above Early Years figures do not include Flexible Funding entitlement for 2 year olds and this sum is still to be advised.

1. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that members note the contents of this report.

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