

	<p>Item 3. ML reported response from EFA relating to national comparisons between pupils in NT settings with pupils in ARPs against other pupils has not been received. Meeting with EFA reps next week to resolve.</p> <p>EWO SLA – to be part of discussions at Headteacher Briefing</p> <p>Item 7 Update on Education Psychology Service has been circulated</p> <p>Item 9b ML has circulated the SEND action plan and a number of responses have been received.</p>															
4.	<p>DSG and Schools Revenue Monitoring</p> <p>JR talked through the report which included items on:</p> <p>DSG Monitoring 2015/16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA to provide rationale on amounts agreed to be kept back as a centrally retained item. JR to get breakdowns from Early Intervention and associated teams for the next Forum meeting. <p>Schools Revenue Monitoring 2015/16</p> <p>DSG Blocks 2016/17</p> <p>School Block Allocation 2016/17</p> <p>Forum accepted the report and thanked officers for their work.</p>	JR														
5.	<p>Falling rolls and headroom funding 2015/2016</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jon Ritchie</p> <p>JR presented the above report and talked it through.</p> <p>The sub-group formed to allocate the funding, met on 7th March.</p> <p>In line with the way forward last year it was agreed that falling rolls funding be applied first and the schools forecast financial position updated before the headroom funding was allocated.</p> <p>Falling Rolls</p> <p>Five schools met the criteria set out in previous reports and made requests for funding. The sub-group proposed to carry forward £0.050m to 2016/17 rather than allocating the full budget. The requests were considered and allocations were proposed as follows :</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="142 1458 770 1715"> <thead> <tr> <th>School</th> <th>Amount (£)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Wallsend Jubilee</td> <td>£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Westmoor</td> <td>£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wellfield</td> <td>£5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Longbenton</td> <td>£87,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monkseaton High</td> <td>£87,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£200,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Forum agreed to the proposals.</p> <p>Headroom Funding</p> <p>Six schools are eligible for funding this year: St Bartholomews, Seaton Burn, Longbenton, Marden, Monkseaton and Norham.</p> <p>The available budget for Headroom Funding is £0.194m – final allocations will be made after the year end outturn is known so at present the allocations are only provisional. As in previous years the group decided to continue to support the funding of the Procurement Officer who works across all maintained schools (circa £0.025m) and to carry forward circa £0.060m to support headroom allocations in 2016/17 when</p>	School	Amount (£)	Wallsend Jubilee	£10,000	Westmoor	£10,000	Wellfield	£5,000	Longbenton	£87,500	Monkseaton High	£87,500	Total	£200,000	
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	<p>it is expected that more schools will be in a deficit position. It was therefore proposed to allocate £0.107m of this funding for headroom pressures in 2015/16. Discussion followed around capital costs and revenue costs and how the schools might use the funding allocated and also on the forecasting of schools in deficit. Forum agreed to the proposals.</p> <p>The academisation of one of the schools eligible (Seaton Burn College) was discussed as due diligence is currently being carried out by Gosforth Academy and the outcome will not be announced before 21st April 2016. ML confirmed that any deficit at the time of conversion will be picked up the LA and responsibilities will be honoured until the transfer takes place. PD suggested that the LA picking up deficits and not surpluses was unfair. ML said that that was the way the legislation operated. DB thanked all participants of the sub group for their work.</p>	
6.	<p>Exceptional SEN allocations 2015/16 JR gave a verbal update. £60k will be allocated to schools who have more than the average number of SEN pupils. Some further validation of schools data is needed. Funding will be allocated and details circulated as soon as possible. EA requested that Forum representatives ensure that schools are reminded of the importance of accurate data reporting to the Schools Census as this has an impact on the allocation of funding.</p>	
7.	<p>SEN Review Progress Update ML updated colleagues on the work done to date, the background and remit of the SEND working group, and the membership including a number of new members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The working group met on three occasions during Autumn term 2015 to consider areas of provision where there were known significant pressures • The group also recognised the need to consider other key developments and drivers • Recommendations were accepted at the December Forum to transfer £1.184m from the School Block to the High Needs Block in 2016/17 • The work plan for the next 12 months was outlined and key tasks for 2016/17 to be addressed • Key tasks will be managed to enable the results to inform the review of the High Needs Block for 2017/18 and to enable School's Forum to consider recommendations as part of the Autumn planning cycle. This work will be undertaken in the context of the DfE's intention to introduce a national high Needs Funding Formula • Meetings during Summer 2016 are: 11th May, 6th July • Any suggestions to be given to ML to feedback to group 	All
8.	<p>Legislative Update – National Funding Formula consultation JR briefed colleagues on the details of the consultation announced in the Autumn statement. In the consultation documents the DfE specifically request submissions from Schools Forum. The deadline is 17th April 2016 which is before the next Forum meeting. Forum agreed to a collective response. JR suggested colleagues read the consultation documents in preparation for a meeting to be arranged for the first week after Easter holidays (JR to circulate date). LA to formulate a draft response. Please indicate attendance.</p>	JR/ ML ALL

<p>9.</p>	<p>Capital & Investment plan update ML talked colleagues through the briefing note which included an update on:</p> <p>Priority schools Building Programme 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Spence Community High School – revised occupancy/transfer to new school end of October 2016 • Longbenton Community College – Planned occupancy/transfer to new school September 2016 • Marden High School – planned occupancy/transfer to new school September 2016 • Whitehouse Primary School – planned occupancy/transfer to new school 11th April 2016 <p>Priority Schools Building Programme 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cullercoats Primary School – further feasibility studies to take place to determine whether the investment will be in respect of full replacement or refurbishment of the accommodation with indications that the procurement solution will follow with a view to construction/development commencing October 2017 <p>Section 106 Funded Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backworth Park Primary School – full planning approval has been secured. A contractor to be appointed by Northumberland Estates. Commencement to be confirmed to align with housing development programme <p>2016/17 Capital Maintenance Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the formal Government announcement on 9th February 2016, confirming the capital allocations for 2015/16 to 2017/18 (indicative), the Strategic Investment and Property team have now consulted with all schools on the priority projects to be delivered during the new financial year. Individual meetings are now being held with those schools included within the programme to agree the project detail and delivery arrangements <p>Discussions followed around concerns with fire risk assessments. ML to take colleagues concerns to Capital team who are currently working with Capita on assessments and procedure.</p>	<p>ML</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Benchmarking Presentation EA gave a presentation on Benchmarking School Financial Data. Schools have previously been sent this information and have individual passwords</p> <p>The purpose of benchmarking is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to continuously improve levels of performance or service • to identify where changes can be made in what is done or how things are done • it is a tool for self improvement using an organisations own resources to learn about practices • highlight areas to explore • allows schools to make comparisons with similar schools • enables schools to make better financial decisions based on best practice <p>Both the DfE national benchmarking and North Tyneside local benchmarking can be used as evidence of benchmarking with schools which is required in the value for money section of the School Financial Value Standard (SFVS) return.</p> <p>Data used for North Tyneside benchmarking is taken from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFR return 2014/15 • Budget Plan 2015/16 • Deprivation/SEN data 2015/16 	

	<p>The DfE benchmarking data is published in the Autumn term each year from the previous years submitted CFR data.</p> <p>North Tyneside benchmarking data is published on the intranet in the Autumn term each year following ratification of submitted CFR data from the DfE. Any queries should be directed to the Schools Finance team</p>	
11	<p>Schools Forum Forward Plan JR presented the Forum forward plan with planned dates and agenda items May 2016 to March 2017. Colleagues were asked to review the proposed dates, agree the schedule and to consider items on the plan and determine if there are any other items to be added.</p>	
12	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DE to bring an update to Forum from the special projects subgroup • DB thanked Mike Homer, who is retiring, for his long standing commitment and contribution he has made to Schools Forum. MH thanked his Forum colleagues for their support and friendship and the insight being a member of the Forum has provided 	DE
13	<p>Date of next meeting Wednesday 18th May 2016 12.00 lunch 12.30 start</p>	