

SCHOOLS FORUM AGENDA ITEM

For Action



For Information

**Brief Description of Item** (including the purpose / reason for presenting this for consideration by the Forum)

This report provides the Schools Forum with analysis and further information on the allocation and impact of Pupil Premium Plus monies. This report also sets out the Authority's planned allocation of Pupil Premium Plus in 2018/19.

Date (s) of any Previous Discussion at the Forum

10 December 2014 (Document DY) and 7 January 2015 (Matters Arising Document 1)

Background / Context

The basis of the current distribution of Pupil Premium Plus monies was set out in the reports to the Schools Forum presented on 10 December 2014 (Document DY) and 7 January 2015 (Matters Arising Document 1).

The DfE's conditions of Pupil Premium Grant state that the LAC premium "must be managed by the designated virtual school head (VSH) in the local authority that looks after the child, and used without delay for the benefit of the looked-after child's educational needs as described in their personal education plan. The VSH should ensure there are arrangements in place to discuss how the child will benefit from pupil premium funding with the designated teacher or another member of staff in the child's education setting who best understands their needs. Processes for allocating funds to a child's education setting should be as simple as possible to avoid delay. Local authorities may not carry forward funding held centrally into the next financial year. Centrally-held LAC premium that has not been spent, or allocated to the child's education setting, by 31 March will be recovered."

The annual value of Pupil Premium Plus allocated per Looked After Child is currently £1,900. On the basis of the distribution set out for the Schools Forum in December 2014 and January 2015, £1,400 of this is allocated to the school or academy where the child is on roll. This is allocated on a termly basis at £466 a term. £500 is retained by the VSH to fund centrally managed support activities but also additional allocations for identified children (please see appendix 1).

Bradford Local Authority has received £1.353m of Pupil Premium Plus monies in 2017/18, based on 712 children recorded in the January 2017 Census who have been looked after for at least 1 day between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2017. Notionally, £0.997m of this is allocated to schools and academies (712 x £1,400) and £0.356m is managed centrally (712 x £500).

From April 2018, the value of grant per LAC will increase from £1,900 to £2,300. On 2017/18 numbers, this will increase our allocation in total by £0.285m. As set out in Appendix 1, under a continued distribution set at 75% allocated to schools / academies and 25% centrally, the annual value of school allocation would be £1,725 and the value managed centrally would be £575.

Details of the Item for Consideration

Please see Appendix 1.

Implications for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) (if any)

Pupil Premium Plus is a grant allocated in addition to, and separately from, the DSG.

Recommendations

The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided in the report.

List of Supporting Appendices / Papers (where applicable)

Appendix 1 – Pupil Premium for Looked After Children from April 2018

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