

Report of Schools' Forum Panel

Report to The Director of Children's Services

Date: 2 April 2014

Subject: Schools in Financial Difficulties 2013-14



Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. The report seeks approval of the recommendations of the School's Forum Panel to assist schools in financial difficulty as outlined in the attached report and appendix.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that the Director of Children's Services agrees the allocation of £441,356 from the central budget to support schools in financial difficulty in accordance with the recommendations of the panel of the Leeds School's Forum which was established to consider applications.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To seek approval of the recommendations of the Schools Forum Panel to assist schools in financial difficult as outlined in the attached report and appendices

2. Background information

See School's Forum report as detailed in 7 below.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 As part of the 2013/14 budgetary process Schools Forum agreed to retain a budget of £1,000,000 to support schools in financial difficulty.
- 3.2 Schools Forum previously agreed that all applications, should be considered by a panel of the School's Forum and that recommendations from that panel would be submitted to the Chief Officer (Strategy, Commissioning and Performance), who has delegated responsibility on behalf of the Director of Children's Services of Leeds City Council, for a formal decision to be made.
- 3.3 The panel consider the applications, all of which were to fund costs of commuted pensions arising from schools undertaking a Managed Staff Reduction process. The panel recommended that £441,356 be allocated to various schools as tabled in the report to Schools Forum on 26 June 2014.

4. Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 No impact

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 No impact

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 No impact

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 The total value of the recommended allocations will leave £558,644 unallocated.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 No impact

4.6 Rick Management

4.6.1 No impact

5. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Director of Children's Services agree the allocation of £441,356 from the central budget to support schools in financial difficulty in accordance with the recommendations of the panel of the Leeds Schools Forum which was established to consider applications.

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Background documents¹

Reports to Schools Forum 16 June 2014, Schools in Financial Difficulties Panel Recommendations.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.