

## **Schools Forum – 17 October 2019**

### **Notices of Concern & Licensed Deficit Agreements**

#### **Recommendation**

1. Members note the details of Notice of Concerns and Licensed Deficit agreements issued to schools since 2016/17.

#### **Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and Communities**

##### **PART A**

#### **Why is it coming here – what decision is required?**

2. No decision is required.

#### **Reasons for recommendation**

3. Schools Forum requested, at their previous meeting, further information on the number of Notice of Concern and Licensed Deficit agreements in place.

##### **PART B**

#### **Background:**

4. There are currently three schools with Notices of Concern in place. All of these are as a result of Academy Orders being issued by the DfE. Two were issued in 2016/17 and one in 2018/19.
5. SCC are currently in the process of issuing eight new Notices of Concern. Two of these are as a result of the school being unable to comply with the original licensed deficit plan. Six are as a result of the school being unable to set a balanced budget for 2019/20.
6. SCC have 7 Licensed Deficit agreements in place. Five of these agreements were put into place following the 2016/17 financial year and two were following 2017/18.
7. Three new agreements are in the process of being put into place following the 2018/19 financial year.

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#### **List of background papers:**

Schools Forum 7 December 2016 – Item 6 Notices of Concern: revised protocol  
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School Forum 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Item 39 Update to the Staffordshire Scheme for Financing of Schools