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|  | **Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group** |  |
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**SCHOOLS FORUM**

**16 September 2015**

**School Balances as at 31 March 2015**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform Schools Forum of the position regarding School Balances as at 31 March 2015.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Schools Forum members are recommended to note the contents of the report and the attached Appendices.

**BACKGROUND**

All maintained schools submitted their return regarding the use of School Balances as at 31 March 2015.

No maintained school still open at 1 September 2015 was in breach of the limits, set out in the Scheme for Financing Schools, after commitments.

Overall School Balances have decreased by 19.9%. But there are differences within the different phases :

* First/Primary Schools Balances have decreased by £560k (11%)
* Middle Schools Balances have decreased by £478k (33%)
* High/Secondary Schools Balances have decreased by £963k (46%)
* Special Schools Balances have increased by £92k (8%)