

Members of the School Forum are requested to consider and make a decision on proposal of this report

Scope of School Specific Contingency

The level of school specific contingency and the types of expenditure that can be met from this budget is determined by School Forum. Presently Forum have agreed the following types of expenditure:

- SEN – new and above average increases
- Changes to business rates liability
- Appointment of newly qualified teachers outside academic year
- Correction of data within allocation formula

Powers to direct admission of Children in Care

Changes in regulation (section 97A to 97C of the SSFS 1998 as inserted by section 50 of the EIA 2006) provide to LA's the ability to direct any maintained school to admit a child in their care, even where the admission will take them above their standard admission number. Where such an admission is in either a reception or key stage 1 class and results in a class size over 30, funding will need to be made available to the school until such time the pupil moves into key stage 2 or the class size reduces to 30 by other pupil movement.

As such events are not going to be known 'in advance' of budget setting, the recommendation to Forum is that the scope of school specific contingency is broadened to cover such instances. The allocation to a school will be equal to the cost of a main scale teacher, pro rata, for the remaining months of the financial year or sooner should class size reduce. The allocation of contingency will be subject to the provision, from school, of the costs incurred.

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