



SCHOOLS' FORUM MEETING

30TH JUNE 2022

SCHOOLS FINANCE UPDATE

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of Schools Forum is to advise local authorities on the operation of the local Schools Budget and its distribution among schools and other bodies. This paper updates the Forum on the Schools Funding Position.

2 SCHOOLS FUNDING 2021/22

2.1 The table below summarises the outturn position on the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2021/22.

	Schools £000	High Needs £000	Early Years £000	Central Schools £000	Total £000
Surplus/(Deficit) Carry Forwards from 2020/21	19	(576)	118	51	(388)
DSG Allocations prior to recoupment	27,579	4,579	1,729	174	34,062
Transfer between blocks	(132)	132			0
Academy Recoupment	(25,523)	(262)			(25,785)
Expenditure in Year					
Schools' allocations	(1,943)				(1,943)
Nationally Agreed School Licences				(33)	(33)
Admissions Service- staffing costs				(58)	(58)
Statutory & Retained Duties				(65)	(65)
Education for under 5's			(82)		(82)
3 & 4 Year Old Funding			(1,544)		(1,544)
2 Year Old Funding			(114)		(114)
SEN Placements		(4,550)			(4,550)
Recovery Plan Expenditure		(214)			(214)
Education Otherwise		(207)			(207)
Special Needs Teaching		(90)			(90)
Early Years Inclusion		(51)			(51)
Under/(Over) spends in 2021/22	(18)	(663)	(11)	18	(675)
Surplus/(Deficit) Carried Forward to 2022/23	1	(1,239)	107	69	(1,063)
Percentage of DSG	0.00%	3.64%	-0.31%	-0.20%	

2.2 The High Needs Block – The number of additional EHCP's during the year was 33 and increase of 12.5%, which is the main reason the high needs block is overspending.

2.3 Early Years Funding – the current position is based on funding as at the October 2021 reporting period for number of children in settings. The final quarters funding

will be based on the January 2022 Census data, but this will not be known until July 2022. The final outturn will be confirmed at the next schools report.

3 SCHOOLS FUNDING 22/23

3.1 The table below summarises the budget allocation on the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2022/23.

	Schools £000	High Needs £000	Early Years £000	Central Schools £000	Total £000
Surplus/(Deficit) Carry Forwards from 2021/22	1	(1,239)	107	69	(1,062)
DSG Allocations prior to recoupment	28,367	5,188	1,811	184	35,550
Transfer between blocks	(142)	142			0
Academy Recoupment	(26,348)	(310)			(26,658)
Expenditure in Year					
Schools' allocations	(1,877)				(1,877)
Nationally Agreed School Licences				(41)	(41)
Admissions Service- staffing costs				(68)	(68)
Statutory & Retained Duties				(76)	(76)
Education for under 5's			(86)		(86)
3 & 4 Year Old Funding			(1,639)		(1,639)
2 Year Old Funding			(87)		(87)
SEN Funding Maintained Schools and Academies		(2,801)			(2,801)
SEN Funding Post 16		(189)			(189)
SEN Recovery Plan Expenditure		(357)			(357)
SEN Funding - Independent Special Schools		(1,175)			(1,175)
SEN Funding EOTAS & Tuition		(250)			(250)
SEN RCC Recharge		(197)			(197)
Early Years Inclusion (SENIF)		(50)			(50)
Under/(Over) spends in 2021/22	(0)	0	(1)	(1)	(1)
Surplus/(Deficit) Carried Forward to 2023/24	1	(1,239)	106	68	(1,063)

3.2 The table above shows the budget allocated against each block. A forecast will be presented in the next schools forum once the July Census has been published for Early Years and we have more data on the SEN position.

3.3 The High Needs Block continues to be the biggest area for concern. The outturn for 21/22 showed the Council spent £5.1m last year and although the budget is £5.0m it is expected that demand will continue in the year and the deficit will continue to grow.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That the Schools' Forum notes the contents of the report.