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Appendix 2

| | 2010-11 | 2012-13 | 2015-16 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total cost of Education pensions (all new commitments have been excluded) | £4,886,939 | £5,293,112 | £5,618,285 |
| Cost of Education pensions charged to DSG | £1,350,880 | £3,353,260 | £3,353,260 |
| Proportion of Education pensions charged to DSG | n/a | 68% | 64% |

The Forum approval was gained in May 2009 (see attached minutes, item 9). Initially £1.351m was charged against DSG in 2010-11 financial year, but this was increased to £3.353m in 2011-12 in accordance with the initial criteria agreed by the Forum in the May 2009 paper. This DSG has always been used as a contribution towards meeting part of the costs of termination of employment, not the full costs.

You will see from the above figures that the total costs of education pensions in Kent have increased by inflation over the period, but no additional DSG has been put in since 2012-13, which is fully compliant with the school finance regulations and DfE operational guidance for local authorities. You will also notice that the proportion of total pension costs funded by DSG is reducing and this will continue to do so in the future.

Details of individual enhanced pension payments in 2010-11, 2012-13 and 2015-16 are available if required, but run to over 6,000 transactions per calendar month. The figures above represent a summarised position of this data.