

SCHOOLS' FUNDING FORUM

SUBJECT:	2016-17 Schools' Outturn Position for Kent maintained schools
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SUMMARY OF REPORT:

To provide members of the Forum with an update on the 2016-17 schools outturn position.

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1. Background

- 1.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is an analysis of the 2016-17 outturn position for all maintained schools (including Pupil Referral Units) as at 31 March 2017. The analysis is in a consistent presentation style to previous years and provides a comparison to the 2015-16 outturn position.
- 1.2 The 2016-17 financial year is the third year of the modified Balance Control Mechanism (BCM) operation. As part of the year end returns, schools were required to provide additional details of their year end balances. In total 72 schools, including all the Pupil Referral Units, requested to exceed their BCM allowance. These requests have been analysed and compared to our BCM policy. All schools have been informed they can carry forward the balances for the purposes stated.

2. The headlines

- 2.1 Overall schools revenue reserves (excluding PRUs and Northfleet Nursery) have decreased by £9.5 million and the number of maintained schools has reduced by 24.
- 2.2 The average revenue reserves per school have decreased this year by £19,984 (or 20.77%) and the average revenue reserve per pupil has decreased by £76 (or 22.15%).
- 2.3 The reserves per school for primary schools have decreased from last year's levels by 14.60% and the secondary schools have decreased significantly by 103%. Special school reserves have decreased by 19.9% from last year's levels.

- 2.4 Deficit schools have increased again, from 12 to 18 with the overall value of these deficits increasing from £2.7m to £4.36m. A separate paper focusing on the detail behind each deficit will follow this paper.
- 2.5 In terms of the district picture, all reserves have decreased; Shepway by 140%, Ashford by 51%, Canterbury by 45% and Dartford by 28%. All other districts have reduced by 20% or less.
- 2.6 The total value of capital reserves are £595k. The secondary sector has a capital deficit of £620k which is financed by loans. In total the value of outstanding loans in maintained schools at the end of 2016-17 was £2.78m.
- 2.7 This is the fourth year that Pupil Referral Unit reserves have been included within this presentation. The average reserves per PRU are still relatively high although decreased slightly from last year's levels for revenue. Capital has increased slightly.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Members of the Forum are asked to NOTE and COMMENT on the 2016-17 schools' outturn position