
Report of the Director of Children's Services

Report to the Leeds Schools Forum

Date: 19 March 2015

SUBJECT: Schools in Financial Difficulties 2014/15 - Panel Recommendations

1. Purpose of Report

To advise members of the Forum of the recommendations made by the Panel established to consider applications for funding from the budget to support schools in financial difficulty.

2. Background

As part of the 2014/15 budgetary process Schools Forum agreed to retain a budget of £1,000,000 to support schools in financial difficulty.

Schools Forum previously agreed that all applications, with assessment by the school's Finance Officer, should be considered by a panel of the Schools Forum and that recommendations from that panel would be submitted to the Deputy Director (Learning), who has delegated responsibility on behalf of the Director of Children's Services of Leeds City Council, for a formal decision to be made.

Three schools submitted requests for funding following the preparation of their annual budget. These were considered by the panel on June 9th, November 10th & March 9th. The recommendations of the panel are listed in Appendix 1.

The panel also considered requests from schools in respect of commuted pension costs, where schools are required to make staffing reductions in order to address budget issues. These are listed in appendix 2.

The amounts recommended for approval total £983,992.

The recommendations have been sent to the Deputy Director (Learning) for approval.

3. Recommendation

Members of the Schools Forum are asked to note the allocations.