

## SCHOOLS' FORUM

**Day:** Tuesday  
**Date:** 17 January 2017  
**Time:** 1.30 pm  
**Place:** Lesser Hall - Dukinfield Town Hall

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## SCHOOLS FORUM

18 October 2016

Commenced: 1.30pm Terminated: 3.20pm

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Janet Rathburn (Chair)</b>	<b>Primary Schools – Academies</b>
	<b>Robin Elms</b>	<b>Special Schools – L/A Maintained</b>
	<b>Lisa Gallaher</b>	<b>Primary Schools – L/A Maintained</b>
	<b>Scott Lees</b>	<b>Primary Schools – L/A Maintained</b>
	<b>Bev Alford</b>	<b>Primary Schools – L/A Maintained</b>
	<b>Des Howlett</b>	<b>Primary Schools – L/A Maintained</b>
	<b>Elizabeth Jones</b>	<b>Governor, Secondary Schools – L/A Maintained</b>
	<b>Pam Hirst</b>	<b>Governor, Primary Schools – L/A Maintained</b>
	<b>Susan Marsh</b>	<b>Governor, Primary Schools - L/A Maintained</b>
	<b>Elaine Horridge</b>	<b>Diocesan Representative</b>
	<b>Anne Slater</b>	<b>NUT</b>
	<b>Anton McGrath</b>	<b>14 – 19 Sector</b>
	<b>Deb Hill</b>	<b>Virtual School Head Teacher</b>
	<b>Councillor J Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>First Deputy (Performance &amp; Finance)</b>
	<b>Councillor L Travis</b>	<b>Executive Member (Lifelong Learning)</b>
	<b>Bob Berry</b>	<b>Assistant Executive Director (Learning)</b>
	<b>David Thompstone</b>	<b>Senior Resource Manager</b>
	<b>Stephen Wilde</b>	<b>Head of Resource Management</b>

### Apologies for absence:

<b>Jeffrey Mellor</b>	<b>Governor – Special Schools - Academies</b>
<b>Anthony McDermott</b>	<b>Governor, Primary Schools – L/A Maintained</b>
<b>Janet Burns</b>	<b>Secondary Schools – L/A Maintained</b>
<b>Maureen Brettell</b>	<b>Pupil Referral Services</b>
<b>Matt Jennings</b>	<b>Secondary Schools – Academies</b>
<b>Karen Burns</b>	<b>Primary Schools - Academies</b>
<b>Steve Marsland</b>	<b>Primary Schools – L/A Maintained</b>

## 48. MINUTES

(i) The Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 21 March 2016, having been circulated, were approved as a correct record subject to inclusion of Bob Berry, Assistant Executive Director (Learning) and Pam Hirst, Governor in the list of those present at the meeting.

The notes of an inquorate meeting of the Forum held on 18 July 2016, having been circulated, were received as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Bob Berry, Assistant Executive Director (Learning) in the list of apologies.

## 49. 2015/16 FINAL SCHOOL BALANCES

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Executive Director (Finance), which provided information on the reconciled school balances at 31 March 2016.

It was explained that the final level of school balances as at 31 March 2016 was £7.187 million, a decrease of £1.602 million on the balance reported at 31 March 2015. Summary details were also provided of the cumulative level of Tameside school balances for the previous three financial years.

Appendix A to the report provided a detailed breakdown of each school's balances as at 31 March 2016 and highlighted those schools with balances in excess of the permitted thresholds (8% for primary and special schools and 5% for secondary schools).

Appendix B to the report showed the movement in school balances since 31 March 2013 at an individual school level. The Head of Resource Management reported on the deficit balances for schools and the projected deficit of some schools, which was a cause for concern. Since the preparation of the report, those schools with balances in excess of permitted thresholds had been asked for their expenditure commitments and these would be reported at the next meeting.

It was reported that the number of schools with a deficit balance was increasing and any school with a projected deficit budget position would be required to submit a deficit budget recovery plan to ensure a balanced budget was delivered. It was reported that the Head of Resource Management had written to those schools to explain the recovery plan procedure utilising the latest approved three year budget plan submitted to the Council. The Forum was informed that meetings were being arranged with relevant schools to discuss the projected deficit in further detail and to provide support and guidance on options to consider ensuring balanced budgets were being delivered.

A discussion ensued about those schools that had made spending commitments but had not yet followed these through, which was considered disappointing. Concerns were also expressed that schools were not making the distinction between good financial prudence and money being spent for enrichment purposes for the children. Members enquired about how to ensure that those schools with surplus balances were spending money on the children and it was agreed that conversations would take place with the schools to ensure that the money was spent appropriately.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the content of the report be noted;**
- (ii) That the continuation of the existing excess revenue surplus balance monitoring mechanism for schools within the borough be agreed i.e. planned commitments were required for revenue surplus balances in excess of 8% of delegated revenue budget for Primary and Special schools and 5% of delegated revenue budget for Secondary schools. Agreed that commitment details be reported to the Schools Forum, which would have the opportunity to consider a redistribution mechanism for any uncommitted revenue balances above permitted thresholds. That the expenditure commitment details for those schools with a surplus balance in excess of permitted thresholds at 31 March 2016 to be provided to the Resource Management Service of the Council by 21 October 2016. The associated details to be reported to the next Schools Forum meeting for consideration; and**
- (iii) That it be noted that any school which had or was projecting a deficit budget position either during or by the end of the existing three year budget period would be required to submit a deficit budget recovery plan to ensure a balanced budget was delivered. The associated recovery plan would require the approval by the Governing Body and the Section 151 Officer of the Council in accordance with sections 4.4 to 4.9 of the Tameside Scheme of Financing for Schools. The development or recovery plans with associated schools would commence during the current term to ensure they were approved by the Governing Body and Section 151 Officer of the Council during the current financial year.**

**50. COUNCIL MANAGED DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MONITORING UPDATE 2016/17**

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Executive Director of (Finance), which detailed the centrally managed Dedicated Schools Grant for 2016/17.

The report detailed the financial monitoring position for 2016/17 at the end of September 2016 for the Council Services as listed in Appendix A to the report, the Centrally Managed High Needs

services and the Early Years funding that was delegated to Private, Voluntary and Independent Providers.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the contents of the report be noted.**

**51. COUNCIL SERVICES TO SCHOOLS FROM 2017/18**

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Executive Director (Finance), which provided an update to Schools Forum members on the key principles of the Services to Schools delivery model from 1 April 2017, one of which would be a fixed two year rolling contract agreement.

It was reported that for both budget and human resources planning purposes, the Council needed to obtain an agreement from schools if services were required for a pre-determined duration prior to the start of the following financial year.

It was explained that Council services had reviewed their capacity to deliver additional services over and above their core statutory functions. The service now only delivered the core statutory functions and schools procured additional support via other external providers.

Concerns were expressed by members of the Forum that this information should have been sent to schools earlier to give them enough time to consider the proposals. Further concerns were expressed that when signing 2 year contracts whilst the price remained the same, many schools found that the service/provisions changed and were therefore keen that the Council provide assurances that schools would be provided with the exact services that they were buying into. Forum members were informed that Service Level Agreements would be detailed and robust so that schools knew precisely what services they would be receiving. The service delivery model detail and associated prices would be provided to schools by 30 November 2016 at the latest.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the contents of the report be noted.**

**52. FINANCING OF SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Executive Director (Finance), which outlined the details of the Department for Education (DfE) proposed changes for the funding for schools admission appeals following consultation during November 2015.

Members were informed that this report had previously been presented to the Schools Forum on 18 July 2016. Since that date the Council had reimbursed all charges from prior financial years (including the current financial year) levied against Voluntary Aided school budgets.

In November 2015, the Department for Education (DfE) issued a consultation regarding the funding for schools admission appeals. The consultation outcome was published in December 2015.

It was reported that Local authorities were required to publish schemes for financing schools setting out the financial relationship between them and the schools they maintained. The scheme for financing schools guidance listed the provisions, which a local authority's scheme must, should or may include. Section 6.2 of the guidance listed the main circumstances in which a local authority could charge school budgets for agreed services and concerned maintained school only. The consultation related to proposals to extend the list to provide flexibility for funding admission appeals.

The report further detailed the proposed changes and the current arrangements for the financing of school appeals.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the Council applies to the Secretary of State (via the schools finance disapplication request form as stated in section 3.5 of the report) in advance of the 2017/2018 financial year to increase the centrally retained DSG sum stated in section 4.1. The funding increase would support the financing of school appeals for Voluntary Aided Schools should those schools require the Council to continue the administration of their associated school appeals;
- (ii) To note that in the event that the funding disapplication request is rejected by the Secretary of State, then the Council would propose to Schools Forum that from the 2017/2018 financial year, the cost of the school appeals administered on behalf of primary and secondary Voluntary Aided school was financed from the centrally retained Dedicated Schools Grant contingency budget;
- (iii) That Academy Schools continued to be invoiced via existing arrangements to recover the relevant cost where the Council was commissioned to administer their associated school appeals; and
- (iv) To note that the Council had reimbursed all charges from prior financial years (including the current financial year) levied against Voluntary Aided school budgets.

**53. COUNCIL MANAGED DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MONITORING UPDATE 2015/16**

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Executive Director (Finance), which detailed the centrally managed Dedicated Schools Grant for 2015/16.

The report detailed the financial monitoring position for 2015/16 financial year for the Council Services as listed in Appendix A to the report, the Centrally Retained High Needs services and the Early Years funding that was delegated to Private, Voluntary and Independent Providers.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted;
- (ii) That agreement be given to the allocation of unspent 2015/16 funding totalling £122,887 pro rata to the original contribution made by each School for the Contingency, Trade Union Support and Equality, Multiculturalism and Access Team (EMAT) services. Secondary School members could not vote on this issue as it specifically related to Primary Schools;
- (iii) That agreement be given to the allocation of unspent 2015/16 funding from the Behaviour for Learning and Inclusion Service (BLIS) of £17,829 to support the projected shortfall in income for that service in 2016/17. Secondary School members could not vote on this issue as it specifically related to Primary Schools; and
- (iv) That the unspent 2015/16 funding relating to Schools Forum support costs of £5,000 be used to support the equivalent budget in 2016/17.

**54. PUPIL PREMIUM PLUS PAYMENTS FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN (LAC)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Executive Director (Learning), which outlined a proposal to amend Pupil Premium Plus payment in order to increase Special Educational Needs (SEN) support for Tameside's Looked After Children (LAC).

It was explained that the current policy in Tameside was to devolve the Pupil Premium grant for current Looked After Children (LAC) fully to schools. Whilst the Council had control over this funding in accordance with the grant regulations the Virtual School Head Teacher committed to consulting with schools in advance of any changes to this policy. The current policy was that Schools received termly instalments of the grant based on the production of Personal Education Plans (PEPs) that were approved by the Virtual School Head Teacher. The annual value of the Pupil Premium grant per Looked After Child was £1,900.

The report detailed proposals which worked on the basis of there being at least 320 Tameside looked after children then reducing the Pupil Premium Plus termly payments from £633 per term to £500 per term, this would reduce total allocations to schools by approximately £127,680. It was proposed that this funding was then used to enable the Council to recruit a full time equivalent Educational Psychologist (via external associates) and a Special Educational Needs (SEN) Caseworker on a 2 year fixed term contract. The approximated cost of both posts would be £116,800 per annum and any difference between their actual cost and the reduced funding being allocated to schools could be used to target funding at specific LAC with additional needs.

The proposal would enable all schools to be able to request an Educational Psychologist assessment for a Tameside looked after child at no cost. Having a named SEN caseworker at the Council for Looked after children would allow schools to access direct advice and support in applying for Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs).

A discussion ensued and Forum members enquired about the capacity of one SEN caseworker to service the needs of all schools but it was explained that there would be an identifiable and contained workload, which could be appropriately managed.

It was agreed that this report be taken to Tameside Primaries Consortium (TPC) and Tameside Association of Secondary Headteachers (TASH) first for discussion with the results to be fed back to the Schools Forum at the next formal meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the report be submitted to Tameside Primaries Consortium and the Tameside Association of Secondary Head teachers for consultation with results of the consultation to be fed back to the Schools Forum at the next formal meeting.**

**55. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Senior Resource Manager informed members that a further meeting of the Forum was required at the start of January 2017. The meeting was needed in this timescale to enable Forum members to consider the proposed funding scheme for 2017/18 before it could be formally approved by the Council and submitted to the DfE by early January 2017.

**RESOLVED:**

**To note the date of the next meetings of the Schools Forum to be arranged and circulated by email to all members.**

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# Agenda Item 3

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>SCHOOLS FORUM</b>
<b>Date:</b>	17 January 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Ian Duncan – Assistant Executive Director (Finance) Bob Berry – Assistant Executive Director (Learning)
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>FINAL SCHOOL OUTTURN BALANCES 2015/16</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b>	A report on the reconciled school balances at 31 March 2016, with updates from Schools relating to the potential use of those balances.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	Members of the Schools Forum are recommended to:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Note the contents of the report.</li><li>2) Consider the continuation of the existing excess revenue surplus balance monitoring mechanism for schools within the Borough i.e. planned commitments are required for revenue surplus balances in excess of 8% of delegated revenue budget for Primary and Special schools and 5% of delegated revenue budget for Secondary schools. Commitment details are to be reported to the Schools Forum which will have the opportunity to consider a redistribution mechanism for any uncommitted revenue balances above permitted thresholds.</li><li>3) Note that any school which has or is projecting a deficit budget position either during or by the end of the existing three year budget period will be required to submit a deficit budget recovery plan to ensure a balanced budget is delivered (as referenced in section 5.6 of the report). The associated recovery plan will require approval by the Governing Body and the Section 151 Officer of the Council in accordance with sections 4.4 to 4.9 of the Tameside Scheme of Financing for Schools. The development of recovery plans with associated schools will commence during the current term to ensure they are approved by the Governing Body and Section 151 officer of the Council during the current financial year.</li></ol>
<b>Links to Community Strategy:</b>	Effectively calculated and targeted resources will improve access to a high quality education experience for all our children.
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	Overall effective use of resources across Tameside schools is a key component in the Authority's Annual Use of Resources Statement.
<b>Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)</b>	Schools with a projected excessive revenue surplus balance (greater than 8% of in year delegated funding for primary and special schools and greater than 5% of in year delegated funding for secondary schools) are required to have an agreed plan of commitments in place with the Council for the excessive balance should the Schools Forum agree to the

continuation of this monitoring mechanism.

Schools with a current or a projected deficit balance within the existing three year budget period are required to have an agreed budget recovery plan in place with the Council to ensure a balanced budget is delivered. The development of recovery plans with associated schools will commence during the current term to ensure they are approved by the Governing Body and Section 151 officer of the Council during the current financial year.

**Legal Implications:  
(Authorised by the Borough  
Solicitor)**

The Council and the Forum need to consider how best to manage the current situation in light of the interests of all pupils in the Borough. The impact of a school becoming an academy and leaving a debt to the Local Authority has an impact on all as the Local Authority must achieve a balanced budget. As well as a deficit being a concern, so are excessive unused balances especially where schools are seeking additional capital funds and they have money uncommitted or not spent.

**Risk Management:**

The correct accounting treatment of the Dedicated Schools Grant is a condition of the grant and procedures exist in budget monitoring and the closure of accounts to ensure that this is achieved. These will be subject to regular review.

**Access To Information:**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Stephen Wilde, Head of Resource Management, Resource Management, Directorate of Finance by:



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## 1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Final school balances for 2014/15 were presented to the Schools Forum on 20 October 2015.
- 1.2 Total reconciled school balances (inclusive of revenue and capital) at 31 March 2015 were £8.789 million. This was a decrease of £2.792 million on the balance reported at 31 March 2014.
- 1.3 The final level of school balances as at 31 March 2016 are £7.187m, a decrease of £1.602m on the balance reported at 31 March 2015. It is important to note that two Tameside schools became Academies prior to 31 March 2016, which accounts for £0.250m of the reduction in balances (Manor Green Primary School £0.101m, Moorside Primary School £0.149m). The reduction in balances during 2015/16 for those schools which were Maintained Schools at 31 March 2016 was £1.352m.
- 1.4 There are currently 8 Academy Conversions which have been confirmed to take place during 2016/17. Of these schools, Godley Primary School and Oakfield Primary School converted on 1 April 2016 with combined balances of £0.160m. Flowery Field Primary School converted on 1 June 2016 with a balance of £0.124m. Two further schools, Dowson Primary School and Bradley Green Primary School converted on 1 September 2016 but their final balances have not yet been determined. Leigh Primary School and St Paul's Primary School, Stalybridge, are expected to convert before the end of the autumn term with Astley Sports College expected to convert before the end of the financial year.
- 1.5 This is a comparatively large number of conversions in one financial year and consequently they will have a significant effect on the level of school balances at the end of 2016/17. There are two further schools which have applications to convert to Academy Status waiting to be approved by the Department for Education (DfE) and more schools could apply and convert before the end of the financial year, which would further reduce the total level of balances.

**Table 1. Summary details of the cumulative level of Tameside school balances for the previous three financial years.**

Financial Year	Revenue Balance £'000	Capital Balance £'000	Total Balance £'000	Change in Year £'000
2013/2014	11,142	438	11,581	- 338
2014/2015	8,363	425	8,789	-2,792
2015/2016	6,710	477	7,187	-1,602

- 1.6 There are 2 appendices to this report which give further information on schools balances over the last three years as detailed below:
- Appendix A** shows a detailed breakdown of each school's balance as at 31 March 2016 and highlights those schools with balances in excess of the permitted thresholds (8% for primary and special schools and 5% for secondary schools). It also contains details of the proposed use of those balances provided by Schools since the last report to Forum in October 2016.
- Appendix B** shows the movement in school balances since 31 March 2013 at an individual school level.
- 1.7 A revised Scheme for the Financing of Schools was implemented on 1 April 2011. The scheme states that Local Authorities should consider relaxing their excess surplus claw back mechanism. Any mechanism should have regard to the principle that schools should

be moving towards greater autonomy. Local Authorities should focus their attention on those schools which have accumulated significant excessive uncommitted balances and/or where some level of redistribution would support improved provision across a local area. Sections 2 to 4 of this report provides detail of the number of schools in each sector with surplus/deficit balances, as well as the number of schools with a balance in excess of the permitted threshold.

- 1.8 The surplus balance claw back mechanism in operation in Tameside is facilitated by the Schools Forum and any decision to enforce a claw back has to be made by voting members. The thresholds used in Tameside to define excess surplus balances are 8% of the respective delegated revenue budget for Primary and Special Schools and 5% for Secondary Schools.

## **2. FINAL PRIMARY SCHOOL BALANCES**

- 2.1 There were 65 primary schools (81% of all Tameside schools) with a surplus balance at 31 March 2016.
- 2.2 There were 29 primary schools with surplus balances which equated to less than 8% of their 2015/16 delegated school budget.
- 2.3 There were 36 primary schools with a surplus which was greater than the permitted threshold. The total of excess surplus balances in primary schools was £1.990m at 31 March 2016.
- 2.4 There were 2 primary schools (3% of all Tameside Schools) with deficit balances. The total level of deficit balances in primary schools was £0.056m at 31 March 2016.

## **3. FINAL SECONDARY SCHOOL BALANCES**

- 3.1 There were 3 secondary schools (4% of all Tameside schools) with a surplus balance at 31 March 2016.
- 3.2 There was 1 secondary school with surplus balances which equated to less than 5% of their 2015/16 delegated school budget.
- 3.3 There were 2 secondary schools with a surplus which was greater than the permitted threshold. The total of excess surplus balances in secondary schools was £0.218m at 31 March 2016.
- 3.4 There were 5 secondary schools (6% of all Tameside Schools) with a deficit balance. The total level of deficit balances in secondary schools was £1.289m at 31 March 2016.

## **4. FINAL SPECIAL SCHOOL BALANCES**

- 4.1 There were 4 special schools (6% of all Tameside schools) with a surplus balance at 31 March 2016.
- 4.2 There were 3 special schools with surplus balances which equated to less than 8% of their 2015/16 delegated school budget.
- 4.3 There was 1 special school with a surplus which was greater than the permitted threshold. The excess element of this school's balance was £0.063m.

## 5. SCHOOLS WITH DEFICIT BALANCES

- 5.1 At 31 March 2016 there were 7 schools with deficit balances. The total of these deficits was £1.345m (Primary Schools £0.056m, Secondary Schools £1.289m). The table below provides details on the level of projected school deficits up to 31 March 2019.
- 5.2 Whilst the number and level of schools in deficit in the Secondary sector is already a concern, the data in table 2 below highlights that the trend is also likely to be replicated in the Primary and Special school sectors in future years.

**Table 2. Projected schools and deficit balances 2017 to 2019**

Financial Year Ending 31 March	Number of schools projecting deficit balances				Value of projected deficit balances £m			
	Primary	Secondary	Special	Total	Primary	Secondary	Special	Total
2017	5	6	3	14	0.090	3.243	0.309	3.642
2018	15	6	3	24	0.707	5.439	0.916	7.062
2019	26	6	3	35	2.501	7.279	1.612	11.392

NB: Table 2 is based on budget plan data from schools which were maintained as at 31 March 2016.

- 5.3 Along with all other Local Authorities, Tameside introduced a new funding model in April 2013. Whilst the new model has meant changes for many schools in their levels of their funding, the Minimum Funding Guarantee has protected those schools which would have seen a large decrease in funding, but the nature of the Minimum Funding Guarantee means that this protection reduces in future years and therefore it is now be starting to have an impact on school balances.
- 5.4 However, it should be noted that historically school budget plans are extremely pessimistic. Budget plans from schools in 2015/16 indicated balances would reduce by just over £6m compared to the actual reduction in balances of £1.6m. Therefore concerns are once again raised over the accuracy of budget plans submitted to the Council. School budget plans are used by the Council for a variety of purposes, including the calculation of cash deposits to schools. Submission of inaccurate data can lead to schools not receiving their correct cash allocation during the financial year, with adjustments required in the following year.
- 5.5 Whilst the figures in table 2 above most likely represent a worst case scenario position, the trend in the decline of school balances is concerning. The Tameside Scheme of Financing for Schools dictates that licensed deficits will be no more than 20% of gross surpluses held by schools. As at 31 March 2016 cumulative school deficits represented 16% of gross school surpluses. Based on the projections above at the end of March 2017 this figure will rise to 79% which would equate to a reduction in balances during the current financial year of approximately £6.2m.
- 5.6 Any school which is projecting a deficit budget position, either during or by the end of the existing three year budget period, will be required to submit a deficit budget recovery plan to ensure a balanced budget is delivered. The associated recovery plan will require approval by the Governing Body and the Section 151 officer of the Council in accordance with sections 4.4 to 4.9 of the Tameside Scheme of Financing for Schools. The Head of Resource Management Service wrote to those schools where this applies during week commencing 3 October 2016 to explain the recovery plan procedure utilising the latest approved three year budget plan submitted to the Council. Associated meetings are being arranged with relevant schools to discuss the projected deficit in further detail and to provide support and guidance on options to consider ensuring balanced budgets are

delivered. Recovery plans will require approval by the Governing Body and Section 151 officer of the Council during the current financial year.

- 5.7 All schools were contacted after the Forum meeting in October 2016 requesting that formal deficit recover plans be provided to the Council during the autumn term 2016.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 As set out on the front of the report.

**Schools Forum Final Schools Outturn Balances at 31 March 2016 - Appendix A**

SCHOOL NO	SCHOOL NAME	REVENUE OUTTURN AT 31/03/16	CAPITAL OUTTURN AT 31/03/16	TOTAL OUTTURN BALANCE AT 31/03/16	REVENUE FUNDING 2015/16	CAPITAL FUNDING 2015/16	TOTAL FUNDING 2015/16	EXCESS REVENUE SURPLUS GREATER THAN PERMITTED THRESHOLD	PERMITTED REVENUE BALANCE	EXCESS SURPLUS BALANCE	PLANNED COMMITMENTS
		£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	
<b>Primary Schools</b>											
2001	Greenfield Primary School	3,000	0	3,000	1,560,854	7,080	1,567,934	No			
2004	Hollingworth Primary School										Our current Budget Plan (and this was also predicted last year) shows that our predicted funding less our predicted expenditure means we are working with an in-year deficit of approx. £46,000. This deficit carries on into the next two years. The excess surplus balance will mostly be used to "cushion" this effect as governors are keen to not have to look at reducing staffing at this time. We currently have staffing issues with a member of the teaching staff who is absent due to sickness, which has meant that we have had to allocate a considerable sum to pay for a teacher to cover in her absence. This has been an ongoing issue and so this situation was anticipated by Governors. The actual school building (over 100 years old) continues to be a worry regarding repairs and maintenance. We have classroom floors which have lifted in several places due to underground dampness issues and part of the surplus will be used as a "contingency" to carry out these major repairs on a rolling programme.
		80,866	794	81,660	942,069	6,257	948,326	Yes	75,365	5,500	
2005	Oakfield Primary School	122,548	0	122,548	1,241,681	6,471	1,248,152	Yes	99,334	23,214	Became an Academy on 1st April 2016
2006	Pinfold Primary School										£1,000 is committed to the continuing development of the external Forest School area. £1,000  £20,000 has been allocated to this year's IT budget. Over the next 12 months we would like to undertake a complete overhaul of all classroom laptops and iPads and replace where necessary. £20,000  £5,000 estimated for expected variances to the PFI contract. £5,000  We are aware that there is a possibility of cuts to school budgets, with this in mind we have factored in a 1% reduction in funding from 2017/18 onwards – this equates to approximately £20,000 each year. £20,000
		189,373	0	189,373	2,202,604	8,187	2,210,791	Yes	176,208	13,165	
2008	Flowery Field Primary School	107,498	0	107,498	2,388,451	9,132	2,397,583	No			
2011	Arundale Primary and Nursery School	98,365	7	98,372	1,285,476	5,998	1,291,474	No			
2018	Gorse Hall Primary School	176,605	0	176,605	1,764,995	8,952	1,773,947	Yes	141,200	35,405	As of the end of March 2016 our outturn balance was in excess of permitted thresholds, however due to additional costings levied on schools beyond our control, we anticipate a deficit budget in two years. The carry forward will therefore be used to minimise the impact of the predicted deficit budget on outcomes for children.
2019	Stalyhill Junior School	111,362	0	111,362	944,892	6,644	951,536	Yes	75,591	35,771	£25,000 to be brought forward to be spent on playground shade and entrance canopy £4,891 PE and Sports Grant Cost to be confirmed - Heating system works Cost to be confirmed - Replacement Double Glazing, upgrade of locks and key fob system Cost to be confirmed - Upgrade of the fire alarm system Additional funding for Science in relation to the Science Award
2020	Arlies Primary School	225,147	0	225,147	1,129,690	6,691	1,136,381	Yes	90,375	134,771	Water Tank/Removal asbestos £20,000 Water to Mains fed £10,000 New Playground £30,000 ICT upgrades £15,000 Shanghai Maths £6,500 Support SEN TA L2 part time £8,000 Midday SEN support £1,500 Support for Management during transition between head teachers £8,000
2021	Buckton Vale Primary School	(23,729)	6,651	(17,078)	1,146,041	6,903	1,152,944	No			
2024	Lyndhurst Community Primary School	59,463	44,284	103,747	1,254,335	6,538	1,260,873	No			
2025	Broadbent Fold Primary School	81,663	645	82,308	937,254	6,482	943,736	Yes	74,980	6,682	The surplus balance was to cover the cost of the extensive refurbishment work in EYFS which took place during the summer holidays.
2026	Wildbank Primary School	125,219	2,932	128,151	1,028,843	5,492	1,034,335	Yes	82,307	42,911	The excess surplus is because the schools pupil numbers have increased substantially over the last few years and we have gone from having mixed year groups to one form entry. The school will need alterations to the central area and possibly an extension, as well as additional staffing. The excess will go towards funding this.
2027	Millbrook Primary School	58,611	0	58,612	1,164,466	6,576	1,171,042	No			
2032	Bradley Green Primary School	111,860	1	111,860	1,009,682	6,261	1,015,943	Yes	80,775	31,085	Became an Academy on 1st September 2016.
2033	Dowson Primary School	(40,719)	1,803	(38,915)	1,879,107	9,101	1,888,208	No			
2034	Godley Primary School	37,691	0	37,691	1,100,197	6,846	1,107,043	No			
2037	The Heys Primary School	149,922	6,729	156,651	1,360,576	6,729	1,367,305	Yes	108,846	41,076	£10,000 for planned upgrade of office and head PC's and laptop in classes £8,000 Professional Services (maths focus) £3,000 SIP Support £8,000 in entry and exit doors in classrooms £10,000 additional staffing of RI environment
2039	Audenshaw Primary School										Scheme for the Early years outdoor area £16k – now complete. Refurbishment of main administrative office and redesign of Head teacher's office £12k – now complete. Upgrade the telephone system in school. Awaiting quotes. Health and safety checks/maintenance on trees surrounding school grounds – awaiting quotes. Repairs to drains in school grounds £2.5k – Now Complete. 3 x part time additional TA's to support children with additional needs. £8.5 School fund income. £2k H&S repairs to concrete steps – Scheduled October. IT maintenance programme. Ongoing maintenance repairs to building.
		113,423	0	113,423	894,211	6,385	900,596	Yes	71,537	41,886	
2040	Poplar Street Primary School	37,056	60	37,116	1,723,720	8,311	1,732,031	No			
2042	Russell Scott Primary School	266,154	25,400	291,554	1,891,113	8,590	1,899,703	Yes	151,289	114,865	Since year end we have spent £111,000 on the remodel of our EYFS area. We are holding £120k for work completed by Carillion that is still in dispute, when the problems have been resolved the funds will be released.

2045	Fairfield Road Primary School	493,607	0	493,607	1,730,000	7,830	1,737,830	Yes	138,400	355,206	Due to the timing of the confirmation of a new canteen build, the other projects outlined in last year's surplus action plan were necessarily put on hold and are carried forward as projects for this financial year. New entrance area - £125,000 New car park - £25,000 Contribution to new canteen build to include PE space - £60,000 Resurfacing of the existing car park - £25,000 Extension of 2 KS1 classrooms out into the existing staff car park area - £150,000 Initial costs of linking Sure Start Centre to the school - £30,000
2051	Livingstone Primary School	150,293	11,857	162,150	807,139	5,681	812,820	Yes	64,571	85,722	Expenditure on IT - Various items - £27,550 Expenditure anticipated in relation to extension - £77,600 Other miscellaneous expenditure - £38,050
2053	Waterloo Primary School	246,313	0	246,313	1,946,502	8,534	1,955,036	Yes	155,720	90,593	Boiler Works - £27,049 Fencing - £8,626 Cladding - £8,200 Library Refurb - £12,367 Y5 Lockers - £1,788 Painting of large hall - £1,684 Grounds Maintenance - £1,100 Moving intercom to new gate entrance - £330
2055	Aldwyn Primary School	92,266	7,389	99,655	1,443,425	7,773	1,451,198	No			
2056	St. Anne's Primary School	111,373	57,409	168,782	917,642	6,295	923,937	Yes	73,411	37,961	Revenue contribution to capital project (office/reception) £11,500 - Investment in managed wireless system £6,500 - Installation of cooking facilities for curriculum use £7,000 - Investment in Maths intervention projects £2,000 - Fixed term teaching contract for workload peak £28,150
2058	Corrie Primary School	128,559	7,244	135,803	1,555,837	7,773	1,563,610	Yes	124,467	4,092	Excess Surplus less than £5,000
2063	Holden Clough Community Primary School	55,654	1,726	57,380	1,175,157	6,572	1,181,729	No			
2064	Dane Bank Primary School	127,471	13,903	141,375	1,031,797	6,540	1,038,337	Yes	82,544	44,928	In 2016/17 the School plan to spend £38,000 on building works are now almost complete but no accruals/commitments have yet been made. The School are also planning other non-recurrent expenditure (mainly IT upgrades) which will reduce our year end surplus to approximately £90,000.
2066	Greenside Primary School	60,266	0	60,266	1,896,902	9,020	1,905,922	No			
2068	Greswell Primary School	36,410	0	36,410	1,933,351	8,921	1,942,272	No			We have also outlined plans to invest further in IT in early 2017/18 which may be brought forward if we can negotiate the appropriate economies of scale on our 2016/17 expenditure.
2073	Stalyhill Infant School	137,106	38,786	175,892	851,303	6,025	857,328	Yes	68,104	69,002	Repairs and renewals projects (as 5 year premises plan) £37,000 Management support/staff release teacher/TA £40,000 Earmarked balances to carry forward PP/LAC/PE Grant £7,100  Sub total revenue £84,100  Capital Projects (as per 5 year premises plan) £26,000  Grand total surplus plan £110,100
2078	Yew Tree Community Primary School	(3,040)	3,313	273	2,160,672	9,398	2,170,070	No			
2078	Broadoak Primary School	162,709	0	162,709	1,771,320	7,488	1,778,808	Yes	141,706	21,003	Our surplus balance is to be spent on the landscaping of the new site. Work has commenced and completion will be before the new financial year, bringing the balance below the threshold for 17-18.
2079	Leigh Primary School	135,683	15,888	151,571	1,464,138	7,438	1,471,576	Yes	117,131	18,552	Due to convert to Academy status - was expect to convert by 1st Nov 2016 therefore the information was not requested. Expected conversion date is now 1st February 2017.
2080	Rosehill Methodist	146,760	54,021	200,781	2,265,903	8,921	2,274,824	No			
2081	Ravensfield	94,568	6,141	100,708	1,968,923	8,925	1,977,848	No			
3000	Gee Cross Holy Trinity C of E Primary School	71,081	6,531	77,612	941,366	6,531	947,897	No			
3001	Broadbottom Primary C of E School	28,962	7,379	36,341	572,506	5,159	577,665	No			
3003	St. John's C of E Primary School	155,155	0	155,155	1,138,395	6,673	1,145,068	Yes	91,072	64,083	Withdrawal space in school is extremely limited and discussions for a mobile unit to possibly house 'non classroom' activities are taking place. School is having the Phase 2 extension next year as part of the increase in planned pupil numbers to take us to 1.5 form entry. Once the building work has taken place and the 1.5 form classes have progressed to KS2 we will be in a position to know what withdrawal space is needed.  Additionally, the toilets serving Years 5 & 6 need remodelling, but as with the withdrawal space, until the final plans are known for the extension this cannot be progressed.
3019	Hurst Knoll St James' C of E Primary School	105,038	2,510	107,548	1,130,905	6,441	1,137,346	Yes	90,472	14,565	The B/F figure includes £34,978 Pupil Premium Funding and £1,365 P.E grant, totalling £36,343
3020	Parochial C of E Primary School	202,867	52,029	254,896	1,003,849	6,531	1,010,380	Yes	80,308	122,559	Employed an additional Teacher for 1 year to raise standards (Main Scale 6) - £31.2k School is currently looking at extending working areas for pupil learning by increasing the upstairs floor space over the Year 2 classroom. We have had a visit from an architect (Steve Mellor) who came into school (Monday 17th October) with Steven Hall from Tameside Structural Engineers to draw up plans ready to source costings and if viable using whole of Devolved Capital fund with any additional funding made from Revenue fund. We haven't got any costings yet - we expect that this project will take at least 2 years as we are in the early stages. As soon as costings are available we will forward these to our resource management adviser. Leak to hall roof needs repairing - this will involve scaffolding for access to repair to fire damaged boards and seal brickwork on the outside and relime the valley. (£3k) There has also been an increase in general repairs and maintenance compared with previous years.
3022	St. James C of E Primary School	94,320	0	94,320	1,160,531	6,369	1,166,900	Yes	92,843	1,477	Excess Surplus less than £5,000
3025	St. Paul's C of E Primary School	42,810	0	42,810	1,331,621	7,218	1,338,839	No			
3026	Milton St. John's C of E Primary School	102,788	0	102,788	944,159	6,572	950,731	Yes	75,533	27,256	Replacement Security Fencing to Perimeter = £27,265 Bulge Year Teaching Materials/Equipment ICT/Equipment Non-ICT = Estimated £15,000
3027	Micklehurst All Saints C of E Primary School	140,926	0	140,926	1,022,368	5,996	1,028,364	Yes	81,789	59,136	EYFS additional Teacher - £9,000 EAL Teacher - £9,000 Age appropriate reading books - £6,000 Raising standards in phonics - £10,000 Raising standards in maths - £5,000 IT upgrades - £5,000 School bell system - £10,000
3301	St. George's C of E Primary School	51,445	0	51,445	1,047,568	0	1,047,568	No			
3303	Mottram C of E Primary School	15,071	0	15,071	642,592	0	642,592	No			





3304	St. Paul's Catholic Primary School	104,116	0	104,116	1,036,574	0	1,036,574	Yes	82,926	21,190	The Excess Surplus Balance 15/16 will be committed to the staffing structure which is currently still taking place.
3305	St. James' Catholic Primary School	209,067	0	209,067	1,052,176	0	1,052,176	Yes	84,174	124,892	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension New Classroom/Staff Room 10% - £27,000</li> <li>• Refurbishment Classroom/Staff Room - £25,000</li> <li>• Contribution towards new Kitchen - £10,000</li> <li>• Wi-Fi whole school - £10,000</li> <li>• Outdoor Storage (Kitchen Entrance) refurbishment - £5,000</li> <li>• Paths &amp; Steps around school - £20,000</li> <li>• CCTV – Security Whole School - £20,000</li> <li>•Rabbit Hutch (Store room outside kitchen) - £5,000</li> </ul>
3308	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School	60,805	0	60,805	943,444	0	943,444	No			
3309	St. Peter's Catholic Primary School	122,134	0	122,134	939,536	0	939,536	Yes	75,163	46,971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundraising in 2015-16 for Charity donations £1,228</li> <li>Window / Door project Atkins £19,410</li> <li>Blinds for new Skylights fitted through LCVAP project £2,194</li> <li>Sports Grant £2,417</li> <li>Pupil Premium £2,502</li> <li>Library refurbishment £4,198</li> <li>ICT Wireless Network School £4,821</li> <li>ICT Wireless Network Nursery £2,586</li> <li>Periodic Inspection - nursery electrics £8,500</li> <li>Total £47,858</li> </ul>
3310	St. Raphael's Catholic Primary School	12,939	0	12,939	905,610	0	905,610	No			
3311	Canon Johnson C of E Primary School	66,140	0	66,140	1,136,276	0	1,136,276	No			
3312	Holy Trinity C of E Primary School	164,790	0	164,790	1,337,068	0	1,337,068	Yes	106,965	57,825	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional staffing to raise standards in reading and development, support for children with challenging behaviour and maternity cover - £51,424</li> <li>Contribution to hard wire testing - £6,000</li> <li>Mobile classroom replacement windows - £3,220</li> <li>Remembrance garden fencing - £1,985</li> <li>New security system - £4,000</li> <li>Repairs to flat roof - £1,370</li> <li>Contribution to school trips to enhance life experiences - £8,000</li> </ul>
3313	St. Peter's C of E Primary School	75,759	334	76,092	1,203,718	0	1,203,718	No			
3314	St. Stephen's C of E Primary School	60,746	0	60,746	985,400	0	985,400	No			
3315	St. Mary's C of E Primary School	49,103	0	49,103	1,012,247	0	1,012,247	No			
3316	St. George's C of E Primary School	56,598	0	56,598	772,646	0	772,646	No			
3319	Canon Burrows C of E Primary School	244,147	0	244,147	1,803,168	0	1,803,168	Yes	144,253	99,893	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£25,000 – Contingency grant for Academy conversion</li> <li>£11,000 – Early Years Partnership – Funds held by Canon Burrows.</li> <li>£54,000 approx. – Building Improvements/Works done 15/16 but not invoiced – now paid</li> <li>£10,000 approx. – Additional staffing- Now in place</li> </ul>
3322	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School	89,651	0	89,651	951,533	0	951,533	Yes	76,123	13,528	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EYFS £86</li> <li>After Schools Clubs £1,258</li> <li>School Fund £695</li> <li>School Visits £5,412</li> <li>NSS Income £6,106</li> <li>Additional Payments 15/16 (paid April 16) £4,178</li> <li>Pupil Premium – Salaries School Year 15/16 £18,360</li> <li>Remainder £12,351</li> <li>School Sports Grant £3,673</li> <li>Total committed carry forward £52,119</li> </ul>
3323	St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School	57,440	0	57,440	1,772,613	0	1,772,613	No			
3324	St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	119,579	0	119,579	770,264	0	770,264	Yes	61,621	57,957	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The roof has now been replaced but the leaking and damp have left some classrooms in disrepair.</li> <li>The estimate for each classroom is £10,000. Now that the roof has been replaced we can begin the work starting with the refurbishment of the Nursery.</li> <li>The estimated breakdown (based on last year's prices) is:</li> <li>Removal of lead piping £500</li> <li>Remove plaster and re-plaster £3,000</li> <li>Replace ceiling tiles £750 per classroom</li> <li>Decorate room £1,000+</li> <li>Replace carpets in the classrooms £1,000</li> <li>Renew or renovate the parquet floor in each room £1,000</li> <li>Replace window panels - if possible £3,000</li> </ul>
3325	St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School	129,008	0	129,008	944,697	0	944,697	Yes	75,576	53,432	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground trim trails £18,500</li> <li>Correction to playground resurface £5,000</li> <li>Diocesan contribution to phase in heating panels to classrooms £20,000</li> <li>Structural repair to outside perished stanchion posts £20,000 (TBC)</li> </ul>
3326	St. Christopher's Catholic Primary School	30,295	0	30,295	967,836	0	967,836	No			
3327	St. Anne's Catholic Primary School	84,209	0	84,209	1,029,404	0	1,029,404	Yes	82,352	1,857	Excess Surplus less than £5,000

3331	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Primary School	68,346	0	68,346	1,035,261	0	1,035,261	No			
<b>Secondary Schools</b>											
4006	Alder Community High	(30,239)	19,180	(11,059)	4,568,120	16,521	4,584,641	No			
4018	Mossley Hollins High School	(62,437)	0	(62,437)	4,243,149	16,943	4,260,092	No			
4023	Longdendale High School	(197,165)	35,191	(161,974)	4,030,072	17,179	4,047,251	No			
4025	Hyde Technology School	6,476	0	6,476	5,761,238	20,026	5,781,264	No			
4026	Astley Sports College and Community High School	(20,074)	13,602	(6,472)	3,567,596	13,602	3,581,198	No			
4028	Denton Community College	(1,047,497)	0	(1,047,497)	5,939,434	20,909	5,960,343	No			
4602	St. Damian's Catholic High School										<p>Committed Revenue:</p> <p>Following a staff review the following is proposed and the committed surplus balance is required to cover 15/16:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Appointment of two additional mathematics teachers w.e.f 01.09.16</li> <li>o Development of 3 x open space teaching areas into 6 x separate classrooms</li> <li>o Maintaining the existing provision of teaching and support staff in order to deliver the curriculum with agreed increase in PAN to 165</li> <li>o Maintaining existing provision of goods and services to school including PFI FM &amp; IT Managed Services</li> <li>o IT development Project</li> </ul> <p>£55k</p> <p>£100k</p> <p>£145K</p> <p>£28k</p> <p>£100k</p>
		428,555	0	428,555	4,210,018	0	4,210,018	Yes	210,501	218,054	
4603	St. Thomas More Catholic High School										<p>£13,500 Year 7 catch up premium (Received period 13)</p> <p>£38,387 SEN top up funding</p> <p>£5,666 Pupil Premium LAC</p> <p>£1,820 NQT funding</p>
		223,439	0	223,439	4,004,922	0	4,004,922	Yes	200,246	23,193	
<b>Special Schools</b>											
7002	Thomas Ashton School	154,722	19,564	174,286	1,130,727	5,553	1,136,280	Yes	90,458	64,264	Our surplus of £174,283 will be used to offset our current in year deficit of £233,988.
7003	Cromwell High School	89,301	3,900	93,201	1,615,913	6,025	1,621,938	No			
7006	Samuel Laycock School	17,413	0	17,413	2,000,397	7,409	2,007,806	No			
7009	Oakdale School	64,735	10,014	74,749	2,625,628	7,267	2,632,895	No			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,709,936</b>	<b>477,220</b>	<b>7,187,156</b>	<b>129,002,811</b>	<b>461,684</b>	<b>129,464,495</b>				



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# Agenda Item 4

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>SCHOOLS FORUM</b>
<b>Date:</b>	17 January 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Ian Duncan – Assistant Executive Director (Finance) Bob Berry – Assistant Executive Director (Learning)
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA CONSULTATION STAGE TWO</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b>	A report on the proposals contained with the second stage of the national funding formula for Schools consultation.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	Members of the Schools Forum are requested to note the contents of the report.
<b>Links to Community Strategy:</b>	Effectively calculated and targeted resources will improve access to a high quality education experience for all our children.
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	Expenditure in line with financial and policy framework.
<b>Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)</b>	<p>The Dedicated Schools Grant is a ring fenced grant solely for the purposes of schools and pupil related expenditure.</p> <p>This report summarises the high level effects of the proposals for Tameside and the appendices contain the full consultation documents.</p> <p>A query has been raised with the Department for Education about the treatment of Private Finance Initiative funding within the illustrative blocks of funding contained within the proposals for Tameside.</p>
<b>Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)</b>	There needs to be greater transparency and understanding of budget amongst schools in order to manage budgets effectively in the interest of improved performance and outcomes for pupils.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The correct accounting treatment of the Dedicated Schools Grant is a condition of the grant and procedures exist in budget monitoring and the closure of accounts to ensure that this is achieved. These will be subject to regular review.
<b>Background Papers</b>	<p>The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Stephen Wilde – Head of Resource Management, Directorate of Finance by:</p> <p> Telephone: 0161 342 3726</p> <p> e-mail: <a href="mailto:stephen.wilde@tameside.gov.uk">stephen.wilde@tameside.gov.uk</a></p>

## 1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Department for Education (DfE) carried out the first stage of a consultation during Easter 2016 in relation to arriving at a National Funding Formula to allocate the Dedicated Schools Grant. The DfE released the second stage of the consultation on 14 December 2016 and this report summarises the main proposals and how they would affect the funding of education in Tameside.
- 1.2 The grant value descriptions shown throughout the consultation documents and in this report refer to:
- The 2016/17 funding amounts as a Baseline of what each local authority area receives now;
  - The Illustrative National Funding Formula (NFF) amounts as the target figures the DfE believe that each local authority area should receive in future;
  - The Illustrative NFF funding for the First Year amounts as the estimated grant values for 2018/19.
- 1.3 The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is the primary source of funding for Schools. The estimated total target funding to be allocated to Tameside at the end of the proposed changes is £172.242m. The estimated allocation of DSG funding for the first year of the National Funding Formula (NFF) of 2018/19 is £170.706m. The equivalent baseline value for the same elements of DSG funding in 2016/17 was £169.122m, which represents an estimated increase of £1.584m (0.94%) in the first year of the NFF and an increase of £3.120m (1.84%) being the ultimate target amount. The timescale for reaching the final target figure is still unclear at this stage.
- 1.4 The above figures do not include any of the Early Years funding provided through the DSG as the consultation on that element of funding was completed in September 2016. The majority of this potential increase in total funding relates to High Needs which is discussed further in Section 4. These figures are also subject to clarification of a query in relation to the top sliced Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contribution that is referenced in Section 2 below.
- 1.5 This report summarises the effect of the NFF on each block of funding within the elements of the DSG covered by this consultation. **Appendix A** contains details of the individual School level effects of the target funding and 2018/19 funding compared to the baseline funding in 2016/17.
- 1.6 The full consultation documents can be accessed via this link - <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/> .

## 2. CENTRAL SERVICES SCHOOLS BLOCK

- 2.1 Central Services Schools Block is the terminology used by the DfE to refer to the element of the DSG that Councils are expected to access. The total value of the grant for this block of funding is £2.51m for 2018/19 under the new proposals, compared to the £2.574m baseline from 2016/17 which is a reduction of £0.064m. This funding was previously part of the Schools Block referenced in Section 3. The 2016/17 comparator figure being used as the baseline is derived from a combination of:
- £0.163m DSG funding retained in 2016/17 in relation to School Admissions and Schools Forum Support;
  - The Retained Duties element of the Education Services Grant (ESG) with a value of £0.520m in 2016/17; and

- Historical commitments against the DSG – the figure used by the DfE includes PFI top slicing in relation to mainstream (non-special) Schools in Tameside in 2016/17.

- 2.2 The DfE have indicated that the target NFF calculation of this element of funding for Tameside should be £1.079m, which is based primarily on per pupil rates and a small element of historic commitments. This is compared to the baseline for 2016/17 and the 2018/19 figures of over £2.5m referred to above. Both the baseline and 2018/19 value for Tameside appear to be distorted by the inclusion of £1.537m top sliced DSG funding in relation to PFI affordability.
- 2.3 Councils will be required to delegate any previously top sliced PFI funding to Schools via the Schools Block of funding from 2017/18 onwards. Therefore the Council anticipates the value of the Central Services Schools Block funding to reduce by approximately £1.537m after the DfE responds to the query that has been raised with them. This should result in the same amount being moved to the School Blocks to delegate to Schools, but until the DfE confirm this there is a risk about the overall value of the grant.
- 2.4 If this assumption about the PFI top slice treatment is correct then the DfE target funding value of £1.079m through the Central Services Schools Block would actually be an increase in funding of approximately £0.396m, (i.e. £1.079m less £ 0.163m less £ 0.520m (section 2.1) when compared to the 2016/17 baseline level of retention of DSG and the retained duties element of the ESG referenced in 2.1 above.
- 2.5 The DfE have previously indicated that they expect Councils to reduce their role in relation to School Improvement from September 2017 onwards. The consultation documents also state that the DfE recognise that in addition to the responsibilities that will be funded through the central school services block above, local authorities have other responsibilities in respect of education, for which they use funding from other sources. These responsibilities include the provision of home to school transport, assessing pupils with Special Education Needs (SEN), and planning for and supply of sufficient school places. They state that the funding for these additional responsibilities is not within the scope of this consultation. This feels an inadequate stance as it masks the total funding position for education and ignores the fact these other funding sources have been continuously eroded over the past seven years and will continue to do so up to, and including, 2019/20.

### 3. SCHOOLS BLOCK

- 3.1 The Schools Block of the DSG is the area of funding that is intended to fund mainstream (non-special) Schools. The element of the total DSG figure that relates to the Schools Block is £149.472m for 2018/19 under the new proposals, compared to the £148.328m baseline for 2016/17, which is an increase of £1.144m or 0.77% (these totals include the two recently opened academy schools (Inspire and Discovery), however the totals are excluded from the details presented in **Appendix A**). This is a significant change from the Minimum Funding Levels exercise that the DfE conducted in 2014/15 that was reported to Schools Forum and suggested that Tameside Schools were overfunded by approximately 3.52%.
- 3.2 As mentioned, the Council needs confirmation from the DfE that this increase does not relate to any PFI funding having already being transferred into this block, because such a transfer would not constitute additional funding.
- 3.3 On the assumption that the increase in funding in the Schools Block proves to be accurate then the 2018/19 NFF funding for Schools across Tameside results in a net increase of £ 1.174m (per **Appendix A**):

- 43 Schools across Tameside will experience an estimated total reduction in funding of £0.658m per annum between them
- 46 Schools will share an estimated increase in funding of £1.832m between them

3.4 **Appendix A** shows the individual School level implications of the proposals including the 2016/17 baseline, the eventual target funding amount and the amount in the first year of the implementation in 2018/19.

3.5 The DfE have targeted a ratio of funding in the proposed national funding formula between Primary and Secondary Schools of 1:1.29 meaning that on average Secondary Schools should receive 29% more funding per pupil than a Primary School. This matches the national average and Tameside's 2016/17 baseline equivalent ratio was 1:1.30, so this is not a significant change from the average distribution of funding already in place.

3.6 The proposal indicates that the current protection provided to Schools of not losing more than 1.5% of their pupil led funding per pupil each year will continue under the NFF. An additional protection element has been added which means that the target total school funding per school cannot reduce by more than 3% as a result of the proposals.

3.7 The DfE have recognised that PFI contract cost inflation cannot be controlled by Councils or Schools and therefore the consultation proposes that the PFI element of funding would be annually inflated with reference to RPIX (Retail Price Index excluding Housing), which is the same index used in the Tameside PFI contracts to inflate the cost of those services.

3.8 The proposed full implementation of the national funding formula will start in 2019/20 and is referred to as the hard formula by the DfE. Local authorities will still be able to agree local schemes during 2018/19 in the same manner as they do now, referred to as the soft formula. Consideration needs to be given to switching to a funding formula in 2018/19 that more closely matches the 2019/20 formula.

#### **4. HIGH NEEDS BLOCK**

4.1 The High Needs (often referred to as Special Education Needs (SEN)) element of the estimated DSG grant is £18.725m for 2018/19 under the new proposals, compared to £18.220m in the baseline year of 2016/17 which is an increase of £0.505m or 2.77%.

4.2 The total potential gain in target funding in this area of £2.959m is based on the DfE's revised assessment of needs in Tameside and should eventually result in a total of £21.179m of High Needs funding. However, the annual gains are capped at 3% per year initially and therefore it results in an increase of £0.5m in additional funding in the first year 2018/19.

4.3 The number of children and young adults accessing High Needs provision has been increasing annually for several years whereas significant elements of the DSG funding since April 2013 have been allocated based on data from 2011 and earlier years. Therefore this additional funding is essential in order to fund the cost of the increasing numbers of Pre and Post 16 High Needs placements.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 As stated on the report cover



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3572000	137951	Silver Springs Primary Academy	Primary	£1,579,000	£1,535,000	-2.8%	£1,557,000	-1.4%	-£22,000
3572001	106178	Greenfield Primary School and Early Years Centre	Primary	£1,297,000	£1,263,000	-2.7%	£1,280,000	-1.3%	-£17,000
3572004	106179	Hollingworth Primary School	Primary	£772,000	£809,000	4.7%	£792,000	2.5%	£20,000
3572005	142717	Oakfield Primary and Moderate Learning Difficulties Resource Provision	Primary	£884,000	£951,000	7.6%	£906,000	2.6%	£22,000
3572006	106181	Pinfold Primary School	Primary	£1,799,000	£1,801,000	0.1%	£1,801,000	0.1%	£2,000
3572008	142701	Flowery Field Primary School	Primary	£2,060,000	£2,179,000	5.8%	£2,114,000	2.6%	£54,000
3572009	140427	Inspire Academy ##	Primary						
3572010	140428	Discovery Academy ##	Primary						
3572011	106184	Arundale Primary School	Primary	£1,082,000	£1,056,000	-2.4%	£1,069,000	-1.1%	-£13,000
3572014	141408	Linden Road Academy and Hearing Impaired Base	Primary	£913,000	£939,000	2.9%	£937,000	2.6%	£24,000
3572018	106188	Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School	Primary	£1,505,000	£1,527,000	1.4%	£1,527,000	1.4%	£22,000
3572019	106189	Stalyhill Junior School	Primary	£908,000	£884,000	-2.6%	£896,000	-1.3%	-£12,000
3572020	106190	Arlies Primary School	Primary	£967,000	£991,000	2.5%	£991,000	2.5%	£24,000
3572021	106191	Buckton Vale Primary School	Primary	£1,065,000	£1,038,000	-2.5%	£1,051,000	-1.3%	-£14,000
3572024	106192	Lyndhurst Community Primary School	Primary	£1,027,000	£1,064,000	3.6%	£1,053,000	2.5%	£26,000
3572025	106193	Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery	Primary	£818,000	£797,000	-2.6%	£808,000	-1.3%	-£10,000
3572026	106194	Wild Bank Community School	Primary	£864,000	£842,000	-2.6%	£853,000	-1.3%	-£11,000
3572027	106195	Millbrook Primary School	Primary	£964,000	£938,000	-2.6%	£951,000	-1.3%	-£13,000
3572032	143376	Bradley Green Primary Academy	Primary	£797,000	£826,000	3.7%	£817,000	2.6%	£20,000
3572033	143377	Dowson Primary Academy	Primary	£1,593,000	£1,549,000	-2.8%	£1,571,000	-1.4%	-£22,000
3572034	142704	Godley Community Primary Academy	Primary	£963,000	£938,000	-2.6%	£951,000	-1.3%	-£12,000
3572037	106201	The Heys Primary School	Primary	£1,067,000	£1,063,000	-0.4%	£1,063,000	-0.4%	-£4,000
3572038	141759	Ashton West End Primary Academy	Primary	£1,445,000	£1,473,000	2.0%	£1,473,000	2.0%	£28,000
3572039	106203	Audenshaw Primary School	Primary	£828,000	£816,000	-1.5%	£817,000	-1.3%	-£11,000
3572040	106204	Poplar Street Primary School	Primary	£1,481,000	£1,553,000	4.8%	£1,522,000	2.7%	£41,000
3572042	106206	Russell Scott Primary School	Primary	£1,555,000	£1,653,000	6.3%	£1,597,000	2.7%	£42,000
3572045	106207	Fairfield Road Primary School	Primary	£1,509,000	£1,581,000	4.8%	£1,551,000	2.7%	£42,000
3572046	141445	Manchester Road Primary Academy	Primary	£1,482,000	£1,576,000	6.3%	£1,523,000	2.8%	£41,000
3572049	142499	Moorside Primary School	Primary	£1,497,000	£1,537,000	2.7%	£1,537,000	2.7%	£40,000
3572051	106210	Livingstone Primary School	Primary	£624,000	£608,000	-2.4%	£616,000	-1.2%	-£8,000
3572053	106211	Waterloo Primary School	Primary	£1,613,000	£1,695,000	5.1%	£1,657,000	2.7%	£44,000
3572055	106212	Aldwyn Primary School	Primary	£1,239,000	£1,206,000	-2.6%	£1,223,000	-1.3%	-£16,000
3572056	106213	St Anne's Primary School	Primary	£816,000	£814,000	-0.2%	£814,000	-0.2%	-£2,000
3572058	106214	Corrie Primary School	Primary	£1,226,000	£1,254,000	2.3%	£1,254,000	2.3%	£28,000
3572061	138207	Denton West End Primary School	Primary	£1,539,000	£1,497,000	-2.8%	£1,518,000	-1.4%	-£21,000
3572063	106216	Holden Clough Community Primary School	Primary	£1,067,000	£1,040,000	-2.6%	£1,053,000	-1.3%	-£14,000
3572064	106217	Dane Bank Primary School	Primary	£856,000	£862,000	0.8%	£862,000	0.8%	£6,000
3572066	106218	Greenside Primary School	Primary	£1,583,000	£1,628,000	2.8%	£1,626,000	2.7%	£43,000
3572068	106219	Greswell Primary School and Nursery	Primary	£1,548,000	£1,597,000	3.2%	£1,591,000	2.7%	£43,000
3572069	142286	Manor Green Primary Academy	Primary	£1,522,000	£1,577,000	3.6%	£1,564,000	2.8%	£42,000
3572073	106222	Stalyhill Infant School	Primary	£732,000	£713,000	-2.5%	£722,000	-1.2%	-£10,000
3572077	106223	Yew Tree Primary School	Primary	£1,760,000	£1,839,000	4.5%	£1,809,000	2.8%	£49,000
3572078	106224	Broadoak Primary School	Primary	£1,415,000	£1,438,000	1.7%	£1,438,000	1.7%	£23,000
3572079	106225	Leigh Primary School	Primary	£1,224,000	£1,227,000	0.3%	£1,227,000	0.3%	£3,000
3572080	133576	Rosehill Methodist Community Primary School	Primary	£1,820,000	£1,876,000	3.1%	£1,870,000	2.7%	£50,000
3572081	134845	Ravensfield Primary School	Primary	£1,671,000	£1,708,000	2.2%	£1,708,000	2.2%	£37,000
3573000	106226	Gee Cross Holy Trinity CofE (VC) Primary School	Primary	£830,000	£809,000	-2.5%	£820,000	-1.3%	-£10,000
3573001	106227	Broadbottom Church of England Primary School	Primary	£520,000	£508,000	-2.3%	£514,000	-1.2%	-£6,000
3573003	106228	St John's CofE Primary School, Dukinfield	Primary	£964,000	£953,000	-1.2%	£953,000	-1.2%	-£11,000
3573019	106229	Hurst Knoll St James' Church of England Primary School	Primary	£906,000	£955,000	5.4%	£929,000	2.6%	£23,000
3573020	106230	Parochial CofE Primary and Nursery School, Ashton-under-Lyne	Primary	£875,000	£898,000	2.6%	£897,000	2.5%	£22,000
3573022	106231	St James CofE Primary School, Ashton-under-Lyne	Primary	£992,000	£965,000	-2.7%	£978,000	-1.3%	-£14,000
3573025	106233	St Paul's CofE Primary School, Stalybridge	Primary	£1,198,000	£1,167,000	-2.6%	£1,182,000	-1.3%	-£16,000
3573026	106234	Milton St John's CofE Primary School	Primary	£822,000	£801,000	-2.6%	£811,000	-1.3%	-£11,000
3573027	106235	Micklehurst All Saints CofE Primary School	Primary	£923,000	£899,000	-2.6%	£911,000	-1.3%	-£12,000
3573301	106236	St George's CofE Primary School	Primary	£879,000	£904,000	2.8%	£902,000	2.6%	£23,000
3573303	106237	Mottram CofE Primary School	Primary	£552,000	£555,000	0.6%	£555,000	0.6%	£3,000
3573304	106238	St Paul's Catholic Primary School	Primary	£875,000	£873,000	-0.2%	£873,000	-0.2%	-£2,000
3573305	106239	St James Catholic Primary School	Primary	£961,000	£936,000	-2.6%	£948,000	-1.3%	-£13,000
3573308	106240	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Primary	£827,000	£841,000	1.7%	£841,000	1.7%	£14,000

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3573309	106241	St Peter's Catholic Primary School	Primary	£813,000	£792,000	-2.6%	£802,000	-1.3%	-£11,000
3573310	106242	St Raphael's Catholic Primary School	Primary	£733,000	£718,000	-2.0%	£724,000	-1.3%	-£9,000
3573311	106243	Canon Johnson CofE Primary School	Primary	£891,000	£934,000	4.8%	£915,000	2.6%	£24,000
3573312	106244	Holy Trinity CofE Primary School	Primary	£1,105,000	£1,075,000	-2.7%	£1,090,000	-1.3%	-£15,000
3573313	106245	St Peter's CofE Primary School	Primary	£968,000	£999,000	3.2%	£994,000	2.7%	£26,000
3573314	106246	St Stephen's CofE Primary School	Primary	£870,000	£887,000	2.0%	£887,000	2.0%	£17,000
3573316	106247	St Mary's CofE Primary School	Primary	£855,000	£867,000	1.4%	£867,000	1.4%	£12,000
3573317	106248	St George's CofE Primary School	Primary	£623,000	£616,000	-1.2%	£616,000	-1.2%	-£7,000
3573319	106249	Canon Burrows CofE Primary School	Primary	£1,537,000	£1,529,000	-0.5%	£1,529,000	-0.5%	-£8,000
3573322	106252	St Mary's RC Primary School	Primary	£836,000	£825,000	-1.3%	£825,000	-1.3%	-£11,000
3573323	106253	St Stephen's RC Primary School	Primary	£1,516,000	£1,506,000	-0.7%	£1,506,000	-0.7%	-£10,000
3573324	106254	St Joseph's RC Primary School	Primary	£665,000	£650,000	-2.4%	£657,000	-1.2%	-£8,000
3573325	106255	St John Fisher RC Primary School, Denton	Primary	£843,000	£863,000	2.4%	£863,000	2.4%	£20,000
3573326	106256	St Christopher's RC Primary School	Primary	£847,000	£845,000	-0.2%	£845,000	-0.2%	-£2,000
3573327	106257	St Anne's RC Primary School	Primary	£850,000	£835,000	-1.7%	£839,000	-1.3%	-£11,000
3573331	131285	Our Lady of Mount Carmel RC Primary School, Ashton-under-Lyne	Primary	£882,000	£910,000	3.3%	£905,000	2.6%	£23,000
3574006	134283	Alder Community High School	Secondary	£4,301,000	£4,231,000	-1.6%	£4,248,000	-1.2%	-£53,000
3574011	139294	Copley Academy	Secondary	£3,516,000	£3,651,000	3.8%	£3,618,000	2.9%	£102,000
3574018	106266	Mossley Hollins High School	Secondary	£4,088,000	£4,003,000	-2.1%	£4,031,000	-1.4%	-£57,000
3574023	106267	Longdendale High School	Secondary	£3,769,000	£3,773,000	0.1%	£3,773,000	0.1%	£4,000
3574025	106268	Hyde Community College	Secondary	£5,069,000	£5,059,000	-0.2%	£5,059,000	-0.2%	-£10,000
3574026	106269	Astley Sports College and Community High School	Secondary	£3,308,000	£3,407,000	3.0%	£3,401,000	2.8%	£93,000
3574028	135122	Denton Community College	Secondary	£5,949,000	£6,122,000	2.9%	£6,117,000	2.8%	£168,000
3574602	106270	St Damian's RC Science College	Secondary	£3,957,000	£3,970,000	0.3%	£3,970,000	0.3%	£13,000
3574603	106271	St Thomas More RC College Specialising in Mathematics and Computing	Secondary	£3,772,000	£3,731,000	-1.1%	£3,731,000	-1.1%	-£41,000
3574604	139735	All Saints Catholic College	Secondary	£3,322,000	£3,406,000	2.5%	£3,406,000	2.5%	£84,000
3575400	136273	Audenshaw School Academy Trust	Secondary	£4,719,000	£4,727,000	0.2%	£4,727,000	0.2%	£8,000
3575401	137020	West Hill School	Secondary	£3,985,000	£3,946,000	-1.0%	£3,946,000	-1.0%	-£39,000
3575402	136593	Fairfield High School for Girls	Secondary	£4,708,000	£4,669,000	-0.8%	£4,669,000	-0.8%	-£39,000
3576905	135508	New Charter Academy	Secondary	£7,100,000	£7,541,000	6.2%	£7,309,000	3.0%	£209,000
3576906	135864	Droylsden Academy	Secondary	£4,370,000	£4,605,000	5.4%	£4,498,000	2.9%	£128,000
<b>Total Mainstream School Funding</b>				<b>£147,867,000</b>	<b>£149,514,000</b>		<b>£149,041,000</b>		<b>£1,174,000</b>

## Newly Opening Schools were not included in the data released at individual School level by the DFE as they do not yet have all year groups in operation and will be funded in a different manner, but are still part of the Schools Block