

Dedicated Schools Grant 2017-18

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A. BACKGROUND

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) received from the Department for Education (DfE) and paid by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) was finalised on 20th December 2016.

This includes funding for the Early Years Block, Schools Block, High Needs Block and finalised positions regarding Growth Fund and Licenses.

Alongside this, announcements regarding the finalised Education Services Grant (ESG) and details of new grants to replace some aspects of ESG were finalised.

B. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

This paper recommends the allocation of DSG and proposes the school funding formulae and related matters.

C. OVERALL DSG

The overall DSG allocation for Buckinghamshire compared to the indicative allocation is as follows:

Block	Indicative allocation £m ⁱ	Final allocation £m ⁱⁱ	Change £m	Notes
1. Schools Funding	£290.500m	£296.196m	£5.696m	Growth in pupils.
2. Historical commitments	£4.654m	£4.654m	£-	If not used per agreed basis, will be reduced.
3. Central spend on ongoing functions	£2.300m	£2.300m	£-	
4. Growth Fund	£1.072m	£1.072m	£-	
5. ESG retained duties funding	£1.221m	£1.178m	(£0.043m)	£15 per pupil. Reduced amount as share of £117m pot reduced.
Total Schools Block (1 to 5 above)	£300.079m	£305.400m	£5.321m	70,893 pupils @ £4,232.84 increased to 72,150 pupils.
6. High Needs	£74.954m	£76.444m	£1.490m	Share of £130m uplift funding
7. Early Years	£21.023m	£30.489m	£9.466m	Includes 2 year old funding and extra hours for 3 and 4 year olds
Total DSG (1 to 7 above)	£396.056m	£412.333	£16.277m	Mostly early years increases, plus growth in pupils and some high needs uplift

Overall the DSG funding is relatively positive.

- High Needs Block has received an uplift of £1.49m;
- Schools Block funding has grown in line with pupil numbers but also the “lag” in funding for “growing schools” has significantly caught up;
- Early Years Block rates have been increased and the past funding from Schools Block for Early Years is no longer needed.

Most of the increase will be utilised on early years and paying for increased school pupils in the School Funding Formulae, however the overall position looks much better than the worst case scenario assumed in November and reported to Schools Forum.

It will be necessary to tightly manage budgets in high needs and the proposals are based on special schools, alternative provisions and Pupil Referral unit budgets finding efficiencies along with other high needs spend areas.

The proposal for mainstream schools is only to cap schools gaining to 0.5% (instead of 2.5% gains) but not to change any other funding factors.

D. OTHER FUNDING

In addition to the DSG, announcements have been made about:

- Education Services Grant transitional fundingⁱⁱⁱ. This is £1.392m for BCC in 2017/18.
- Capital (not in the scope of this report);
- £140m 'Strategic School Improvement Fund'; for academies and maintained schools - aimed at ensuring resources are targeted at the schools most in need of support to drive up standards, use their resources most effectively and deliver more good school places.
- £50 million school improvement, monitoring and brokering grant^{iv} (2 years from Sept 2017) fund for local authorities to continue to monitor and commission school improvement for low-performing maintained schools^v. This will be a minimum of £1800 per year for each maintained school when it starts in September 2017, but it is understood will be for two years.
- Pupil premium funding^{vi}. The rates per pupil for pupil premium in 2017 to 2018 will be maintained at their current rates.
- PE & Sports Grants^{vii}.
- Universal Infant Free School Meals^{viii}.

These are mostly outside of the scope of this report, although the impact of ESG changes is covered.

E. EDUCATION SERVICES GRANT

The reduction in ESG will impact on services provided to support schools. The overall summary of funding (not including “Strategic School Improvement Fund”) is set out below:

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21+
ESG or replacement					
1. ESG General Funding allocation	3,909	1,392	0	0	0
2. ESG Retained Duties Funding	1,221	1,178	1,154	1,131	1,108
3. School Improvement, Monitoring and Brokering Grant	0	172	279	110	0
Total Funding	5,130	2,742	1,433	1,241	1,108
Change c.f. 2016/17		-2,388	-3,697	-3,889	-4,022

The approval of Schools Forum is needed for the retained ESG retained duties funding transferred to the DSG (line 2 above) to be allocated to the Authority. The functions covered by this include:

Statutory & regulatory Duties

- Director of children’s services and personal staff for director
- Planning for the education service as a whole
- Revenue budget preparation, preparation of information on income and expenditure relating to education, and external audit relating to education & administration of grants
- Authorisation and monitoring of expenditure not met from schools’ budget shares
- Formulation and review of local authority schools funding formula
- Internal audit and other tasks related to the authority’s chief finance officer’s responsibilities under s151 of LGA 1972 except duties specifically related to maintained schools
- Plans involving collaboration with other LA services or public/voluntary bodies
- Standing Advisory Committees for religious Education (SACREs)

Education welfare

- Functions in relation to the exclusion of pupils from schools, excluding any provision of education of excluded pupils
- School Attendance and responsibilities regarding employment of children

Asset Management

- Management of the LA’s capital programme and general landlord duties for all buildings owned by LA including those leased to academies

The sum of activities above exceeds £1.178m.

Recommendation 1

That the School Forum notes the implications of the ESG proposals and agrees the allocation of the £1.178m ESG retained duties funding to the Authority.

F. 2018-19 NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULAE AND HIGH NEEDS PROPOSALS

The DfE proposals for 2018/19 are set out in their consultations^{ix}, launched on December 14th 2016 and running until 22nd March 2017. Stakeholders are strongly encouraged to respond to this.

The implications for Buckinghamshire schools are generally positive, with Buckinghamshire gaining one of the highest levels of increases (of F40 members) and 85% of schools gaining from the proposals.

Some changes in the proposals will benefit Buckinghamshire schools further, for example changes to lump sum funding proposals. F40 have a meeting in January 2017 to consider the consultation further and would welcome the views of F40 members on the proposals.

The direction of travel suggested by the consultation also gives the Schools Forum some issues to consider about any changes necessary in the formulae for 2017-18. The proposal indicates that 2018-19 will be the last year in which the authority and Schools Forum have any influence on funding for schools, as from 2019-20 schools will move to the agreed National Funding Formulae.

The High Needs funding consultation proposed that no authority will lose funding, Buckinghamshire will therefore receive protected funding to maintain the current funding levels for high needs.

Recommendation 2

The School Forum considers the consultation and provides a collective response to the F40 group (notwithstanding Schools and stakeholders may wish to provide individual or other collective responses)

A short report on the consultation proposals is available to support this and a link to the consultation is included in the end notes.

G. SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULAE 2017-18

The Schools Block per the final DSG is shown in the table in the section above. Schools Block is not yet ring-fenced and the pressure on High Needs Block will require a transfer of funding from the Schools Block. This was raised at the November Schools Forum^x meetings.

The modelling of the Schools Funding Formulae using the final December Authority Proforma Tool (APT) data shows the following:

Scenario	DSG requirement to fund the Schools Funding Formulae £m	Saving compared to As IS (scenario 1) £m
1 – Use current funding formulae factors and current 2% capping	£293.624m	NIL savings, although c £0.7m of savings are built in from MFG reductions (this is £3.124m more than 2016/17 due to growth in pupils)
2 – Use current funding formulae factors but reduce capping to 0.5%	£293.123m	£0.501m
3 – Reduce all pupil led funding formulae factors and reduce capping to 0.5%	£291.499m	£2.125m
4 - Target funding factors changes in light of DfE proposals for 2018-19 and reduce capping to 0.5%	£291.388m	£2.236m

As the table shows, the additional saving for DSG of options 3 and 4 are significant. In November the Schools Forum was advised that reducing funding factors might be needed to balance the DSG overall.

Due to the additional funding received the Authority is able to propose a balanced DSG budget overall without having to change the funding factors for schools, only the capping level.

Recommendation 3

The School Funding Formulae agreed in 2016/17 are unchanged but that capping of gains is set at 0.5% (per scenario 2)

H. HISTORIC COMMITMENTS

Schools Forums need to be able to make informed decisions about historic commitments on a line by line basis each year^{xi}. Evidence must include:

- Minutes from the schools forum prior to 1st April 2013 - schools forum should have agreed the commitment prior to 2013.
- Proof that the commitment extended at least as far as the 2017 to 2018 financial year. Evidence can include reports which indicated an end date into 2017 to 2018 or beyond, or where the commitment has no specific end date.
- Where budgets relate to non-staffing costs, there must be a contractual commitment (such as a PFI agreement or lease agreement) which extends into the relevant financial year.
- Schools forum papers and minutes that show that approval has been granted for the financial year. The forum is expected to approve each spending line annually. It is important that schools forums have sufficient information to be able to make an informed decision.

A decision was made by Schools Forum in May 2016^{xii} to agree the historic commitments submitted to the EFA. This included £4.756m of historic commitments. The baseline figures included in the DSG calculations total £4.654m instead of £4.756m.

Block	Subset	DSG allocation £m	Recommended budget	Notes
Central spend on historic commitments	Contribution to combined budgets	£2.675m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2.311m Combined Contributions • £0.224m Practical Learning Opportunities • £0.139m Raising Participation £2.675m Total	BLT currently delivers services on behalf of the Authority. ASPIRE (Secondary PRU) deliver vocational Programmes
	Termination of employment costs.	£0.271m	£0.271m	Costs are higher but increases not allowed.
	Capital expenditure from CERA	£1.708m	£1.650m + £58k other contributions	Capital contribution disappears in 2018-19.
Total historical commitments		£4.654m	£4.654m	Needs to be allocated in full

If the spend on historical commitments is less than the funding provided by the DfE, the DfE will reduce the funding, it will not be available to offset other DSG blocks.

Recommendation 4

The Schools Forum agrees the full use of the historical commitments proposed.

I. CENTRAL ONGOING COMMITMENTS

The central ongoing commitments require the approval of the Schools Forum on a line by line basis. These have been included in the DSG allocation baselines as set out in the overall DSG table at the start of this report.

From 2018-19 the proposal in the DfE consultation is to move these to a formula basis but protect authorities from reductions greater than 2.5% per annum. Any underspend or efficiencies in these is expected to be used to contribute to Schools Block or High Needs Block budgets

The services funded included are listed below:

DSG allocation	DSG Amount	Recommended Budget	Notes
School admissions	£1.286m	£1.209m	Proposed budget is £890k for admissions + £319k (legal). This does not include the overheads for admissions which are included below.
Servicing of Schools Forum	£0.002m	£0.002m	The cost of this is not fully shown, as democratic support costs are included within the BCC central overheads below.
Fees to independent schools without SEN	£0.389m	£0.250m	Proposed £250k budget for 2017/18 reduced from £585k budget in 2016/17
Other items	£0.622m	£0.555m	Includes £115k BASL, £210k safeguarding in education, £230k central overheads
Total	£2.300m	£2.016m	Contribution to offset high needs pressures.

Recommendation 5

The Schools Forum agrees the ongoing commitments recommended above.

J. HIGH NEEDS

The Final DSG allocation for High Needs Block is £76.444m including a £602k sum that will be clawed back. This is £1.490m higher than the base line funding and goes some way to offsetting pressures in high needs caused by growth. It is assumed that this will be the final figure for 2018/19 onwards, when the proposed high needs formulae begins under which Buckinghamshire will receive significant protection funding.

The wider SEND change programme being led by the Authority will have limited impact on pressure in 2017-18 budgets.

The Government has recognised the impact challenges on Authorities and announced a new grant^{xiii} to support strategic reviews of high needs. As Buckinghamshire has already recognised this issue and commenced a programme, the funding (being given to the Authority in January 2017) will be used to offset the significant cost of managing and facilitating this programme already planned.

Block	Subset	Indicative allocation £m ^{xiv}	Final allocation £m	Change £m	Notes
6. High Needs	High Needs	£74.352m	£75.842m	£1.490m	Uplift for growth
	Post 16 transfer adj.	£0.602m	£0.602m	£-	Recouped by the EFA
Total		£74.954m	£76.444m	£1.490m	

The budget proposals for high Needs Block in 2017/18 (set out below) exceed the amount set in the DSG for High Needs significantly and therefore use of Schools Block funding is needed. The recommended budgets for High Needs are as follows:

Ref	Activity	Final budget recommendation 2017-18	change compared to Nov Schools Forum report	change explained
H1	Additional Resourced Units	£4,690,000	-£71,000	efficiencies
H2	Alternative Provision	£431,000	£0	
H3	BLT - Specialist Teaching Service	£2,057,000	£0	
H4	Early Years EHC Plans	£290,000	£0	
H5	Educating Children in Public Care (ECPC)	£700,000	-£17,000	efficiencies
H6	Education Psychology	£650,000	-£32,000	efficiencies
H7	Educational Equipment	£240,000	-£10,000	efficiencies
H8	Independent Schools	£15,000,000	-£219,000	
H9	Kiteridge specialist boarding PRU for 11-19 year olds	£1,086,000	-£1,000	rounding

Ref	Activity	Final budget recommendation 2017-18	change compared to Nov Schools Forum report	change explained
H10	Other Support	£650,000	-£12,000	efficiencies
H11	Portage	£200,000	£10,000	Inflation
H12	Post-16 High Needs	£5,910,000	£85,000	further growth
H13	PRU place funding	£2,380,000	£0	
H14	PRUs & EOTAS	£2,487,000	-£77,000	efficiencies
H15	Recoupment	£2,500,000	-£46,000	efficiencies
H16	Re-integration	£360,000	-£2,000	rounding
H17	Schools EHC Plans	£5,490,000	£109,000	further growth
H18	Schools Inadequate Notional	£150,000	£0	
H19	Schools post-16 £6k for EHC Plans	£324,000	£0	
H20	Special Schools - Place	£14,100,000	-£510,000	Updated assumptions.
H21	Chiltern Way Academy project	£426,000	£0	15 places @£28k
H22	Special Schools - top up	£14,350,000	-£77,000	Revised assumptions plus efficiencies
H23	Therapies (SALT and OT)	£1,631,000	£150,000	ESG funded £150k, now part of High Needs
H24	Vulnerable children attainment intervention	£935,000	£0	
H25	High Needs Block Funding Schools	£700,000	-£12,000	Growth pressure contained to 2016/17 levels
H26	High Needs Block Funding Early Years (early years inclusion fund)	£50,000	-£428,000	Mostly included within early years inclusion fund
H27	High Needs overheads	£1,968,000	£0	
	Total	£79,755,000	-£1,160,000	Still growth of £5.5m compared to original budget for 2016/17

Recommendation 6

The Schools Forum support the High needs budget proposals.

K. EARLY YEARS

The DSG includes funding for 3 and 4 year olds and now also includes funding for 2 year olds.

The Early years block is not currently ring-fenced but the proposals below assume that all of the early years funding within the DSG will be spent on early years, but there will be no use of other blocks (as has been the case in the past) to support higher rates for early years providers, as the new DSG funding for early years includes increases.

A new inclusion fund within Early Years is proposed that means low level SEN support funded by High Needs Block historically will now be covered within Early Years Block. Those with more complex needs will be met by the High Needs block.

Within the new arrangements an element of funding will be held for central costs. The proposals are subject to final consultation with providers but small increases in rates to providers will be possible.

The DSG allocation for Early Years is as follows:

DSG funding area	DSG allocation £m	Proposed budget 2017/18	Notes
3 & 4 year old universal entitlement	£22.402	£22.402	4,828,000 hours @ £4.64 of which at least 95% will be passed through to providers
3 and 4 year old additional entitlement for eligible working parents	£4.189m	£4.189m	903,000 hours @ £4.64 of which at least 95% will be passed through to providers
Entitlement funding for disadvantaged 2 year olds	£3.519m	£3.519m	616,000 hours @£5.71 of which at least 95% will be passed through to providers
Pupil premium	£0.114m	£0.114m	Ring fenced
Supplementary funding for maintained schools	£0.173m	£0.173m	Less than 2016/17, but ring-fenced
Disability access fund	£0.092m	£0.092m	Ring fenced
Total	£30.489m	£30.489m	

A separate paper with details of proposed funding to providers and amounts in central budgets is available.

Recommendation 7

The Schools Forum supports the Early Years budget proposals

L. EXISTING DE-DELEGATIONS

De-delegation is where maintained schools collectively agree to give back some school funding allocated to fund ongoing activities on behalf of all maintained schools.

Voting is by sector (maintained schools only) at the Schools Forum.

Primary schools have 38,104 pupils and secondary 5,893 (Total 43,997). There are 172 maintained schools (165 primary schools and 7 secondary including 1 all through).

De-delegation has historically been agreed for:

- Contingency (schools in financial difficulties and deficits of closing schools)
- Supply cover for union activity and small schools

Existing de-delegation areas:

De-delegation area	2016-17 budget £	20176-17 rates	Notes	2017-18 proposals
A. Contingency - schools in financial difficulties	£462k	£10.61 per pupil.	This is administered by the Contingency panel using the rules agreed by the Schools Forum.	£10 per pupil. Pot to be split and ring-fenced between secondary and primary schools. This would provide primary schools with £381k contingency and secondary £59k. Other schools are not eligible for contingency.
B. Contingency - deficits of closing schools	£360k	£3.59 per pupil plus £1,164.88 per school (the lump sums were increased to compensate for this)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is used to offset the cost of writing off deficit budgets at point of maintained schools becoming sponsored academies and the old school in effect closing. • The contingency fund terms of reference include this. The Deficit amounts are calculated by the LA at point of closure. • The EFA has confirmed that deficits for sponsored schools 	£3.50 per pupil plus £1,000 per school. Pot to be used for both sectors as needed. This would provide a budget of £326k, of which £27k is from secondary and £299k from primary.

			must be written off (e.g. converting deficits to loans is not permitted).	
C. Union facilities	£53k	£1.21 per pupil	This contributes to the cost of supporting Union activity relating to schools collectively for all maintained schools.	There has been an underspend in 2016/17 so a budget of only £31k is needed in 2017/18. This equates to 70p per pupil.
D. Cover for small schools	£12k	£0.28 per pupil	This contributes to the cost of supporting small schools in covering jury service and attendance at key meetings.	30p per pupil generating a budget of £13k.

Recommendation 8

The Schools Forum (maintained schools) considers and votes on the proposed existing delegations.

M. NEW DE-DELEGATIONS

Following changes in ESG arrangements additional categories of de-delegation are being allowed:

- Additional school improvement services
- Statutory and regulatory duties (previously funded by ESG) for maintained schools

De-delegation only applies to maintained schools. The guidance is for a single rate per pupil for these new de-delegations for both primary and secondary maintained schools and allows a higher charge (per place not pupil) for special schools and PRUs. The ESG for special schools and PRUs is c. 4x mainstream schools and in the proposals below, each place will be charged at 4x the per pupil rate in mainstream maintained schools. The proposals below are based on

Based on 44,000 pupils and c 1100 places in maintained PRUs and Special Schools, each £1 per pupil (or £4 per place) would generate a budget of c £48,400.

Academies will pay for these services directly and this would continue.^{xv}

The ex ESG functions included are as follows:

Area	Reasons for supporting	Recommended de-delegated rate per pupil	Budget created
1. Procurement advice to schools	Not traded and schools frequently need support from procurement and contracts team	£1 per pupil / £4 per place	£48,400 to maintain c 1 FTE
2. Budgeting and accounting advice to schools, functions relating to financing of maintained schools, monitoring of compliance with Scheme for financing schools	Not traded, part of Finance Team role, alongside funding formulae, administration of grants etc	£1 per pupil / £4 per place	£48,400 to maintain c 1 FTE
3. Authorisation and monitoring of expenditure in respect of schools which do not have delegated budgets and related financial administration	BLT Schools Financial Management Advisory team plus budget held by Education Champion where delegation removed or IEB put in place	£4 per place / £16 per place	£193,600 of which £107,000 is SFMA and balance held by Education Champion
4. Internal audits and other tasks relating to maintained schools	Not traded, part of internal audit.	£1 per pupil / £4 per place	£48,400 to maintain c 1 FTE
5. Educational visits advice (compliance under health and safety)	Not charged to maintained schools.	£1 per pupil / £4 per place	£48,400 to maintain c 1 FTE

Area	Reasons for supporting	Recommended de-delegated rate per pupil	Budget created
6. Premature retirement and redundancy, when not possible to charge to maintained school	Rare occurrence, normally dealt with through contingency (only if there is no contingency budget in existing de-delegation)	£2 per pupil / £4 per place	£96,800 to maintain small pot to cover costs
7. Monitoring national curriculum assessments	Provided by BLT.	£2 per pupil / £4 per place	£96,800 to cover approximate costs
Total ex statutory functions paid for by ESG, if all agreed		£12 per pupil / £48 per place	£580,800 total
8. Additional School Improvement	Additional school improvement to provide basic support to all maintained schools.	£6 per pupil / £24 per place	£290,400. Roughly matches amount provided by DfE for two years.
All new de-delegation items if agreed		£18 per pupil / £72 per place	£871,200 total

The above areas are all at risk due to the ESG reduction. Services will have to either stop or reduce or be paid for differently. Moving some of these to a trading basis is possible, alongside other traded services for schools

By de-delegating, these services can be accessed by all maintained schools when needed and the continued viability of these services is secured. Trading risks the services not being sustainable and schools needing support potentially finding none available.

Schools Forum could consider agreeing to de-delegation but owing to some uncertainty over the new arrangements, could delegate a working group to agree any specifics with the Authority. If changes are needed this can be taken back to Schools Forum and adjustments made (or de-delegated funds returned to schools accordingly).

- For a school with 100 pupils, the impact of the above would be £1,800 per year. This is c 0.5% of budgets.
- For a school with 1000 pupils, the impact would be £18,000. This would be c 0.5% of budgets.
- For a special school with 100 places, the impact would be £7,200 per year. This is c 0.5% of budgets

Recommendation 9

The Schools Forum (maintained schools) considers and votes on the proposed new de-delegations.

N. GROWTH FUND

- The Authority may top-slice the DSG in order to create a growth fund to support schools which are required to provide extra places in order to meet basic need within the Authority.
- A separate paper on growth fund was shared with the Schools Forum in November 2016^{xvi} covering the specifics of the growth fund and the circumstances when this applies and a case for start-up funding, which is a subset of the Growth Fund.
- Having taken on board the decisions of the Schools Forum in November 2016 regarding growth fund, the final growth fund requirements proposed is £1.9m for 2017-18, including £200k for falling rolls. This also allows a small contingency for growth.

Recommendation 10

The Schools Forum supports the recommended £1.9m growth fund budget to be top-sliced from DSG and agree the final criteria for use of the growth fund before year end.

O. LICENSES

- The Government has bundled all licenses for all schools into a national arrangement and each year advises the Authority of the cost of this. This means that schools do not need to obtain separate licenses for the vast majority of circumstances in which a license is needed.
- The license request is top-sliced from the DSG as this is for the benefit of all schools, including academies.
- The total license cost for Buckinghamshire Schools in 2017/18 is approximately 2% higher than in 2016/17, at £397k.

Recommendation 11

The Schools Forum notes the license proposals and the top-slice of DSG as a result.

References

ⁱ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-funding-arrangements-2017-to-2018>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dedicated-schools-grant-dsg-2017-to-2018>

ⁱⁱⁱ [education services grant \(ESG\) transitional grant.](#)

^{iv} The [school improvement monitoring and brokering grant](#) was announced on 30 November 2016. This grant of £30 million (pro rata of £50 million per annum) will be allocated to local authorities from September 2017. Local authorities will receive an allocation of at least £1,800 per the number of maintained schools in their authority as at September 2017, subject to a total minimum allocation of £50,000 for each authority.

^v <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-funding-for-school-improvement--2>

^{vi} [pupil premium conditions of grant for 2017 to 2018](#)

^{vii} The primary PE and sport premium continues in 2017 to 2018. DfE will continue to advise schools on sustainable and effective ways to use the premium and will announce further details in the new year.

^{viii} The grant for universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) continues at a meal rate of £2.30 for the 2017 to 2018 academic year

^{ix} <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>

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