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SCHOOLS' FORUM

Day: Tuesday
Date: 28 November 2023
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Remote Meeting

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From: Democratic Services Unit – any further information may be obtained from the reporting officer or from Natalie King, Democratic Services, natalie.king@tameside.gov.uk, 0161 342 2316, to whom any apologies for absence should be notified.

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Agenda Item 3

SCHOOLS' FORUM

26 September 2023

Commenced: 10.00am

Terminated: 11.35am

Present:	Karen Burns (Chair)	Primary Schools – Academies
	Susan Marsh	Primary Schools – L/A Maintained
	Kirsty Rimmer	Primary Schools – L/A Maintained
	Lisa Lockett	Primary Schools – L/A Maintained
	Steve Marsland	Primary Schools – L/A Maintained
	Gemma Patterson	Primary Schools – L/A Maintained
	Simon Brereton	Primary Schools – L/A Maintained
	Pierre Coiffait	Special Schools – L/A Maintained
	Bev Oldham	Primary Schools - Academies
	David Waugh	Secondary Schools - Academies
	Anthony Benedict	Pupil Referral Service
	Anne Morgan	Tameside Teachers' Consultative Committee
	Lisa Richards	16-19 Sector
	Cllr Feeley	Executive Member
	Cllr North	Executive Member
	Jerome Francis	Finance Business Partner
	Louisa Siddall	Senior Finance Manager
	Wendy Lees	Finance Manager
	Jane Sowerby	Assistant Director, Education
Apologies for absence:	Elaine Horridge	Diocesan Representative
	John Cooper	Primary Schools – L/A Maintained
	Lisa Gallagher	Primary Schools – L/A Maintained

7 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Karen Burns be appointed as Chair and Susan Marsh be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Schools' Forum for the 2023-24 Academic Year.

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in Agenda Item 6:

- Pierre Coiffait
- Anthony Benedict

Both Members withdrew from the meeting during discussion and voting on this item.

9 MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the School's Forum, which was held on 20 June 2023.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of Schools' Forum, which was held on 20 June 2023, be approved as a correct record.

10 SCHOOLS' FORUM TERMS OF REFERENCE, PRINCIPLES AND CONSTITUTION

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive, giving details of the Terms of Reference for Schools' Forum, which included the guiding principles and constitution of the Forum. The Terms of Reference had been established to provide an overview of the purpose and functions of the Schools Forum with guiding principles covering the expectations of all Schools Forum members in relation to their role as a member, to ensure the consultation and decision-making was effective and fair.

The documents reflected the Department for Education guidance for Schools' Forum published in March 2021.

In considering the report, members noted that there were currently 6 vacancies within Schools' Forum, for this academic year, which included:

- 2 Academy Primary School representatives
- 1 Maintained Secondary School representative
- 1 Non-School Member (Early Years Private, Voluntary and Independent Sector)
- 1 Non-School Member (Roman Catholic Diocese)
- 1 Academy Special School representative

It was also noted that Gemma Patterson would, in the future, transfer from maintained primary representative to academy primary representative. It was explained that this would fill one of the academy vacancies and create a vacancy for a primary maintained member.

Members undertook to raise this matter at suitable forums and agreed to feedback through the clerk and Chair of Schools Forum in advance of the next meeting.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Terms of Reference, Forum Principles, Constitution and membership of Schools' Forum be noted and approved for publication on the Council's website.**
- (ii) That current vacancies within Schools' Forum membership be raised at suitable forums and groups, as appropriate.**

11 SCHOOL BALANCES

Consideration was given to a report of the Interim Assistant Director of Finance and Assistant Director of Education, which provided further review of 2022-23 excess surplus balances at risk of clawback and details of the 2023-24 surplus balances approved in line with the balance mechanism scheme.

Members were reminded that, at the last meeting of Forum, Members were made aware of 9 schools with excess surplus balances above permitted levels. Of these, 6 schools had excess balances totalling £0.462m that were in their first year of an excess balance so these balances were not at risk of clawback in 2023-24. The remaining 3 schools had carried an excess surplus balance for 2 consecutive years, which totalled £0.197m. Members were informed that, under the Balance Control Mechanism Scheme, 50% of these balances were at risk of clawback; a total of £0.098m.

Members were informed that the 3 affected schools had submitted a request that exceptional circumstances be considered and, as in previous years, these had been reviewed and discussed in detail at the Schools Funding Group in July 2023.

Members were provided with an anonymised summary of the correspondence received from schools and the recommendations, which had been made following on from discussions with Schools' Funding Group.

In discussing the 3 individual cases, it was noted that Members would have liked to have explored the circumstances in greater detail. They also had particular concerns about clawing back funds from specialist provision as it was acknowledged that this funding was complex and there needed to be a clear understanding of the landscape in this area. It was also suggested that much pressure had been placed on specialist provision and the sector had been dealing with a number of challenges, particularly with regard to increased complexity of need and an increase in demand for places.

Members agreed that, whilst this scheme had been previously agreed, perhaps this needed to be revisited and guidelines reviewed in order to take into account changes in both the educational and financial landscape since this time.

RESOLVED

- (i) That it be agreed no further action is required for schools 1, 2 and 3**
- (ii) That the Balance Mechanism Scheme, as previously agreed, be revisited and reviewed**
- (iii) That the surplus balance position for 2023-24 be noted**

12 SCHOOLS FINANCIAL VALUES STANDARD RETURNS

Consideration was given to a report of the Interim Assistant Director of Finance and Assistant Director of Education, which provided an update on the mandatory requirement for schools to complete the self-assessment process against the Schools' Financial Value Standard by 31 March 2023.

It was explained that this return needed to be submitted on an annual basis and had been designed with schools to help them in managing their finances and to give assurance that they have secure financial management in place.

It was stated that the standard consisted of questions, which governing bodies or management committees should formally discuss annually with the headteacher and senior staff. It concentrated on the key elements of financial management and efficiency and was aimed mainly at governors as they had a statutory responsibility for financial management in schools.

Members were reminded that schools were also asked to record and complete a template to record any party related transactions to demonstrate they had adequate arrangements in place to manage any contract or agreement between the school and a person or entity that has close links to the person awarding the contract.

Members were informed that, once governor-approved returns had been submitted to the Local Authority, the LA should consider any related party transactions submitted by schools, paying particular attention to any over £20,000, ensuring they are satisfied with the financial controls in place. In addition, it was stated that they should use schools' SFVS returns to inform their programme of financial assessment and audit.

With regard to the position of Tameside schools, Members were made aware that, of the 58 schools open at the start of the financial year, the LA had received 55 returns. The 3 schools that did not submit were eligible for an exemption; 2 schools closed in the financial year and a further school had an Academy Order in place. It was further explained that, if this school hadn't converted by the end of the next financial year, it would become eligible to complete the SFVS return again.

It was outlined that The LA had been required to submit an assurance statement, signed by the Chief Financial Officer detailing which schools completed the SFVS, to the DfE by 31 May 2023. Members were informed that this statement had been signed and sent to the EFSA in advance of the deadline, as required.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted

13 SCHOOLS FUNDING UPDATE ON NFF AND SUMMER ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM DFE

Consideration was given to a report of the Interim Assistant Director of Finance and Assistant Director of Education, which provided members with an update on the latest funding announcements and some context for the potential impact of the Tameside MBC position.

Members were made aware that the DSG announcements at this stage only covered the Schools Block, High Needs Block and the Central Service Support Block. It was noted that detailed Early Years Block information not available at this point and that updates on this and confirmation of all other allocations were expected in December 2023. Members were informed that these were indicative figures, based on the 2023-24 data set (October 2022 census data) and that actual allocations would change based on the October 2023 census return.

It was noted that the provisional 2024-25 allocation for Tameside had increased by £8.668m. The Schools Block allocation for this period had increased by £6.726m, excluding growth funding, which would be included once the final allocation was announced in December 2023.

It was explained that a new, formulaic approach to allocating split site funding was being introduced and this would be provided on a consistent basis across the country. However, this would not affect any mainstream Tameside schools currently.

It was stated that the core factors in the schools' National Funding Formula (NFF), such as basic entitlement and lump sum, would increase by 2.4% and the funding floor would ensure that all schools would attract at least 0.5% more pupil-led funding than 2023-24. In addition, Members were made aware that the Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MSAG) had been rolled into the NFF, which ensured that additional funding formed part of schools' core budget.

The movement to a hard NFF, which had been introduced in 2023-24 was discussed and Members were informed that this approach would continue in 2024-25, where schools must also move 10% closer to the NFF factors compared to 2023-24. However, as Tameside was already in line with NFF, these changes would not directly impact any Tameside schools.

Members were made aware that growth allocation had been set but that Tameside's local formulae were already above these rates. It was stated that these updates were currently being reviewed and any proposed changes would be brought forward as part of the annual funding consultation. Similarly, new NFF requirements in relation to falling rolls was discussed and it was noted that this update would be reviewed and brought to annual funding consultation.

Members were made aware that local authorities could continue to set a minimum funding guarantee (MFG) of between +0.0% and +0.5% per pupil and local authorities would continue to be able to transfer up to 0.5% of Schools Block allocation to another block within the DSG, with Schools' Forum approval. With this in mind, it was noted that a proposal would be brought to the next meeting of Forum in relation to this.

An update was provided in relation to the High Needs Block and Members were informed that funding would increase by £440m or 4.3% in 2024-25, with funding to local authorities increasing by around 5% overall.

It was explained that a funding floor had been set at 3% to ensure every LA would receive at least a 3% increase on the relevant funding elements per head compared to 2023-24 baselines. It was also noted that a limit on gains would also apply. This would mean that the maximum increase an LA could receive would be 5% compared to 2023-24 baselines. Tameside had received the maximum increase possible, capped at 5%. However, it was noted that, without the cap or limit on gains,

Tameside would have received an additional £3.885m in 2024-25. Members were reminded that these current announcements were provisional and would be subject to further updates.

The provisional High Needs Allocation for 2024-25 was presented to Members and comparison was provided with 2023-24 allocation. It was noted that Tameside was seeing an overall increase of £1.847m, which included the rolling in of the Additional High Needs Grant from 2023-24, but was before recoupage and any further adjustments to Basic Entitlement and Import/Export factors.

In relation to the Central Services School Support Block, Members were informed that Tameside would see an increase in funding of £0.095m. The new entitlements in relation to Early Years Funding were also outlined, along with information relating to the associated consultation, which had closed on 8 September 2023. Members were also provided with information relating to the Teachers Pay Additional Grant, which provided an additional £525m in 2023-24 and £900m in the 2024-25 financial year.

Discussion ensued in relation to historic funding, the significant growth in EHCPs and the cap on High Needs funding.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted

14 DSG MONITORING 2023-24 UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Interim Assistant Director of Finance and Assistant Director of Education, which outlined the Schools Grant budget position for the financial year 2023-24 and provided an update on the Early Years final outturn position for 2022-23.

Members were advised that there was a forecast surplus of (£0.010m) on the Schools Block, which related to unallocated growth. This would be updated following the October 2023 census and any surplus would offset against the DSG deficit. It was noted that the Central School Services Block (CSSB) was expected to be spent in full. It was also explained that there was a forecast in-year deficit of £6.570m on the High Needs Block, which would reduce to £5.876m with the £0.694m transfer from the Schools Block and a forecast surplus of (£0.550m) on the Early Years Block.

In relation to the High Needs forecast position, it was noted that the summer had seen unprecedented levels of growth and that this was expected to continue at a similar level throughout the rest of the financial year. Members were made aware that this additional Growth was a result of the demand for EHCP's increasing and, despite increasing the capacity of specialist places over the last three years, pressure was growing to utilise more costly, Independent and Non-Maintained Special schools (INMSS). It was noted that a number of bespoke packages were now in place in both special and mainstream schools to support pupils, who required specialist provision and a SEND Sufficiency Strategy would be produced in the autumn term in order to plan further increases in local, specialist places over the next three years.

Details of the final Early Years settlement for 2022-23 were provided and Members were made aware that the overall settlement for this period had reduced by £0.019m, resulting in a final surplus of (£0.597m), which contributed to the DSG Deficit.

A detailed update of the Early Years Block for 2023-24 was also provided. It was noted that participation was difficult to estimate, which is why there appeared to be surpluses and that there would be a further funding adjustment based on spring census data, which would reduce the anticipated surplus.

It was stated that there was a forecast deficit of £0.067m on the SEN Inclusion Fund. However, it was also noted that this was a complex area of funding, which would be closely monitored and this deficit could increase due to the growing number of requests for EHCPs.

Members were reminded that additional funding had been announced for Early Years providers from September 2023 and that this would be allocated via the Early Years Supplementary Grant (EYSG). The rates on which providers would be funded within Tameside were outlined for Members as follows:

- £1.70 per hour for disadvantaged 2 year olds
- £0.31 per hour for 3 and 4 year olds universal and additional entitlement
- £0.04 per funded hour for Early Years Pupil Premium
- £39.20 lump sum for the Disability Access Fund
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Members were made aware that, if the 2023-24 projections materialised, there would be a deficit on £8.627m on the DSG and that a deficit recovery plan had been developed and submitted to the DfE. It was also explained that discussions were continuing with the DfE and that this plan was being scrutinised as part of Stage 2 of the Delivering Better Value (DBV) programme.

Discussion took place in relation to the use of Independent SEND provision. It was noted that this was an issue linked to both complexity and sufficiency. It was suggested that, perhaps, a short-term group could be set up with links to the Inclusion Committee of TPC and special school membership, with a view to examining these high cost placements and considering what may be done differently moving forwards.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted and supported

15 DSG HIGH NEEDS SPENDING AND DEFICIT RECOVERY PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Interim Assistant Director of Finance and Assistant Director of Education, which provided an update on the current DSG deficit position along with updates on the Delivering Better Value programme and the action plan to address spending pressures.

Members were informed that the cumulative DSG deficit for Tameside at the end of 2022-23 was £3.306m, after an in-year deficit of £0.063m. It was explained that the High Needs element of the grant allocated by the DfE for 2023-24 was £37.144m. A transfer from the Schools Block of £0.694m had been approved by Schools Forum, which had provided funds of £37.838m to support High Needs provision. It was noted that, following the Summer 2023 term, where actual EHCP growth had outpaced predicted growth, the full-year spend was now estimated to be £43.716m, giving an in-year deficit of £5.876m.

It was explained that, whilst the High Needs Block in-year deficit had reduced in 2022-23, it was forecast to increase significantly in 2023-24 due to rapid growth in EHCPs across all provision types, which had not been matched with the same funding due to the cap on High Needs Block gains (7% for 2023-24).

An outline of the Delivering Better Value Programme was provided for Members and the 2 high impact areas for focus were highlighted as:

- Inclusion – create an Inclusion Quality and Outreach Team, linked to existing Special Schools and Resource Provisions, and introduce a programme of training and workforce development (including parents and carers as appropriate).
- Transitions – establish a new Early Years Assessment Centre with co-located wrap around services. The plan to improve the effectiveness and confidence surrounding transitions would also be supported through supporting the clearance of the backlog of annual reviews and identifying those pupils that may struggle at transition and providing early support.

It was noted that these high impact areas crossed over with a range of SEND improvements, which

were also happening outside of the DBV programme, in particular the redesign of SEND Teams, review of the Specialist Outreach Support Team and SEND Sufficiency.

Members were reminded that an annual vote had taken place with the mainstream sector to transfer funds from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block fund and had been approved by Schools' Forum in line with regulations. For the 2023-24 academic year, it was noted that a Schools Block transfer of 0.345% or £0.694m had been agreed at Schools' Forum and suggested that, for 2024-25, a Schools Block transfer of 0.5% would be considered as part of the NFF consultation with schools.

With regard to the Resource Base Review, Members were made aware that there was a proposal to establish 54 additional, local places in 2023-24, including the Early Years Assessment Centre, which would be part of the DBV programme and an overview of these proposed places was provided. An increase of 86 commissioned places in special schools by the end of the 2023-24 academic year was also discussed.

It was suggested that potential further savings could be found through the contract review of a special school, which currently had a PFI style contract. Members were informed that the outcome of this review would be considered at Executive Cabinet, with potential savings to the high Needs Block of an annual £320,970.

Members acknowledged that the High Needs Block deficit was a national issue and expressed concern that there needed to be a significant national response. It was noted that the DBV programme was providing valuable opportunities to work collaboratively and better assess how needs are managed, It was noted that the right support needed to be provided in the right way at the right time and Members agreed that this was not simply an issue of creating additional specialist places but also about creating more effective provision across the mainstream sector.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting of The Schools Forum be held remotely on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 10am.

CHAIR

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Agenda Item 4

Report to:	SCHOOLS' FORUM
Date:	28 November 2023
Reporting Officer:	Jane Sowerby – Assistant Director of Education Gemma McNamara – Interim Assistant Director of Finance
Subject:	DSG MONITORING UPDATE 2023-24
Report Summary:	A report on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget position for the financial year 2023-24.
Recommendations:	Members of the Schools Forum are requested to note and support the contents of the report.
Corporate Plan:	Education finances significantly support the Starting Well agenda to provide the very best start in life where children are ready to learn and encouraged to thrive and develop and supporting aspiration and hope through learning and moving with confidence from childhood to adulthood.
Policy Implications:	In line with financial policy and framework.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	<p>The Dedicated Schools Grant is a ring-fenced grant solely for the purposes of schools and pupil related expenditure.</p> <p>The current projection for 2023-24 is expected to be a deficit on the DSG of £8.077m at the end of the financial year.</p> <p>The report details the in-year movements and forecast on the 4 main blocks of the DSG. The High Needs Block continues to be under pressure with a forecast in-year shortfall of funding of £5.219m.</p> <p>Work continues to seek to resolve the deficit position. Tameside is part of the Delivering Better Value program working with DfE Advisors.</p>
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	There are no immediate legal issues arising from the report
Risk Management:	<p>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.</p> <p>The Council is responsible for the effective administration and management of the DSG. The cumulative deficit brought forward from 2022-23 and the increase in the deficit at the end of 2023-24 is subject to a deficit recovery plan with the DfE. There is a risk that this may impact on the effective support and education of our most vulnerable children.</p>
Access to Information:	Non-Confidential This report does not contain information, which warrants its consideration in the absence of the press or members of the public.

Background Information: The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Jerome Francis – Finance Business Partner, Financial Management, Children’s and Safeguarding Services



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report is presented to provide Schools Forum with an update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget for 2023-24 and the DSG reserve position. The report sets out:
- A budget update for the DSG for 2023-24 (Section 2)
 - A budget update for the High Needs for 2023-24 (Section 3)
 - A detailed update for Early Years (Section 4)
 - The DSG reserve position at 31 March 2023 and the estimated DSG reserve position at 31 March 2024 (Section 5).

2. OVERALL DSG BUDGET UPDATE 2023-24

- 2.1 The current DSG settlement for 2023-24 and forecast distribution/expenditure is included in Table 1.

Table 1: DSG Forecast for 2023-24

DSG Funding Blocks	DSG Settlement 2023-24 at July 2023 £m	Block Transfer 2023-24 £m	Revised DSG 2023-24 £m	Forecast Distribution / Expenditure 2023-24 £m	Forecast (Surplus) / Deficit £m
Schools Block	(201.052)	0.694	(200.358)	200.349	(0.010)
Central School Services Block	(1.249)	0.000	(1.249)	1.249	0
High Needs Block	(36.910)	(0.694)	(37.604)	42.823	5.219
Early Years Block	(18.062)	0.000	(18.062)	17.570	(0.492)
Total	(257.273)	0.000	(257.273)	261.991	4.718

- 2.2 The forecast surplus of £0.010m on the Schools Block relates to unallocated growth. The final growth allocation is based on pupil numbers at the October 2023 census point and the figures will be updated once this has been finalised. This may impact on the current surplus forecast. Any surplus on the Schools Block reduces the DSG deficit.
- 2.3 The Central School Services Block is expected to be spent in full.
- 2.4 The forecast in-year deficit on the High Needs Block is expected to be £5.913m, which reduces to £5.219m with the £0.694m transfer from the Schools Block. This is a favourable movement of £0.657m to the forecast reported in September 2023 and more detail is included below in Section 3 along with an update on the Deficit Recovery and Management Plan in a separate agenda item.
- 2.5 There is a forecast surplus on the Early Years Block of (£0.492m), an adverse movement of £0.058m to the forecast reported in September 2023. Further information on the early year's position is included in Section 4.

3. HIGH NEEDS BUDGET UPDATE 2023-24

- 3.1 As reported at September 2023 Schools Forum, the high needs budget continues to be under significant pressure and the forecast position last reported was an in-year deficit of £5.876m. A further analysis of the Growth forecast has shown a favourable movement of £0.657m is projected by the end of the year. This would reduce the in-year deficit on high needs block to £5.219m.

Table 2: High Needs Forecast 2023-24

High Needs Budget Position 2023-24	2023-24 Original Forecast £m	2023-24 Forecast Budget Summer £m
Total Expenditure	33.327	36.995
Total Funding	(32.302)	(32.314)
In Year Deficit Before Growth	1.024	4.681
Additional Growth	2.514	1.889
High Needs Block In Year 2023-24 Deficit	3.538	6.570
Schools block transfer	(0.694)	(0.694)
High Needs Block In Year 2023-24 Deficit (after Block Transfer)	2.845	5.876
Forecast reduction in Growth		(0.657)
Revised High Needs Block In Year 2023-24 Deficit	2.845	5.219

3.2 Members will note, in September a revised forecast of additional growth of £1.889m was built in to cover the period September 23 to March 2024, and whilst we are only halfway through the autumn term this forecast has been further analysed in terms of both number of Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) being issued and their related costs.

3.3 Table 3 below shows that while September and October had a low number of EHCPs issued the overall number of plans being issued this financial year is in line with the forecast of an average of 45 new plans per month.

Table 3: Forecast Number of New EHCPs

Month	New Plans Issued	Estimated New Plans based on Average Apr - Oct	Estimated New Plans in Year
Apr-23	23		23
May-23	49		49
Jun-23	44		44
Jul-23	66		66
Aug-23	71		71
Sep-23	37		37
Oct-23	27		27
Nov-23		45	45
Dec-23		45	45
Jan-24		45	45
Feb-24		45	45
Mar-24		45	45
Total	317	225	542

3.4 Table 4 goes on to analyse the cost of this growth and as expected the majority of growth is across the mainstream and independent sector. However, based on current costs to date

there is likely to be savings in both these sectors along with a reduction in expenditure in the Post 16 sector due to leavers and ceasing plans.

- 3.5 However, it is anticipated there may be a further expenditure on the high needs block in relation to the education costs relating to Children's Social Care (CSC) placements. The DSG already funds the educational costs for a number of CSC placements' but a review is underway which will look to ensure all partner contributions, including Health, Education and Social Care are applied fairly and in accordance with the specific individual placement requirements. This may identify additional contributions required from the high needs block and an estimate of £0.100m has been included at this stage. Once the review is complete further information will be provided.

Table 4: Growth Projection at 8 November 2023

Additional Growth Projection Sept 23 - Mar 24 (at 8 Nov 23)	Expected Additional Growth £m	Actuals at 8 Nov 23 £m	Forecast Growth to Year End £m	Variance £m
Mainstream	0.738	0.186	0.395	(0.157)
Special Schools	0.000	(0.001)	0.000	(0.001)
Resource Bases	0.146	0.004	0.146	0.004
Pre 16	1.005	0.224	0.539	(0.243)
Post 16	0.000	(0.360)	0.000	(0.360)
Contribution to Education for CSC	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100
Total	1.889	0.052	1.180	(0.657)

- 3.6 Based on current spending profile and the potential contributions to CSC placements it is anticipated the Growth projection will reduce by £0.657m and this would mean the in-year deficit on high needs would reduce to £5.219m by the end of the financial year.
- 3.7 The growth projection will continue to be closely monitored and a further update will be brought to Schools Forum in January 2024.

4. EARLY YEARS BUDGET UPDATE 2023-24

- 4.1 A detailed update of the Early Years Block for 2023-24 is included in Table 5

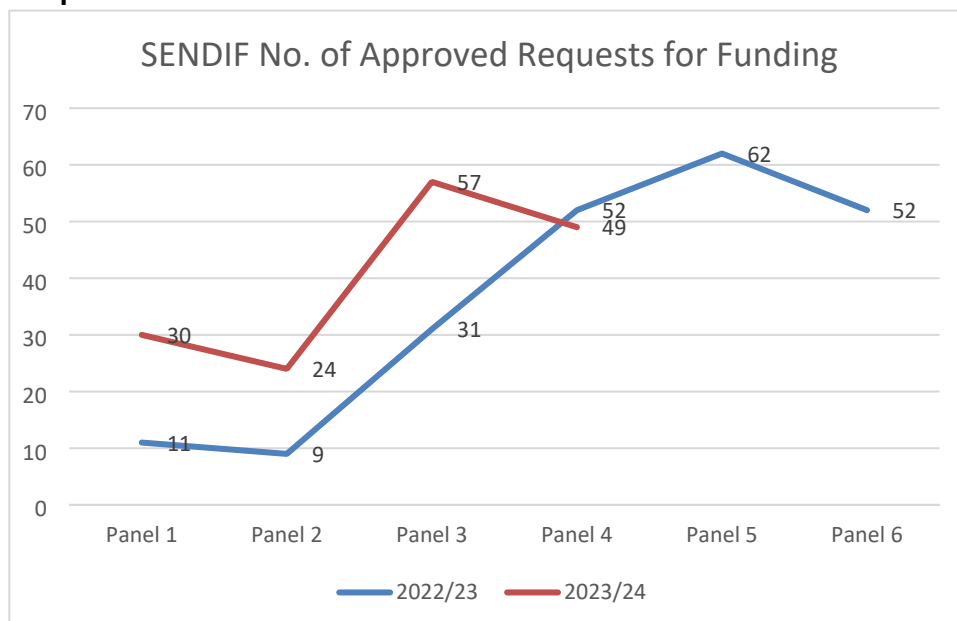
Table 5: Early Years Forecast 2023-24

Early Years Funding Block	Early Years DSG Settlement 2023-24 at July 2023 £m	Forecast Distribution / Expenditure 2023-24 £m	Forecast Outturn (Surplus) / Deficit £m
3 and 4 Year Olds Universal Entitlement	(9.321)	8.829	(0.492)
3 and 4 Year Olds Extended Entitlement	(4.639)	4.570	(0.068)
2 Year Olds	(2.358)	2.344	(0.014)
Early Years Pupil Premium	(0.234)	0.246	0.012
Disability Access Fund	(0.132)	0.076	(0.055)
Central Retention	(0.813)	0.813	(0)
SEN Inclusion Fund	(0.566)	0.692	0.126
Total	(18.062)	17.570	(0.492)

4.2 Table 5 reflects the early year’s settlement announced in July 2023 compared with the forecast distribution/expenditure. The forecast distribution/expenditure for 3 and 4 year old universal and extended entitlements and 2 year olds is based on the actual participation for the Summer Term and the estimated participation for the Autumn and Spring Terms. Actual participation for the Autumn term is currently being finalised and an update on these areas of entitlement along with early years pupil premium and the disability access fund will be provided at the next Schools Forum meeting in January 2024.

4.3 There is a forecast deficit of £0.126m on the SEN Inclusion Fund which is an adverse movement of £0.058m to the previously reported forecast. This is based on the actual funding allocated to providers for the summer term and updated estimates for the autumn and spring terms. Graph 1 below provides information on the number of approved requests for funding within the financial year 2022/23 and 2023/24 up to October 2023.

Graph 1:



- 4.4 Approved SENDIF requests for funding are at a higher level in the first half of the 2023/24 financial year but look to level out. The next panel is due to be held in early December and an update brought to the next Schools Forum meeting.
- 4.5 As reported to previously to Schools Forum, the Early Years Supplementary Grant (EYSG) was announced from September 2023 to provide additional funding for early years providers.
- 4.6 Initial allocations for the EYSG will be paid based on Part Time Equivalent (PTE) data from the January 2023 early years, schools and alternative provision censuses. The DfE then intend to make an adjustment to reflect the actual numbers of children taking up the entitlements from the January 2024 censuses (with the exception of DAF). This is in line with the way the DSG early years block allocations are normally calculated.
- 4.7 The allocation for Tameside is £0.989m and Table 6 provides details of the breakdown of the allocation and the estimated distribution of the grant. The distribution of the grant is on the same basis as the DSG early years distribution.

Table 6: EYSG Allocations and Estimated Distribution

EYSG Sept 23 - Mar 24	Universal entitlement for 3 and 4-year-olds £m	Additional 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of 3 and 4-year- olds £m	2-year-old entitlement £m	Early years pupil premium £m	Disability access fund £m	Total £m
Allocation	0.364	0.180	0.432	0.009	0.005	0.989
Estimated Distribution	0.356	0.188	0.483	0.010	0.002	1.038
Variation (Surplus) / Deficit	(0.008)	0.008	0.051	0.001	(0.003)	0.049

- 4.8 The conditions of grant state: At the end of the 2023 to 2024 financial year, local authorities are permitted to:
- Use any EYSG surplus funding for the purpose of the early years block of the DSG in financial year 2023 to 2024 or carry forward any EYSG underspends and use them in support of all early education funding streams as part of their schools' budget for 2024 to 2025.
 - If there is a shortfall in the EYSG, local authorities may use the early years block of the 2023 to 2024 DSG for the purposes of the EYSG to make up the shortfall. The DSG: conditions of grant 2023 to 2024 have been amended to allow this.
- 4.9 The current forecast shortfall would be met from the forecast underspend on the Early Years Block DSG.

5. DSG RESERVE

- 5.1 Table 7 provides details on the closing position of the DSG reserve for 2022-23 and the estimated position of the DSG as at 31 March 2024.

Table 7: DSG Reserve

	2022-23 (Surplus) / Deficit £m	2023-24 Forecast (Surplus) / Deficit £m
DSG Reserve Brought Forward	3.243	3.306
Schools Block Changes		
In year position on business rates	0.003	0
In year position on the growth fund	(0.355)	(0.010)
Minor variations	(0.002)	0
Schools Block Subtotal	(0.353)	(0.010)
In year position on High Needs Block	1.018	5.219
In year position on Early Years	(0.614)	(0.492)
Early Years 2021-22 final adjustment	(0.004)	0
Estimated Early Years 2022-23 Adjustment and Final Adjustment as confirmed in July 2023	0.016	0.004
Early Years Supplementary Grant	0	0.049
DSG Reserve after Commitments	3.306	8.077

- 5.2 If the 2023-24 projections materialise there would be a deficit of £8.077m on the DSG reserve. A deficit recovery plan has been developed and submitted to the DfE. Discussions are continuing with the DfE and the plan is being scrutinised as part of Stage 2 of the DBV programme. The position will continue to be closely monitored and updates reported to Schools' Forum. Further information on the high needs' deficit recovery plan will be brought to January Forum meeting.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Agenda Item 5

Report to:	SCHOOLS FORUM
Date:	28 November 2023
Reporting Officer:	Gemma McNamara – Interim Assistant Director, Finance Jane Sowerby – Assistant Director, Education
Subject:	SCHOOLS BLOCK FUNDING FORMULA 2024-25 CONSULTATION OUTCOME
Report Summary:	A report on the consultation to all schools regarding the allocation of Schools Block Funding for 2024-25.
Recommendations:	Members of the Schools Forum is requested to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Note and support the contents of this report.2. Support a transfer of 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.
Corporate Plan:	Education finances significantly support the Starting Well agenda to provide the very best start in life where children are ready to learn and encouraged to thrive and develop and supports Aspiration and Hope through learning and moving with confidence from childhood to adulthood.
Policy Implications:	In line with financial and policy framework.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	The Dedicated Schools Grant is a ring-fenced grant solely for the purposes of schools and pupil related expenditure. The provisional allocations for 2024-25 and proposals for allocating the schools block elements of the grant are outlined within the report. The financial implications are the subject of the report.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	There are no legal issues arising from the report.
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:	NON-CONFIDENTIAL This report does not contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the Press or members of the public.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As reported to the Schools Forum in September 2023, the Department for Education (DfE) published the National Funding Formula (NFF) provisional allocations for schools, high needs and central school services for 2024-25 in July 2023. This report sets out the proposed funding formula for the Schools Block for 2024-25.
- 1.2 A consultation on the proposals set out in this report has been circulated to all schools and Chairs of Governors, which closed on 8 November 2023. The results of the consultation are included in Section 5 of the report.

2. PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION FOR 2024-25

- 2.1 On 6 October 2023, the DfE wrote to Local Authorities (LAs) and Schools to advise an error had been made by DfE officials during the initial calculations of the National Funding Formula (NFF). This correspondence is included at **Appendix 1** for your information. As a result, the high-level information and NFF rates presented to Schools Forum in September 2023 have been revised by DfE. The error only affected the Schools Block figure and Table 1 provides the updated information.

Table 1: Provisional DSG Updated Allocations Compared with 2023-24 Allocations

Funding Block	2023-24 £m	2024-25 £m	Increase £m
Schools Block (excluding growth)	207.081	211.929	4.848
High Needs Block	36.910	38.757	1.847
Central School Services Block (CSSB)	1.249	1.344	0.095
Total	245.240	252.030	6.791

- 2.2 These are indicative figures, the information released at this stage is based on the 2023-24 data set (October 2022 census data) and will change to take account of October 2023 census returns.
- 2.3 The provisional 2024-25 updated allocation for Tameside has increased by £6.791m, as opposed to £8.668m originally reported. This is after increasing the 2023-24 Schools Block allocation to take account to the mainstream schools additional grant (MSAG) funding that was allocated in 2023-24.
- 2.4 There are increases in funding across all blocks for Tameside MBC which is positive. However, the High Needs increase continues to be capped contributing to the High Needs deficit. Further information is provided in Section 4.

3. SCHOOLS BLOCK FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR 2024-25

- 3.1 The core factors in the updated schools NFF (such as basic entitlement and the lump sum) will increase by 1.4% and the funding floor will ensure that every school will attract at least 0.5% more pupil-led funding than 2023-24. A table of NFF rates is included at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.2 **Appendix 3** provides details of the 2024-25 modelled allocations for individual schools based on the updated provisional funding announcements. Also included is a comparison to the 2023-24 current schools block allocations. Schools should note that any figures provided will not be the actual figures received for the 2024-25 financial year. These figures are all indicative and subject to change. Once the LA has received the updated census data for October 2023 in December, final calculations will be produced.

- 3.3 The modelled allocations to schools are based on the NFF funding rates included at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.4 The modelled figures show schools are seeing an average increase of 4.92% across Tameside mainstream schools. This excludes premises factors (business rates and PFI) as these will be inflated for 2024-25 funding allocations but will have nil impact on schools' individual allocations.
- 3.5 Part of the average 4.92% increase is related to the 2023-24 MASG being rolled into the 2024-25 schools block baselines. To demonstrate the net increases excluding this element, column 10 of **Appendix 3** provides a further comparison to show the average increase excluding the MSAG. The average increases show 1.43% across Tameside mainstream schools and this relates to inflationary increase in comparison to 2023-24.
- 3.6 Once the NFF funding rates have been set an Area Cost Adjustment then inflates the allocation to reflect geographical variation in labour market costs across the country. In Tameside the ACA is 1.00567. However, 1.00000 is being used in the proposed funding formula for 2024-25. By setting the ACA at 1.00000 this allows some flexibility in parts of the funding formula that are not finalised, including growth allocations and also revisions to the datasets following the publishing of the October 23 census data.
- 3.7 Based on the modelled allocations to schools and the 2024-25 funding announcements it would be possible to:
- Set the MFG protection at the highest rate possible of 0.50%
 - Remove the Gains Cap so no school will see their formula allocation capped
 - Transfer 0.50% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.
- 3.8 A formulaic approach to allocating split site funding is being introduced in 2024-25 as part of the NFF. This will ensure split site funding is provided on a consistent basis across the country. This currently being reviewed for Tameside Mainstream Schools for 2024-25 and additional details provided as necessary.
- 3.9 Growth funding isn't included in the provisional figures provided. However, LAs must use the new NFF requirements for growth funding, whereby additional classes (driven by basic need) must be funded by at least the minimum funding level set out in the funding calculation. The NFF growth allocations have been set at £1,550 per new primary pupil and £2,320 pre new secondary pupil plus a lump sum of £76,195 for each brand-new school. The rates used in the local formulae for Tameside are already above these rates. We do not plan to change the growth allocations for any pre-existing arrangements for 2024-25. We do however plan to review the existing growth policy in light of the updates to NFF.

4. HIGH NEEDS PRESSURE 2024-25

- 4.1 Nationally, High Needs funding is increasing by £440m or 4.3% in 2024-25 and funding allocated to Local Authorities is increasing by around 5% overall.
- 4.2 A funding floor has been set at 3% to ensure every LA receives at least a 3% increase on the relevant funding elements per head compared to 2023-24 baselines and a limit on gains will also apply so the maximum increase an LA can receive will be 5% compared to 2023-24 baselines.
- 4.3 Tameside has received the maximum increase possible, the capped allocation at 5%. However, without the cap Tameside would have received an additional £3.885m in 2024-25 and the impact of this on the in-year high needs budget position can be seen in Table 2.

Table 2: Capped High Needs Allocation and Impact on High Needs Deficit

	2023-24 Current £m	2024-25 Forecast £m	Cumulative over 2 Years £m
NFF Allocation before Cap (& Recoupment)	36.910	42.642	
Cap on Funding	(3.479)	(3.885)	
NFF Actual Allocation	33.431	38.757	

High Needs Deficit before any Block Transfer			
High Needs In Year Deficit (with Cap & without transfer from Schools Block)*	5.913	10.524	16.437
High Needs In Year Deficit (without Cap & without transfer from Schools Block)*	2.434	6.639	9.073

- 4.4 Despite the additional funding, the impact of the cap along with projected growth in number of EHCP's there continues to be an increasing in-year deficit on the high needs budget position. Table 3 shows the forecast budget position as well as the impact the proposed 0.50% Schools Block transfer would have on the deficit position.

Table 3: Schools Block Transfer Implications on High Needs Forecast

Schools Block Transfer	2023-24 Current £m	2024-25 Forecast £m	Cumulative over 2 Years £m
High Needs Funding (after Recoupment & Updated pupil Nos)	32.314	34.026	
Forecast Spend	38.226	44.550	
Annual Funding Gap In year Deficit	5.913	10.524	16.437
Transfer from Schools Block*	0.694	1.060	
Annual Funding Gap In year Deficit after Schools Block Transfer	5.219	9.465	14.684

* 0.345% Schools Block Transfer for 2023-24 as agreed; 0.500% Schools Block Transfer proposed for 2024-25

- 4.5 Notional SEN funding was also reviewed and compared to DfE examples. Tameside's notional SEN formula was in line with DfE modelling so the current model was unchanged.

5. OUTCOME OF SCHOOL FUNDING CONSULTATION

- 5.1 In line with funding regulation requirements consultation has been carried out with all schools and academies in Tameside with regards to the funding for 2024-25.
- 5.2 Consultation took place with all Schools and Academies between 18 October and 8 November. The consultation was carried out via survey monkey and shared with all schools. Governor Services also shared the consultation with Chairs of Governors.
- 5.3 The consultation advised the proposed school block funding allocation for 2024-25 would be based on the NFF rates, would have an MFG of 0.5% and there would be no cap on gains based on the provisional funding allocation for the LA. A 0.5% transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs block is also affordable on this basis.

5.4 Schools were asked the following questions:

Question 1: Tameside is following NFF funding rates which shows based on the modelling data, all school will benefit from an increase in pupil led funding and this includes:

1. Applying a MFG of 0.50% and,
2. No cap on gains

Do you agree with this basis for the 2024-25 formula?

There were 16 responses received in total from 12 schools. 88% support the 2024-25 formula and 12% do not support the 2024-25 formula.

Question 2: Tameside is following NFF funding rates which shows based on the modelling data, all school will benefit from an increase in pupil led funding.

Do you support a 0.50% transfer to the High Needs Block?

There were 16 responses received in total from 12 schools. 75% support the 0.5% transfer and 25% do not support the 0.5% transfer.

Question 3: If there is a shortfall in the school funding formula, we propose to reduce the Schools Block transfer to the High Needs block to a level that is affordable, as in the 2023-24 formula.

Do you support this?

There were 16 responses received in total from 12 schools. 88% support the proposal to reduce the schools block transfer if required and 12% do not support the proposal to reduce the schools block transfer.

Question 4: If there is unallocated funding after the funding formula is applied, we propose to allocate this across all factors in the National Funding Formula.

Do you support this?

There were 16 responses received in total from 12 schools. 88% support the proposal to apply any unallocated funding across all NFF factors and 12% do not support the proposal to apply any unallocated funding across all NFF factors.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 All mainstream schools are set to see an increase in their pupil-led funding for 2024-25 by at least 0.5%.
- 6.2 There is significant pressure on the High Needs Block which is being contributed to by the cap as demonstrated in Table 2.
- 6.3 As schools would still benefit from an increase in pupil-led funding, the LA are asking schools to support a minimum 0.5% transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 As set out at the front of the report.

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Appendix A: Email from ESFA Fri 06/10/2023 16:59

For information: pre-16 schools revenue funding allocations for 2024 to 2025

Today, the Department for Education (the department) has published revised provisional funding allocations for 2024 to 2025 for the schools national funding formulae (NFF).

The policy document is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-funding-formula-for-schools-and-high-needs>

The allocations and technical notes are available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-funding-formula-tables-for-schools-and-high-needs-2024-to-2025>

The webtool will be updated with the revised figures and be available by mid-October. We will also be updating the COLLECT tables shortly.

We have published an updated schools operational guide for local authorities to reflect the revised NFF:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-16-schools-funding-local-authority-guidance-for-2024-to-2025>

We will issue an updated authority proforma tool (APT) to local authorities within the next few days.

Updates to the schools NFF for 2024 to 2025

The department published the schools NFF for 2024 to 2025 in July. However, the department uncovered an error made by DfE officials during the initial calculations of the NFF. Specifically, there was an error processing forecast pupil numbers, which means that the overall cost of the core schools budget would be 0.62% greater than allocated. The department has therefore issued new NFF allocations to correct that error while continuing to deliver, in full, the £59.6 billion core schools budget that has been promised.

The department apologises for this error. The Secretary of State has asked the Permanent Secretary to conduct a formal review of the quality assurance process surrounding the calculation of the NFF, with independent scrutiny. Improvements have already been identified to ensure similar mistakes are not repeated in the future.

The recalculation of funding does not affect the total amount we plan to spend in the core schools budget in 2024 to 2025 – which includes funding for mainstream schools, and funding for high needs. It will remain at £59.6 billion in 2024 to 2025, the highest ever in real terms per pupil. This is a percentage increase from 2023 to 2024 of 3.2% and will properly fund the teacher pay increase agreed in 2023.

The recalculated funding is at record levels, at an average of £5,300 per primary school pupil and £6,830 per secondary school pupil in 2024 to 2025, up from £5,200 and £6,720 respectively in 2023 to 2024. The 2024 to 2025 high needs NFF allocations (which fund provision for children with complex SEND) are unaffected, as are other funding streams outside the NFF, including the teachers' pay additional grant (TPAG) announced in the summer.

Schools have not yet received their 2024 to 2025 funding – so the correction of this error does not mean adjusting any funding that schools have already received. Likewise, the error will not impact on the publication of the dedicated schools grant (DSG) in December, or when schools will receive their final allocations for 2024 to 2025.

Nevertheless, we recognise that the correction of this error will be difficult for local authorities and frustrating for some school leaders, which is why the department has worked as quickly as possible to rectify the error. We and the department will work closely with school stakeholders, including unions, to communicate this change and support schools and local authorities.

Further details

If you have any other questions about the contents of this email, please contact us via our ESFA enquiry form:

https://form.education.gov.uk/service/Education_and_Skills_Funding_Agency_ESFA_enquiry_form

Yours sincerely,

Funding Directorate

Education and Skills Funding Agency

Appendix B: Schools Block Unit Rates

	2023-24 Rates	MSAG Funding Rate	2023-24 Adjusted Rates	2024-25 Rates	% Increase
Basic Entitlement (AWPU)					
Primary	£3,394	£119	£3,513	£3,562	1.40%
Secondary - KS3	£4,785	£168	£4,953	£5,022	1.40%
Secondary - KS4	£5,393	£190	£5,583	£5,661	1.40%
Deprivation					
FSM – Primary	£480	£0	£480	£490	2.10%
FSM – Secondary	£480	£0	£480	£490	2.10%
FSM6 – Primary	£705	£104	£809	£820	1.40%
FSM6 – Secondary	£1,030	£152	£1,182	£1,200	1.50%
IDACI band F: Primary	£230	£0	£230	£235	2.20%
IDACI band E: Primary	£280	£0	£280	£285	1.80%
IDACI band D Primary	£440	£0	£440	£445	1.10%
IDACI band C: Primary	£480	£0	£480	£485	1.00%
IDACI band B: Primary	£510	£0	£510	£515	1.00%
IDACI band A: Primary	£670	£0	£670	£680	1.50%
IDACI band F: Secondary	£335	£0	£335	£340	1.50%
IDACI band E: Secondary	£445	£0	£445	£450	1.10%
IDACI band D: Secondary	£620	£0	£620	£630	1.60%
IDACI band C: Secondary	£680	£0	£680	£690	1.50%
IDACI band B: Secondary	£730	£0	£730	£740	1.40%
IDACI band A: Secondary	£930	£0	£930	£945	1.60%
English as an Additional Language (EAL)					
Primary	£580	£0	£580	£590	1.70%
Secondary	£1,565	£0	£1,565	£1,585	1.30%
Low Prior Attainment					
Primary	£1,155	£0	£1,155	£1,170	1.30%
Secondary	£1,750	£0	£1,750	£1,775	1.40%
Mobility					
Primary	£945	£0	£945	960	1.60%
Secondary	£1,360	£0	£1,360	1,380	1.50%
Lump Sum					
Primary	£128,000	£4,510	£132,510	134,400	1.40%
Secondary	£128,000	£4,510	£132,510	134,400	1.40%
Sparsity					
Sparsity Primary	£56,300	£0	£56,300	57,100	1.40%
Sparsity Secondary	£81,900	£0	£81,900	83,000	1.30%
Split Site					
Split Site - Lump Sum				53,700	
Split Site - Distance				26,900	
Minimum per Pupil Funding					
Primary	£4,405	£143	£4,548	4,610	1.40%
Secondary	£5,715	£197	£5,912	5,995	1.40%
Secondary - KS3	£5,503	£186	£5,689	5,771	1.40%
Secondary - KS4	£6,033	£208	£6,241	6,331	1.40%

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Appendix C: Provisional Modelling for Schools Block Funding Formula 2024-25

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School No.	School	2023-24 Funding NOR (Based on October 2022 Census excluding nursery)	2023-24 School Block Funding excl. Premises £	2024-25 Provisional Funding excl. Premises (allowing a 0.5% transfer to High Needs) £	Indicative Increase in Total Funding £	Indicative Increase in Total Funding %		MSAG 2023-24 £	Total 2023-24 Funding including MSAG £	Indicative increase in funding (including MSAG) £	Impact of inflationary increase in Funding 2024-25	Impact of 2023-24 MSAG being Rolled into School Block Funding 2024-25
2004	Hollingworth Primary School	165	812,754	854,249	41,495	5.11%		28,669	841,423	12,826	1.52%	3.59%
2006	Pinfold Primary School	360	1,971,661	2,070,475	98,814	5.01%		67,477	2,039,138	31,337	1.54%	3.47%
2011	Arundale Primary School	168	1,040,463	1,080,366	39,904	3.84%		35,197	1,075,660	4,707	0.44%	3.40%
2018	Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School	404	1,855,742	1,946,422	90,680	4.89%		61,388	1,917,130	29,292	1.53%	3.36%
2019	Stalyhill Junior School	230	1,025,260	1,076,153	50,893	4.96%		35,191	1,060,451	15,702	1.48%	3.48%
2020	Arlies Primary School	186	996,433	1,045,914	49,481	4.97%		33,691	1,030,124	15,790	1.53%	3.44%
2021	Buckton Vale Primary School	249	1,127,422	1,183,088	55,666	4.94%		38,824	1,166,246	16,842	1.44%	3.50%
2024	Lyndhurst Community Primary School	212	1,172,257	1,232,799	60,542	5.16%		41,926	1,214,183	18,616	1.53%	3.63%
2025	Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery	197	926,100	970,681	44,582	4.81%		30,302	956,402	14,280	1.49%	3.32%
2027	Millbrook Primary School	203	1,040,539	1,092,536	51,998	5.00%		35,934	1,076,473	16,064	1.49%	3.51%
2037	The Heys Primary School	203	1,119,576	1,174,805	55,229	4.93%		37,712	1,157,288	17,517	1.51%	3.42%
2039	Audenshaw Primary School	206	950,532	997,075	46,544	4.90%		31,797	982,329	14,747	1.50%	3.40%
2042	Russell Scott Primary School	412	2,006,449	2,106,127	99,678	4.97%		67,634	2,074,083	32,044	1.54%	3.43%
2045	Fairfield Road Primary School	419	2,028,784	2,126,859	98,075	4.83%		66,903	2,095,687	31,172	1.49%	3.34%
2051	Livingstone Primary School	196	938,467	973,977	35,509	3.78%		31,332	969,799	4,177	0.43%	3.35%
2055	Aldwyn Primary School	418	1,841,290	1,926,980	85,690	4.65%		61,764	1,903,054	23,926	1.26%	3.39%
2056	St Anne's Primary School	214	998,353	1,048,118	49,765	4.98%		34,427	1,032,780	15,338	1.49%	3.49%
2058	Corrie Primary School	309	1,569,416	1,647,707	78,292	4.99%		53,159	1,622,575	25,133	1.55%	3.44%
2063	Holden Clough Community Primary School	357	1,625,875	1,705,518	79,644	4.90%		54,779	1,680,654	24,865	1.48%	3.42%
2068	Greswell Primary School and Nursery	403	1,919,911	2,017,346	97,435	5.07%		67,184	1,987,095	30,251	1.52%	3.55%
2073	Stalyhill Infant School	173	808,209	847,516	39,307	4.86%		27,012	835,221	12,295	1.47%	3.39%
2081	Ravensfield Primary School	405	2,044,788	2,147,807	103,019	5.04%		70,665	2,115,453	32,354	1.53%	3.51%
3000	Gee Cross Holy Trinity CofE (VC) Primary School	204	975,490	1,023,306	47,816	4.90%		32,603	1,008,093	15,213	1.51%	3.39%
3001	Broadbottom Church of England Primary School	81	469,357	492,937	23,580	5.02%		16,318	485,675	7,262	1.50%	3.52%
3003	St John's CofE Primary School	319	1,422,543	1,492,625	70,082	4.93%		47,932	1,470,475	22,150	1.51%	3.42%
3019	Hurst Knoll St James' Church of England Primary School	199	1,104,069	1,160,684	56,614	5.13%		38,802	1,142,871	17,812	1.56%	3.57%
3026	Milton St John's CofE Primary School	223	1,022,095	1,073,743	51,648	5.05%		36,236	1,058,331	15,412	1.46%	3.59%
3027	Micklehurst All Saints CofE Primary School	194	1,014,840	1,053,538	38,698	3.81%		33,603	1,048,443	5,095	0.49%	3.32%
3303	Mottram CofE Primary School	135	684,132	717,335	33,203	4.85%		22,465	706,597	10,738	1.52%	3.33%
3304	St Paul's Catholic Primary School	205	959,644	1,006,118	46,474	4.84%		31,782	991,426	14,692	1.48%	3.36%
3305	St James Catholic Primary School	174	1,122,611	1,161,650	39,039	3.48%		33,719	1,156,330	5,320	0.46%	3.02%
3308	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	207	995,706	1,044,704	48,998	4.92%		33,694	1,029,400	15,304	1.49%	3.43%
3309	St Peter's Catholic Primary School	206	942,564	988,044	45,480	4.83%		31,274	973,838	14,206	1.46%	3.37%
3310	St Raphael's Catholic Primary School	193	919,460	963,581	44,121	4.80%		30,451	949,911	13,670	1.44%	3.36%
3312	Holy Trinity CofE Primary School	209	1,231,166	1,288,696	57,531	4.67%		37,593	1,268,759	19,938	1.57%	3.10%
3313	St Peter's CofE Primary School	202	1,174,652	1,234,764	60,112	5.12%		40,730	1,215,382	19,382	1.59%	3.53%
3314	St Stephen's CofE Primary School	206	1,105,141	1,159,285	54,145	4.90%		36,712	1,141,853	17,433	1.53%	3.37%
3316	St Mary's CofE Primary School	202	1,004,430	1,053,101	48,670	4.85%		32,887	1,037,317	15,783	1.52%	3.33%
3317	St George's CofE Primary School	126	690,110	725,716	35,607	5.16%		24,839	714,949	10,768	1.51%	3.65%
3319	Canon Burrows CofE Primary School	416	1,901,627	1,994,427	92,799	4.88%		63,295	1,964,922	29,504	1.50%	3.38%
3322	St Mary's RC Primary School	208	978,876	1,025,450	46,574	4.76%		31,618	1,010,494	14,956	1.48%	3.28%
3323	St Stephen's RC Primary School	382	1,766,041	1,853,907	87,866	4.98%		60,803	1,826,844	27,063	1.48%	3.50%
3324	St Joseph's RC Primary School	161	795,715	835,518	39,804	5.00%		27,563	823,278	12,241	1.49%	3.51%
3325	St John Fisher RC Primary School	205	1,031,094	1,082,268	51,174	4.96%		35,023	1,066,117	16,151	1.51%	3.45%
3326	St Christopher's RC Primary School	217	1,023,247	1,073,314	50,067	4.89%		34,786	1,058,033	15,281	1.44%	3.45%
3327	St Anne's RC Primary School	207	1,017,911	1,067,367	49,456	4.86%		34,008	1,051,919	15,448	1.47%	3.39%
3331	Our Lady of Mount Carmel RC Primary School	207	1,075,926	1,126,995	51,069	4.75%		34,635	1,110,561	16,434	1.48%	3.27%

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4006	Alder Community High School	935	5,911,369	6,217,473	306,104	5.18%		214,436	6,125,805	91,668	1.50%	3.68%
4018	Mossley Hollins High School	889	5,284,033	5,554,004	269,971	5.11%		189,645	5,473,678	80,326	1.47%	3.64%
4025	Hyde Community College	1,154	7,626,885	8,027,474	400,589	5.25%		283,537	7,910,422	117,052	1.48%	3.77%
4028	Denton Community College	1,365	9,051,871	9,522,760	470,889	5.20%		330,739	9,382,610	140,150	1.49%	3.71%
4602	St Damian's RC Science College	838	5,168,369	5,426,166	257,797	4.99%		177,669	5,346,038	80,128	1.50%	3.49%
4603	St Thomas More RC College Specialising in Mathematics and Computing	781	4,835,236	5,079,597	244,361	5.05%		170,237	5,005,473	74,124	1.48%	3.57%
2000	Silver Springs Primary Academy	338	1,747,445	1,836,269	88,824	5.08%		61,812	1,809,257	27,012	1.49%	3.59%
2005	Oakfield Primary and Moderate Learning Difficulties Resource Provision	212	1,125,378	1,182,447	57,069	5.07%		39,103	1,164,481	17,966	1.54%	3.53%
2008	Flowery Field Primary School	621	2,953,171	3,099,264	146,093	4.95%		99,019	3,052,190	47,074	1.54%	3.41%
2009	Inspire Academy	408	1,989,170	2,088,988	99,818	5.02%		69,142	2,058,312	30,676	1.49%	3.53%
2010	Discovery Academy*	185	989,143	1,037,521	48,378	4.89%		33,258	1,022,401	15,120	1.48%	3.41%
2014	Linden Road Academy and Hearing Impaired Base	191	1,031,351	1,083,008	51,658	5.01%		35,544	1,066,895	16,114	1.51%	3.50%
2015	St Paul's CofE Primary School, Stalybridge	223	1,099,888	1,155,731	55,843	5.08%		39,269	1,139,157	16,574	1.45%	3.63%
2017	Greenfield Primary School	196	1,089,920	1,145,147	55,227	5.07%		38,025	1,127,945	17,202	1.53%	3.54%
2026	Wild Bank Community School	136	905,185	937,832	32,647	3.61%		28,022	933,207	4,625	0.50%	3.11%
2032	Bradley Green Primary Academy	198	1,036,794	1,089,902	53,108	5.12%		36,591	1,073,385	16,517	1.54%	3.58%
2033	Dowson Primary Academy	417	1,840,827	1,928,307	87,480	4.75%		63,631	1,904,458	23,849	1.25%	3.50%
2034	Godley Community Primary Academy	210	961,766	1,009,679	47,913	4.98%		33,366	995,132	14,547	1.46%	3.52%
2038	Ashton West End Primary Academy	408	2,111,133	2,206,514	95,381	4.52%		70,389	2,181,522	24,992	1.15%	3.37%
2040	Poplar Street Primary School	404	1,991,471	2,092,626	101,155	5.08%		70,120	2,061,591	31,035	1.51%	3.57%
2046	Manchester Road Primary Academy	347	1,756,187	1,845,636	89,450	5.09%		62,052	1,818,239	27,398	1.51%	3.58%
2049	Moorside Primary School	401	1,931,936	2,031,190	99,255	5.14%		69,350	2,001,286	29,905	1.49%	3.65%
2053	Waterloo Primary School	306	1,651,042	1,733,494	82,452	4.99%		56,415	1,707,457	26,037	1.52%	3.47%
2061	Denton West End Primary School	422	1,858,910	1,945,420	86,510	4.65%		60,987	1,919,897	25,523	1.33%	3.32%
2064	Dane Bank Primary School	207	964,085	1,011,323	47,238	4.90%		32,439	996,524	14,799	1.49%	3.41%
2069	Manor Green Primary Academy	336	1,686,276	1,771,400	85,124	5.05%		58,959	1,745,235	26,165	1.50%	3.55%
2078	Oasis Academy Broadoak	364	1,913,965	2,014,128	100,163	5.23%		70,667	1,984,632	29,496	1.49%	3.74%
2079	Endeavour Primary Academy	236	1,217,198	1,277,697	60,499	4.97%		41,765	1,258,963	18,734	1.49%	3.48%
3022	St James CofE Primary School	195	1,086,630	1,139,603	52,972	4.87%		36,023	1,122,653	16,949	1.51%	3.36%
3301	St George's CofE Primary School	203	1,156,894	1,214,276	57,382	4.96%		38,862	1,195,756	18,520	1.55%	3.41%
4007	Rayner Stephens High School	532	3,737,742	3,934,498	196,757	5.26%		138,557	3,876,299	58,200	1.50%	3.76%
4002	Laurus Ryecroft*	952	5,992,170	6,298,276	306,107	5.11%		213,732	6,205,902	92,375	1.49%	3.62%
4011	Copley Academy	615	4,259,644	4,481,088	221,444	5.20%		154,880	4,414,524	66,564	1.51%	3.69%
4009	Longdendale High School	804	5,137,291	5,401,661	264,370	5.15%		186,140	5,323,431	78,230	1.47%	3.68%
4604	All Saints Catholic College	782	5,150,694	5,417,787	267,093	5.19%		187,834	5,338,528	79,259	1.48%	3.71%
5400	Audenshaw School	1,105	7,029,138	7,381,181	352,043	5.01%		245,366	7,274,504	106,677	1.47%	3.54%
5401	West Hill School	839	5,287,331	5,554,591	267,260	5.05%		187,486	5,474,817	79,774	1.46%	3.59%
5402	Fairfield High School for Girls	981	6,172,757	6,486,644	313,888	5.09%		221,292	6,394,049	92,596	1.45%	3.64%
6905	New Charter Academy	1,298	8,915,386	9,375,941	460,555	5.17%		323,066	9,238,452	137,489	1.49%	3.68%
6906	Droylsden Academy	928	6,258,943	6,579,068	320,126	5.11%		223,227	6,482,170	96,899	1.49%	3.62%
2066	Greenside Primary School	436	2,131,744	2,237,888	106,143	4.98%		71,969	2,203,713	34,174	1.55%	3.43%
2077	Yew Tree Primary School	360	1,826,872	1,922,899	96,027	5.26%		66,745	1,893,617	29,282	1.55%	3.71%
2080	Rosehill Methodist Community Primary School	374	1,958,268	2,057,630	99,362	5.07%		68,838	2,027,106	30,524	1.51%	3.56%
3020	Parochial CofE Primary and Nursery School	189	996,422	1,047,189	50,767	5.09%		35,410	1,031,832	15,357	1.49%	3.60%
3311	Canon Johnson CofE Primary School	203	1,094,212	1,147,406	53,194	4.86%		36,144	1,130,356	17,050	1.51%	3.35%
Total		34,901	196,170,864	206,000,216	9,829,351			6,868,097	203,038,961	2,961,254		

* these schools are growing schools so the NOR are adjusted to take into account expected growth

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Appendix C Notes:

Column 1	October 2022 NOR (excluding nursery)
Column 2	Schools block allocation in 2023-24 excluding Business Rates and PFI (Premises)
Column 3	Provisional schools block allocation in 2024-25 excluding Business Rates & PFI (Premises) with a proposed 0.5% transfer to High Needs Block (NFF Rates (Appendix B), 0.5% MFG and no Gains Cap)
Column 4 & 5	The change between 2024-25 provisional allocation and the schools block allocation in the 2023-24 financial year (funding in columns 3 and 2)

The below provide some context around the change in funding for additional information

Column 10	This illustrates the impact of the inflationary increases in funding for 2024-25 has on the increase calculated in column 5
Column 11	This illustrates the impact rolling in the mainstream schools additional grant funding for 2023-24 has on the increase calculated in column 5

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