

## Agenda Item 4



Report to: Schools Forum

Date: 12 January 2018

Title of report: Dedicated Schools Grant 2018/19

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Purpose of report: Provide Schools Forum on the 2018/19 DSG Budget and High Needs Budget (Information)  
Confirm (as agreed at Schools Forum 24/11/17) the CSSB Budget (Information)  
Present the Early Years budget for approval (Decision).

Voting relevant to: All School Representatives (Headteachers and Governors)

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### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2018/19 is allocated by the DfE into four blocks. Each block is subject to separate regulations as to eligible expenditure and the use of the four blocks is outlined below.
- **The Schools Block** comprises the individual schools budget which must be delegated to schools and academies through a funding formula. Maintained schools can agree to de-delegate budgets and these are spent on their behalf by the local authority. There are a limited number of exceptions which enable local authorities to hold funding centrally, subject to School Forum approval (Growth Fund and Falling Rolls).
  - **The Central School Services Block (CSSB)** is a new block that the DfE have introduced from 2018/19 and brings together:
    - Funding that was previously allocated through the retained duties element of the Education Services Grant (ESG)
    - Funding for on-going central functions
    - Funding for historic commitments
  - **The High Needs Block** is funding that is provided to local authorities for the provision in maintained schools, academies, alternative provision, FE colleges and Independent providers as well as supporting central spending on pupils with special educational needs and disabilities from their early years to age 25.
  - **The Early Years Block** funds payments to early years providers in settings and schools and supports central spending on early years pupils.

### 2. Appendices

- 2.1 The appendices below provide a line by line breakdown on the DSG allocations.

Appendix A - DSG Summary  
Appendix B - Schools Block DSG  
Appendix C – Central School Services Block DSG  
Appendix D - High Needs Block DSG  
Appendix E - Early Years DSG

### **3. Schools Block Funding**

- 3.1 The Schools block for 2018/19 is based on the October 2017 pupil census data and, including an additional £1.7m from the CSSB (see paragraph 4.2), equates to an allocation of £274.9m.
- 3.2 Growth and Falling Rolls Funds proposals were presented to Schools Forum at the November 2017 Schools Forum whereby a request was made for the continuation of support for maintained schools and academies in respect of Key Stage 1 top up, additional classes, pre-opening costs and dis-economies of scale costs for new schools and falling rolls.

### **4. Central School Services Block (CSSB) Funding**

- 4.1 For 2018/19, the DfE have allocated £8.1m to the local authority. However, as discussed at the previous Schools Forum (24<sup>th</sup> November 2017), the local authority did not request to retain the full amount.
- 4.2 After discussion at Schools Forum and receiving Schools Forum approval, the local authority is retaining £6.3m (£4.4m historic commitments and £1.9m on-going responsibilities). The remaining £1.7m has been transferred to the Schools Block for 2018/19 for additional distribution to schools and academies within their budget shares.

### **5. High Needs Block (HNB)**

- 5.1 The DfE have stated that special schools / academies and alternative providers will continue to receive place funding at £10,000 per agreed place. Like previous years, the Local Authority has realigned agreed places at some schools and academies to more effectively reflect need.
- 5.2 For facilities, the place funding will be £6,000 for every occupied place and £10,000 for unoccupied place. This is because the pupils in facilities will now form part of the budget share i.e. Numbers on roll etc.
- 5.3 The total High Needs Block funding is calculated by the DfE and for 2018/19 is £50.5m.

### **6. Early Years (EY) Block**

- 6.1 The 2018/19 EY block funding (excluding funding for two year olds) is £23.5m and is based on the January 2017 census data. This allocation includes £151k indicative pupil premium funding and the indicative Disability Access Fund allocation of £105k.
- 6.2 The entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds will be revised in July 2018 based on the January 2018 census data.
- 6.3 The EY entitlement and EY pupil premium will be updated again in July 2019 based on 5/12ths of the January 2018 pupil numbers (to cover the April 2018 to August 2018 period) and 7/12ths of the January 2019 census numbers (to cover the September 2018 to March 2019 period). This means that the final allocation for three and four year olds for 2018 to 2019 will be based on 5/12 x January 2018 pupil numbers plus 7/12 x January 2019 pupil numbers.

### **7. Recommendation**

- 7.1 Forum are asked to note the Schools, Central Services Schools and High Needs budgets and approve the Early Years DSG budget for 2018/19.

Appendix A

<b>DSG Summary 2018/19</b>	<b>Schools</b>	<b>Central School Services</b>	<b>High Needs</b>	<b>Early Years</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total DSG including Academies	£273,177,389	£8,121,300	£50,571,100	£23,558,200	<b>£355,427,989</b>
Indicative 2 Year Old Funding				£3,983,800	<b>£3,983,800</b>
Interblock transfer	£1,755,000	<b>-£1,755,000</b>	£0	£0	<b>£0</b>
<b>Total Funding Available</b>	<b>£274,932,389</b>	<b>£6,366,300</b>	<b>£50,571,100</b>	<b>£27,542,000</b>	<b>£359,411,789</b>

Financial Year 2018/19

	£	£	Comments
<b>Schools Block 2018/19</b>			
Schools Block DfE notification		273,177,389	
Transfer from CSSB		1,755,000	
<b>Adjusted Schools Block Total 2018/19</b>		<b>274,932,389</b>	
<b>Growth Fund</b>			
Key Stage 1 top up	804,000		
Additional Classes	556,700		
New Schools - Dis economies of scale funding	126,000		
less 2017/18 carry forward	-8,700	1,478,000	Approved by Schools Forum 24th Nov '17
<b>Falling Rolls Fund</b>		50,000	Approved by Schools Forum 24th Nov '17
Funds allocated to Schools & Academies		273,404,389	
<b>Total</b>		<b>274,932,389</b>	

Appendix B

	£	£
<b>Schools Block 2017/18</b>		
Schools Block DfE notification		276,130,200
Less Copyright Licenses		-309,500
Transfer to High Needs		-4,300,000
Transfer to Early Years (2 Year Olds)		-22,800
<b>Adjusted Schools Block Total 2017/18</b>		<b>271,497,900</b>
<b>Growth Fund</b>		
Key Stage 1 top up	607,500	
Additional Classes	682,100	
New Schools - Dis economies of scale funding	224,000	
less 2017/18 carry forward	-11,600	1,502,000
<b>Falling Rolls Fund</b>		99,000
<b>LA Central Budgets</b>		
Admissions	486,500	
Servicing Schools Forum	92,800	
Combined Services	6,905,000	
Retained ESG Funds	1,013,300	8,497,600
Funds allocated to Schools & Academies		261,399,200
<b>Total</b>		<b>271,497,800</b>

	£	£	Comments
<b>Central School Services Block 2018/19</b>			
Central Schools Services Block 2018/19 DfE Notification		8,121,300	
Transfer to Schools Block		-1,755,000	
<b>Adjusted Central School Services Block Total 2018/19</b>		<b>6,366,300</b>	
Historic Commitments		4,400,000	Approved by Schools Forum 24th Nov '17
On going Responsibilities		1,966,300	Approved by Schools Forum 24th Nov '17
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,366,300</b>	

## Appendix D

<b>HIGH NEEDS BLOCK 2018/2019</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Block total	50,571,100	
Adjusted High Needs Block Total	50,571,100	
<b>Place funding</b>		
Special Academy place funding - Pre 16	7,240,000	
Academy Special Facilities place funding - Pre 16	679,800	
Special Schools / Facilities	1,950,800	
Post 16 place funding	860,000	
Post 16 FE Places	984,000	
Alternative Provision	1,400,000	13,114,600
<b>Other High Needs Budgets</b>		
Service Level Agreements	1,243,500	
Top up funding Pre 16	14,772,500	
Top up funding Post 16	1,789,700	
Fees for pupils at independent schools	12,419,700	
Education out of School	1,403,600	
SEN support	5,304,500	
Support for inclusion	416,800	
Servicing Schools Forum	22,200	37,372,500
<b>Spending for Special Schools/Academies</b>		
Ethnic minority and bi-lingual	8,500	
Special Schools contingency	33,600	
Insurance	31,100	
Free School Meals Eligibiity	10,800	84,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>50,571,100</b>

<b>HIGH NEEDS BLOCK 2017/2018</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Block total	46,208,000	
Inter Block Transfer	4,300,000	
Adjusted High Needs Block Total		50,508,000
<b>Place funding</b>		
Special Academy place funding - Pre 16	7,215,000	
Academy Special Facilities place funding - Pre 16	981,700	
Special Schools / Facilities	1,900,000	
Post 16 place funding	900,000	
Post 16 FE Places	984,000	
Alternative Provision	1,400,000	13,380,700
<b>Other High Needs Budgets</b>		
Service Level Agreements	1,506,400	
Top up funding Pre 16	14,610,700	
Top up funding Post 16	3,191,400	
Fees for pupils at independent schools	11,018,000	
Education out of School	1,270,900	
SEN support	4,743,200	
Support for inclusion	680,500	
Servicing Schools Forum	22,200	37,043,300
<b>Sending for Special Schools/Academies</b>		
Ethnic minority and bi-lingual	8,500	
Special Schools contingency	33,600	
Insurance	31,100	
Free School Meals Eligibiity	10,800	84,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>50,508,000</b>

## FINANCIAL YEAR 2018/2019

<b>EARLY YEARS BLOCK 2018/2019</b>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Early Years Block DfE notification		23,301,700
2 Year Old Funding		3,983,800
Pupil Premium funding		151,300
Disability Access Fund		105,200
<b>Adjusted Early Years Block Total 2018/2019</b>		<b>27,542,000</b>
<b>LA Central Budgets</b>		
Early Years Formula Funding (payments to PVIs and schools)		26,368,700
Early Years foundation incl training for moderators	471,000	
Early Years Improvement team	702,300	1,173,300
<b>Total</b>		<b>27,542,000</b>

## Appendix E

<b>EARLY YEARS BLOCK 2017/2018</b>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Early Years Block DfE notification		20,829,900
2 Year Old Funding		4,076,500
Pupil Premium funding		246,262
Disability Access Fund		98,400
Transfer from schools block		22,800
<b>Adjusted Early Years Block Total 2017/2018</b>		<b>25,273,862</b>
<b>LA Central Budgets</b>		
Early Years Formula Funding (payments to PVIs and schools)		24,175,762
Early Years foundation incl training for moderators	395,800	
Early Years Improvement team	702,300	1,098,100
<b>Total</b>		<b>25,273,862</b>