8th December 2015

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To provide a breakdown down of balances held by maintained schools at 31st March 2015 as reported to the DfE under the consistent financial reporting regulations.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report.
- 2.2 To note that balances held by maintained schools will only be reported at sector level from 2015/16 onwards, rather than at an individual school basis.

3. Background

- 3.1 Consistent financial reporting regulations require local authorities to submit details of all income & expenditure incurred by its maintained schools during the 2014-15 financial year and to confirm the level of committed and uncommitted surplus balances held by each school at 31st March 2015.
- 3.2 The outturn data submitted for each maintained schools is detailed in the appendix to this report.
- 3.3 In total Walsall maintained schools reported £13.3 million held in surplus balances of which the uncommitted surplus balances total was £8.5 million, with the remaining £4.8 million largely committed to approved Properly Assigned Sums.

4. Proposal

- 4.1 The data made available in the appendix to this report details the balances for maintained schools only. Balances held by academy schools are not reported to the local authority and therefore the information provided is incomplete.
- 4.2 It is therefore proposed that from 2015/16 onwards balances will be reported to Forum at sector level only i.e. for maintained primaries; secondaries; nurseries and special schools.

5. Financial implications/Value for Money

5.1 The balance control mechanism set out within Walsall's Scheme for Financing Schools outlines that surplus balances held by schools are restricted to 8% of the individual schools budget share for the financial year just ended, with a Properly Assigned Sums process in addition to this to ringfence funding to the school for specific purposes permitted by the authority.

The balance control mechanism supports the expectation that schools should be effectively utilising the funding that they have received in year for the benefit of the young people who are currently attending the school, and not allowing significant balances to build up.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 Balances held by maintained schools as at 31st March each year are reported to the DfE under the consistent financial reporting regulations.

7. School Improvement

7.1 No issues arising from this report.

8. Members eligible to vote

8.1 The report is for information only and no vote is required.

Summary of School Balances 2014-15

Appendix to item 10

| of which: | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| SCHOOL NAME | Total 2014-15 Balance | Committed Surplus | Uncommitted Surplus Balance | Uncommitted balance as percentage | | | | |
| ABBEY JM | 184,112 | 106,000 | 78,112 | 6.0% | | | | |
| ALUMWELL INFANTS | 168,182 | 34,348 | 133,834 | 7.6% | | | | |
| ALUMWELL JM | 140,213 | 0 | 140,213 | 6.8% | | | | |
| BARCROFT PRIMARY | 635,369 | 434,188 | 201,181 | 8.0% | | | | |
| BEACON JM | 73,343 | 377 | 72,966 | 4.6% | | | | |
| BENTLEY WEST PRIMARY | 76,837 | 2,880 | 73,956 | 3.3% | | | | |
| BLACKWOOD JMI | -6,287 | 0 | -6,287 | -0.3% | | | | |
| BLAKENALL HEATH JNR | 199,540 | 113,452 | 86,088 | 6.1% | | | | |
| BLOXWICH C.E. JMI | -32,912 | -32,912 | 0 | 0.0% | | | | |
| BLUE COAT C.E. INFANTS | 66,593 | 2,006 | 64,587 | 4.0% | | | | |
| BLUE COAT C.E. JM | 78,658 | 0 | 78,658 | 4.1% | | | | |
| BROWNHILLS WEST JMI | 49,606 | 7,343 | 42,263 | 3.8% | | | | |
| BUSILL JONES JMI | 87,943 | 0 | 87,943 | 5.0% | | | | |
| BUTTS JMI | 74,431 | 0 | 74,431 | 5.6% | | | | |
| CALDMORE JMI | -23,088 | 0 | -23,088 | -1.4% | | | | |
| CASTLEFORT JMI | 82,634 | 9,452 | 73,182 | 6.3% | | | | |
| CHRIST CHURCH JMI | 58,230 | 0 | 58,230 | 4.2% | | | | |
| CHUCKERY JM | 134,497 | 0 | 134,497 | 6.1% | | | | |
| COOPER & JORDAN JM | 181,867 | 44,000 | 137,867 | 6.8% | | | | |
| COUNTY BRIDGE JMI | 165,959 | 84,949 | 81,009 | 6.7% | | | | |
| DELVES INFANTS | 250,001 | 147,057 | 102,944 | 6.1% | | | | |
| DELVES JM PRIMARY | 103,935 | 0 | 103,935 | 5.7% | | | | |
| ELMORE GREEN JMI | 190,021 | 100,000 | 90,021 | 5.1% | | | | |
| FIBBERSLEY PARK PRIMARY | 297,213 | 123,761 | 173,452 | 6.6% | | | | |
| GREENFIELD JMI | 42,695 | 1,018 | 41,677 | 3.8% | | | | |
| HILLARY STREET JM | 542,098 | 318,452 | 223,646 | 6.6% | | | | |
| HOLY TRINITY INFANTS | 49,640 | 599 | 49,041 | 4.8% | | | | |
| KING CHARLES JMI | 116,947 | 1,590 | 115,357 | 6.8% | | | | |
| KINGS HILL JMI | 22,656 | 3,383 | 19,274 | 1.3% | | | | |
| LEAMORE JMI | 95,387 | 0 | 95,387 | 6.9% | | | | |
| LEIGHSWOOD JM | 72,552 | 0 | 72,552 | 3.1% | | | | |
| LINDENS JMI | -8,634 | 0 | -8,634 | -0.4% | | | | |
| LITTLE BLOXWICH JMI | 108,612 | 28,642 | 79,970 | 6.9% | | | | |
| LODGE FARM JM | 27,310 | 900 | 26,410 | 1.6% | | | | |
| LOWER FARM JMI | 83,728 | 2,759 | 80,969 | 4.4% | | | | |
| MANOR PRIMARY | 173,668 | 100,000 | 73,668 | 5.9% | | | | |
| MEADOW VIEW JMI | 123,725 | 26,322 | 97,403 | 6.6% | | | | |
| MILLFIELD JMI | 86,618 | 0 | 86,618 | 7.4% | | | | |
| MOORCROFT WOOD | 63,744 | 0 | 63,744 | 4.8% | | | | |
| NEW INVENTION INFANT | 119,080 | 7,410 | 111,670 | 6.9% | | | | |
| NEW INVENTION JM | 171,680 | 110,952 | 60,728 | 3.9% | | | | |
| OLD CHURCH C.E. JMI | 79,888 | 7,092 | 72,796 | 4.1% | | | | |
| PALFREY INFANTS | 240,277 | 108,361 | 131,916 | 7.5% | | | | |

| PALFREY JM | 323,388 | 150,000 | 173,388 | 8.3% |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| PELSALL JMI | 142,930 | 18,000 | 124,930 | 7.6% |
| PHEASEY PARK FARM PRIMARY | 470,336 | 269,000 | 201,336 | 6.9% |
| PINFOLD STREET JMI | 221,109 | 103,220 | 117,888 | 5.2% |
| POOL HAYES JMI | 127,105 | 45,807 | 81,298 | 6.8% |
| SHORTHEATH FEDERATION | 153,623 | 12,573 | 141,049 | 5.5% |
| RUSHALL JMI | 149,798 | 25,766 | 124,032 | 8.1% |
| SALISBURY JMI | 127,263 | 5,311 | 121,952 | 7.1% |
| ST ANNES R.C. JMI | 80,768 | 0 | 80,768 | 7.9% |
| ST BERNADETTES R.C. | 104,720 | 36,500 | 68,220 | 7.0% |
| ST FRANCIS R.C. JMI | 29,412 | 930 | 28,481 | 2.6% |
| ST GILES C.E. JMI | 136,345 | 1,695 | 134,650 | 7.3% |
| ST JAMES JM | 81,572 | 0 | 81,572 | 6.9% |
| ST JOHNS C.E. JMI | 120,054 | 343 | 119,710 | 7.3% |
| ST JOSEPHS R.C. JMI | 71,797 | 1,996 | 69,801 | 5.4% |
| ST MARY OF ANGELS JMI | 47,284 | 965 | 46,319 | 4.4% |
| ST MARYS R.C. JMI | 82,118 | 8,217 | 73,902 | 7.0% |
| ST MICHAELS C.E. JMI | 52,308 | 0 | 52,308 | 3.5% |
| ST PATRICKS R.C. JMI | 88,664 | 0 | 88,664 | 6.9% |
| ST PETERS R.C. JMI | 121,010 | 48,183 | 72,827 | 6.3% |
| ST THOMAS OF CANT. | 42,184 | 0 | 42,184 | 3.1% |
| RADLEYS INFANTS | 96,320 | 0 | 96,320 | 7.7% |
| SUNSHINE INFANTS | 152,178 | 40,884 | 111,294 | 7.4% |
| WALSALL WOOD JMI | 183,673 | 61,013 | 122,660 | 7.7% |
| WATLING STREET JMI | 242,264 | 173,761 | 68,504 | 5.5% |
| WHETSTONE FIELD JMI | 75,687 | 0 | 75,687 | 7.1% |
| WHITEHALL JM PRIMARY | 186,682 | 67,442 | 119,239 | 6.4% |
| WHITEHALL INFANTS | 405,972 | 275,252 | 130,720 | 6.7% |
| BROWNHILLS COMP | 226,631 | 0 | 226,631 | 5.2% |
| POOL HAYES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI R.C. | 587,042 | 88,982 | 498,060 | 7.8% |
| ST THOMAS MORE | 379,322 | 0 | 379,322 | 4.4% |
| CASTLE | 288,651 | 151,038 | 137,613 | 5.4% |
| ELMWOOD | 37,097 | 0 | 37,097 | 2.5% |
| JANE LANE | 675,771 | 386,300 | 289,471 | 8.3% |
| MARY ELLIOTT | 224,099 | 31,891 | 192,208 | 5.9% |
| OAKWOOD | 277,378 | 163,672 | 113,706 | 5.6% |
| OLD HALL | 230,987 | 97,429 | 133,558 | 6.7% |
| PHOENIX | 226,884 | 134,931 | 91,953 | 7.4% |
| ALUMWELL NURSERY | 25,975 | 0 | 25,975 | 5.2% |
| FULLBROOK NURSERY | 45,567 | 5,600 | 39,967 | 8.7% |
| MILLFIELD NURSERY | 26,989 | 26,989 | 0 | 0.0% |
| OGLEY HAY | 30,893 | 0 | 30,893 | 8.7% |
| ROWLEY VIEW | 67,553 | 67,553 | 0 | 0.0% |
| SANDBANK NURSERY | 53,419 | 53,419 | 0 | 0.0% |
| VALLEY NURSERY | 32,643 | 32,643 | 0 | 0.0% |
| SHEPWELL GREEN PUPIL REFE | 46,217 | 46,217 | 0 | 0.0% |
| NEW LEAF PUPIL REFERRAL UN | 285,618 | 285,618 | 0 | 0.0% |
| | 200,010 | 200,010 | 0 | 0.070 |