

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults**

**Derbyshire School Sixth Form Funding – Transitional Support – (Education)**

1. Purpose of the Report  
To seek approval to allocate resources from the 2010-11 DSG underspend to support maintained schools with a sixth form.
2. Information and Analysis  
The Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) published budgets for schools with sixth forms on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The budgets for the Academic Year (AY) 2012/13 reflect a number of changes, namely:

Changes in Learner Numbers between autumn 2010 and 2011;  
Changes to the Guided Learner Hours for some courses;  
Reduction in funding to support post-16 threshold pay; and  
Reduction in transitional protection.

Taken together, the above changes mean that Derbyshire's school sixth forms' AY (Academic Year) funding is set to reduce by around £1.47m from August 2012. A summary of the changes at individual school level is attached as Appendix 1.

Some of the changes e.g. threshold and transition have been trailed for some time, although the detail of how the changes are to be implemented have only just been confirmed. However, the reduction in Guided Learner Hours was only announced in January 2012 and has left little time for schools to respond.

These reductions will, for some schools, compound pre-16 losses whether due to reductions in pupil numbers, other data changes or the impact of changes to the LMS formula.

At its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011 the Schools Forum agreed to set aside £2.5m as a School Transition Fund from the 2010-11 DSG underspend to meet a range of pressures including resources to help cushion the impact of reduced YPLA 6<sup>th</sup> form allocations. It must be remembered that this funding is one-off whilst the reductions in YPLA funding are permanent. In addition to the losses set out in Appendix 1, further losses of ~£3.8m are expected over the academic years 2013/14 to 2015/16 as the current allocations for threshold

pay and transitional protection (arising from Funding Convergence) are phased out.

The use of the one-off DSG cash therefore has to strike a balance between supporting schools for AY 2012/13 whilst avoiding the creation of a further funding “cliff-edge” from August 2013.

It is proposed that for the 2012/13 YPLA academic year Derbyshire schools receive a contribution equivalent to 50% of the loss of funding resulting from YPLA formula changes. These losses amount to £0.840m and a 50% contribution would therefore cost £0.420m. A list of the schools and the allocations is attached as Appendix 2. The proposals would still leave schools to deal with the impact of changes in the number of students. The allocations, if agreed, would be paid to schools in instalments in line with the payment of LMS budget allocations, as set out in the approved Scheme for Financing Schools.

The protection of budgets for sixth forms in schools would have a significant positive impact for students who would otherwise face the possibility of a much reduced curriculum offer, an increase in non-specialist teaching, increased mixed year teaching and larger group sizes.

The cost of the above proposal is within the total set aside by the Schools Forum. The extent to which financial support might be available for AY 2013/14 would depend on a range of factors including:

- the outcome of the DfE’s recent consultation on changing the post 16 funding formula;
- the impact of the Raising of the Participation Age (RPA) from September 2013; and
- the extent of other calls on the School Transition Fund.

In the coming months the Authority will work with its school sixth forms in Learning Communities to identify ways in which post-16 provision can be maintained within a reduced funding envelope. This will also inform the need for any additional resources from August 2013.

3. Financial Considerations The cost of the allocations will be met from the School Transition Fund created from the 2010-11 DSG underspend. Currently the balance left in this Fund is £2m.
4. Other Considerations In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, legal & human rights, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.
5. Key Decision? Yes.

6. Background Papers Budgets published by YPLA on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
7. Call-In - Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.
8. Strategic Director's Recommendation  
That Cabinet approves the payment of transitional support to Derbyshire schools with a sixth form as set out in the report.

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				Analysis of AY 2012/13 core changes			AY 2012/13	FY 2012-13	
School	2010 Lnr No.	2011 Lnr No.	2012/13 AY Core Change	Impact of learner no changes	Impact of SLN ratio	Impact of provider factor	Estimated loss of transition	Estimated loss of threshold pay	Total estimated change
			£	£	£	£	£	£	£
SWANWICK HALL	233	193	(19,039)	(142,554)	90,536	32,980	(95,857)	(12,961)	<b>(127,857)</b>
ALFRETON GRANGE	133	109	(61,344)	(86,867)	(12,604)	38,127	(37,782)	(8,297)	<b>(107,423)</b>
TUPTON HALL	421	392	(148,723)	(108,226)	(31,858)	(8,640)	(120,629)	(21,346)	<b>(290,698)</b>
WILSTHORPE	153	139	(57,392)	(54,956)	(11,651)	9,215	(24,798)	(8,478)	<b>(90,668)</b>
NEW MILLS	114	110	(14,461)	(13,673)	(15,096)	14,309	(17,855)	(5,862)	<b>(38,178)</b>
ALDERCAR CLC	167	185	36,549	71,521	(28,198)	(6,774)	(17,179)	(6,470)	<b>12,900</b>
ECKINGTON	253	216	(99,363)	(134,477)	(28,036)	63,149	(59,327)	(14,569)	<b>(173,259)</b>
HIGHFIELDS	259	218	(64,802)	(146,459)	38,784	42,872	(101,541)	(16,057)	<b>(182,400)</b>
GLOSSOPDALE	336	253	(217,195)	(308,898)	34,980	56,722	(50,810)	(22,447)	<b>(290,452)</b>
NEWBOLD	149	131	(60,703)	(73,385)	(2,137)	14,819	(26,550)	(9,400)	<b>(96,653)</b>
ANTHONY GELL	115	127	20,785	44,742	(17,782)	(6,176)	(22,278)	(5,027)	<b>(6,520)</b>
DRF'LD H. F'SHAWE	323	327	5,346	18,528	(47,694)	34,512	(23,998)	(13,711)	<b>(32,363)</b>
BUXTON COMM	216	214	(18,209)	(7,836)	8,197	(18,569)	(35,729)	(10,070)	<b>(64,008)</b>
BELPER	264	290	269,474	95,636	121,368	52,470	(40,980)	(10,244)	<b>218,250</b>
FRIESLAND	259	230	(108,297)	(111,259)	(10,477)	13,439	(54,443)	(13,773)	<b>(176,513)</b>
THE PINGLE	196	211	58,338	53,914	15,853	(11,429)	(24,158)	(7,943)	<b>26,237</b>
LADY MANNERS	358	372	45,820	54,141	(5,453)	(2,868)	(45,071)	(16,114)	<b>(15,365)</b>
ST MARY'S CATH'IC	289	295	14,459	24,000	(19,891)	10,350	(44,099)	(12,411)	<b>(42,051)</b>
MILL HILL	154	165	43,486	43,749	(6,989)	6,726	(25,975)	(6,619)	<b>10,892</b>
TOTAL	4,392	4,177	(375,272)	(782,358)	71,852	335,234	(869,059)	(221,800)	<b>(1,466,130)</b>

School	Total estimated change	Total estimated <b>losses</b> excluding Learner Nos		<b>50% Additional support</b>	Revised loss/gain
	£	£		£	£
SWANWICK HALL	(127,857)	0		<b>0</b>	(127,857)
ALFRETON GRANGE	(107,423)	(20,556)		<b>10,278</b>	(97,145)
TUPTON HALL	(290,698)	(182,471)		<b>91,236</b>	(199,462)
WILSTHORPE	(90,668)	(35,712)		<b>17,856</b>	(72,812)
NEW MILLS	(38,178)	(24,505)		<b>12,253</b>	(25,926)
ALDERCAR CLC	12,900	(58,621)		<b>29,311</b>	42,211
ECKINGTON	(173,259)	(38,782)		<b>19,391</b>	(153,868)
HIGHFIELDS	(182,400)	(35,942)		<b>17,971</b>	(164,430)
GLOSSOPDALE	(290,452)	0		<b>0</b>	(290,452)
NEWBOLD	(96,653)	(23,267)		<b>11,634</b>	(85,019)
ANTHONY GELL	(6,520)	(51,262)		<b>25,631</b>	19,111
DRF'LD H. F'SHAWE	(32,363)	(50,892)		<b>25,446</b>	(6,917)
BUXTON COMM	(64,008)	(56,172)		<b>28,086</b>	(35,922)
BELPER	218,250	0		<b>0</b>	218,250
FRIESLAND	(176,513)	(65,255)		<b>32,627</b>	(143,886)
THE PINGLE	26,237	(27,677)		<b>13,838</b>	40,075
LADY MANNERS	(15,365)	(69,506)		<b>34,753</b>	19,388
ST MARY'S CATH'IC	(42,051)	(66,051)		<b>33,026</b>	(9,025)
MILL HILL	10,892	(32,857)		<b>16,428</b>	27,320
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(1,466,130)</b>	<b>(1,233,749)</b>		<b>419,764</b>	<b>(1,046,366)</b>