



Schools Forum agenda

Date: Tuesday 16 January 2024

Time: 1.30 pm

Venue: Jubilee Room - The Gateway

Membership:

Mrs G Bull (St Marys School, Haddenham) (Co-Chair), Mr A Gillespie (Burnham Grammar School) (Co-Chair), A Cranmer (Cabinet Member- Buckinghamshire Council), Ms S Barcock-Wood (National Education Union), Ms R Chapman (Chiltern Wood School), Ms J Divers (Turnfurlong Junior School), Ms C Glasgow (NASUWT), Mr E Hillyard (Holmer Green Senior School), Ms N Lovegrove (Early Years Representative), Mrs J Male (Alfriston School), Ms J Robertson (Brushwood Junior School), Mrs D Rutley (Aspire PRU), Mr K Shabbir (Cressex Community School), Mr A Sherwell (Thomas Hickman Primary Combined School), Ms E Stewart (Stoke Mandeville Combined School), Mr B Taylor (Special School Representative), Ms J Watson (Lent Rise School), S Best (Great Kingshill School), M Foster (Aylesbury High School), D Main (Diocese), L Morel (Seer Green School), J Talbot (Tylers Green First School), C Whitehead (The Chalfonts Community College), J Manning (Henry Allen School) and C McDonald (Henry Allen School)

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Schools Forum minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Schools Forum held on Tuesday 5 December 2023 in The Paralympic Room, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF, commencing at 1.30 pm and concluding at 3.45 pm.

Members present

Mrs G Bull, Mr A Gillespie, Ms S Barcock-Wood, Ms R Chapman, Ms C Glasgow, Mrs J Male, Mr A Sherwell, Ms E Stewart, Mr B Taylor, L Morel, J Talbot and C Whitehead

Others in attendance

Ms S Bayliss, J Carter, Ms C Marriott, G Drawmer, C Gray, C Saunders, C Duffy and S Fogden

Agenda Item

1 **Welcome**

Mr A Gillespie (co-chair of the Schools Forum) and chairman for the meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting, including a number of people who had been recently elected onto the Schools Forum. All present briefly introduced themselves to the meeting.

2 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor A Cranmer, J MacIlwraith, C Beevers, S Best, M Foster and N Lovegrove.

3 **Declarations of interest**

There were none.

4 **Minutes of the meetings held on 21 March and 27 June 2023**

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the Schools Forum meetings held on 21 March 2023 and 27 June 2023 be approved as correct records.

5 **Schools Forum Constitution and Membership**

The Forum discussed its Constitution and membership, especially the vacancies and the representation of different groups on sub-Committees. One of the sub-committees, the maintained schools de-delegation committee, was also the subject of a request from the trade unions to have more input and communication with the

committee.

Democratic Services provided an update on membership, with a number of vacancies being filled through the elections held in November 2023. There had been no further resignations although there were 3 vacancies for Grammar School representatives, Secondary Academy and Early Years representatives. The chairman stated that he would highlight the vacancies to the Secondary Headteachers at the BASH meeting.

Gaynor Bull (co-chair) stated that the Forum also needed to look at the membership of the sub-committees and explained the composition and function of each sub-group. More representation was needed on the DSG Spending Review Group (currently focusing on Delivering Better Value for pupils with SEND).

Claudie Glasgow requested that more Trade Union representation be provided for on the Maintained Schools De-Delegation Committee and was informed that the Trade Unions could make representations to that Committee through their meetings with the Local Authority. An updated Membership list including sub-committees would be circulated.

6 National Funding Formula and Operational Guidance and Schools Budget Proposals 2024-25

The Forum received a report on the modelling of the local funding formula for 2024-25. Updated modelling was provided for the Central Schools Services Block. Work continued on the development of the SEND Delivering Better Value project and this would inform the future model for demand against high needs budget to be considered by the Schools Forum in January 2024.

The Forum discussed the following main matters and impacts on Schools Budget proposals for 2024-25:

- **National funding formula and operational guidance on schools budget proposals for 2024-25:** The document covered the assumptions, factors, and allocations of the national funding formula for schools in Buckinghamshire for the year 2024-25.
- **Schools block funding:** Funding had increased by 5% compared to the previous year, but this included the mainstream school additional grant that was previously a separate grant. The minimum funding guarantee was set at 0.5%.
- **Changes in formula factors:** These included the removal of the exceptional small schools premises cost factor (as instructed by the DFE), the increase in the split site factor, and the introduction of the falling rolls fund.
- **Other blocks funding:** The Central Schools Block had a further reduction, the high needs block had a minimum increase of 3%, and the early years block funding had been announced recently.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the information set out in the report, including the accompanying appendices, showing indicative allocations for 2024-25 be NOTED.
(Note: modelling was based on October 2022 census data, with final DSG allocations due in December 2023 based on the October 2023 census data).
- (2) That the allocation for the Central Schools Services Block and the increased allocation for the High Needs Block for 2024-25 be NOTED.

7 Special School Top Up Values - request to disapply the Special School Minimum Funding Guarantee

The Schools Forum was informed about the disapplication request for Special Schools minimum funding guarantee, which affected only one school in the Council's area. The Council had requested an extension to submit the disapplication request and been assured that submitting it later than other schools was fine.

8 De-Delegation from Maintained Schools 2024-25

The Forum received a report for consideration that set out the proposals for existing de-delegations and former ESG funded services de-delegations 2024-25 for consideration by the Schools Forum. The DfE Operational Guide published in July made no changes to the De-delegation definition or guidance. The guidance includes provision to allow the de-delegation of funds to support core and additional school improvement activity.

The Maintained Schools Committee had met on 30 November 2023 with an open invitation to representatives from maintained schools. The recommendations from that meeting were attached to this report. The notes of that meeting were at Appendix A to the report. Supplementary information had been provided to the Committee including expenditure in previous years and a further update on trade union facilities costs and educational visits service. All of this information had been taken into account in the discussions in the group.

A separate report on proposals for the de-delegation of funding for school improvement activity was also presented to the meeting. This was at Appendix B to the report and had also been considered.

Based on all information, the Maintained Schools Committee had made the following proposals and recommendations for de-delegation in 2024-25:

Existing De-delegated Services – across primary and secondary schools:

- Contingency fund for schools in deficit - that there was no de-delegation in 2024-25 due to the amount that had been rolled forward from previous years. This would be reviewed on an annual basis.
- Contingency for deficits of closing schools –that there was no de-delegation in 2024-25 and that this should be reviewed on an annual basis.
- Trade union facilities – that funding be de-delegated at 50p per pupil. A Union Representative asked for it to remain at 70p per pupil. It was agreed

that if the spend increased next year an increase would be considered but that currently it should be 50p per pupil.

- Supply cover for small schools –that there be no de-delegation in 2024-25 in view of the current carry forward balance. This would be reviewed on an annual basis.

Former ESG Funded Services

- Finance support for schools in financial difficulties – £2.75 per pupil primary and secondary/ £11 per place Special and PRU.
- Educational Visits Service –£ 1.22 per pupil for primary and secondary / £4.88 per pupil Special and PRU.

School Improvement Activity – that there be a de-delegation of £3.48 per pupil for 2024-25. This would have been £4.00 if the decision remained in line with the stepped plan increase in school contributions discussed at School Forum in December 2023. The lower figure reflects the proposed removal of funding for Liaison Group Projects. As the representatives attending the Maintained Schools De-delegation Committee had been evenly split on this proposal, a vote was taken on whether the Forum wanted to support the full amount at £4.00 and this was agreed.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the de-delegation proposals for 2024-25 for Existing De-Delegated Services and former ESG Funded Services detailed above be AGREED.
- (2) That the de-delegation for School Improvement Activity be £4 per pupil for 2024-25.

9 Proposal for change of Contingency Panel date

The Forum received a report setting out the proposal to change the terms of reference for the Schools Specific Contingency Fund (SSCF) to allow a change of the panel meeting date. The SSCF terms of reference were published on Schoolsweb and were applicable only to maintained mainstream schools.

The current terms of reference allowed for mainstream maintained schools to be awarded up to 50% of significant unforeseen costs incurred up to the date of the SSCF panel meeting. The proposed changes to terms of reference recommended would allow the SSCF Group to meet in May after schools' year end outturns have been confirmed. Therefore, eligibility for awards would be determined by full costs incurred and the actual outturn position and rather than partial costing and forecast outturns. The effect of this change would result in funds being awarded in the following financial year rather than the current position where the award was made in year. A revised Terms of Reference for the Schools Specific Contingency Fund was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED –

That the updated terms of reference (Appendix 1) for the Schools Specific Contingency Fund (SSCF) be AGREED, to allow the date for the Schools Specific Contingency Panel Meeting to be moved from February to May.

10 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

The Schools Forum received an update on the current forecast for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget for FY 2023-24, based on the spend to 31 October 2023 (Period 7).

The overall Dedicated Schools budget was currently projected to overspend by £3.14m. The main reason for this was a forecast overspend on the High Needs block of £2.964m. A summary of the high needs block current forecast was attached as an appendix to the report. It included an additional £1.002m of independent special schools spend, reflecting an 8.5% increase in budget forecast in pupils in those schools compared to budget.

The meeting was informed of some of the challenges and pressures that the local authority faced in meeting the needs of SEND pupils, such as insufficient places in special schools and gaps in provision for some cohorts. Information was also provided on some of the measures and interventions being taken to address the overspend and improve the outcomes for SEND pupils, such as developing more specialist places locally, reviewing the designation of alternative provision, and providing early intervention and support for early years pupils.

Top-ups in Early Years and Mainstream (for both those with plans and without plans) showed an increase in spend of £2.994m reflecting the expansion in the numbers supported. Offsetting this were underspends of £0.497m in Integrated therapies due to delays in recruiting staff to deliver the contract and a reduced forecast for Post 16 which reflected last year's outturn. The mitigating actions within the 2023-24 High Needs budget had overall delivered the reductions expected but increased demand had negated any financial benefit resulting from the mitigating actions.

The Forum was informed that it was likely that the forecast in future months would include further pressures on top-ups and for Special school places. Further information would be brought to the next Forum meeting on the number of places available. The Schools block was currently projected to break even. The Central schools services block was projected to overspend by £0.177m due to pressures against the budget for Premature Retirement Costs as costs continued to exceed the available budget.

Any variance against the DSG was managed through the DSG reserve which was ringfenced. At the start of the 2023-24 financial year the Council had a deficit of £1.6m against its DSG reserve. The current projected overspend would increase the deficit at the end of the year to £4.7m.

RESOLVED –

That the revenue budget monitoring forecast at the end of October 2023 (Period 7) be NOTED.

11 Report of the DSG Spending Review Group

The Schools Forum received a report on the work of the DSG Spending Review Group including an update on Delivering Better Value (DBV). The DBV programme aimed to support local areas to address the three key challenges facing the SEND system with a focus on both achieving better outcomes for children and young people and achieving greater efficiency within the system.

The work to date had been intensive and had included a robust review of both activity and financial data which had then been triangulated by case audits, surveys to schools, parents and young people and deep dives into the key areas that emerged from both the data and case audits.

The key theme's emerging from the financial and activity review highlighted the need to:

- Strengthen mainstream support.
- Reduce pressures on maintained special schools.
- Reduce the dependence on independent specialist provision.

The data work had identified the need to explore further parents and young people's views and experiences of Inclusion, variational analysis to understand the differences in numbers of pupils supported through SEN Support or EHCP's across schools, process mapping work in relation to annual reviews and placement decisions and some further case audits in relation to post 16 transitions and provision.

Considering both the key data areas identified and the findings of the case audits and the deep dive work, the following group work streams have been identified and form the basis of the projects for the grant application:

- Supporting the aspirations of children and young people without EHC Plans.
- Provision and Decision Making.
- Meet the needs of children and young people with complex needs.
- Preparation for Adulthood.

Throughout the DBV work in Buckinghamshire there had been strong engagement with a wide range of partners throughout the local area, including schools, parents and young people. The DSG spending review group has also met monthly throughout the Autumn term in order to monitor the work.

A critical area of the work has also been to understand the financial forecast for the High Needs Block for the coming years and demonstrate the necessity to drive forward work to intervene early in order to improve outcomes for children and young people and enable further mitigations to reduce pressures on the High Needs Block.

The Council was now in the process of finalising our grant application for £1m for one year to support activity to progress the priority workstreams as outlined above. These workstreams closely aligned with the workstreams of the wider SEND Improvement work in Buckinghamshire.

In response to questions, the meeting was informed that the majority of the programme focussed on the next 12-18 months. The Council had been in contact with the Department of Education to get confirmation on what funding had to be spent in-year and what could be carried over to future years. The Government recognised the difficulties faced by local authorities and was looking at bringing in legislative change to allow this grant to be carried forward into the next year although this was not yet confirmed.

The DSG Group would continue to focus on monitoring the effectiveness of the existing mitigations alongside the work of the additional mitigations being identified through DBV. As the demand and subsequent financial pressures continued to grow it was vital that this Group continued to meet, drive forward work and report back to the Schools Forum.

RESOLVED –

That the work of the DSG Spending Review Group and update regarding Delivering Better Value be NOTED.

12 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED –

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Agenda Item number 13 – Schools Support Pay Award

Paragraph 3: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

13 Schools Support Pay Award

The meeting discussed the factors that would impact on the Schools Support Pay Award for 2024-25, and was informed that the Council's Senior Appointments and Pay Committee were very keen for feedback on this issue from schools.

The Forum discussed opportunities to increase school feedback before the December deadline.

14 Date of Next Meeting

1.30pm on Tuesday 16 January 2024 at the Buckinghamshire Council's Gateway

offices, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury.



Report to Schools Forum

Date: 16th January 2024

Title: School Budget Proposals 2024-25

Author: Sarah Fogden, Head of Finance – Children’s Services

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The report sets out latest information on the 4 blocks of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) based on the October 2023 census and other up to date information as published by the Department of Education (DfE) on the 19th December 2023. The report sets out the implications of the allocations and budget proposals for each block. Recommendations for each block are included in the relevant section of the report.

1.2 The report and recommendations have been reviewed by the Schools Forum Funding Group on 5th January 2024.

2. DSG Allocation 2024-25

Recommendation

- a) To recommend that Buckinghamshire Council sets the overall Dedicated Schools Budget at £631.2m in line with the funding allocation announced on 19th December 2023.**

2.1 Table 1 gives the latest allocations with a total of £631.2m before recoupment for DSG in 2024-25, and updates previous information reported to Schools Forum. Buckinghamshire will receive an increase of £36.5m compared to the 2023-24 DSG settlement. The main change is in Early Years, this is explained elsewhere in this paper.

Table 1: 2024-25 DSG allocation – Comparison with Indicative Settlement and previous year

	Schools block	Central school services block	High needs block	Early years block	Total DSG
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
DSG Allocation 2024-25 (Dec 2023)	438,659	4,681	127,534	60,366	631,240
2024-25 Indicative Settlement	436,891	4,671	127,345		
Movement	1,768	10	189		1,967
For Info:					
2023-24 Final Settlement (including supplementary grant for Schools & Early Years)	426,775	4,935	123,464	39,568	594,741
Movement from 2023-24	11,884	-254	4,070	20,799	36,500

Section A

Recommendations

- a) To agree the allocation of funding to mainstream schools based on the local funding formula for schools agreed in December 2023, updated for the October 2023 census data.
- b) To agree the methodology for affordability, either the cost of the Minimum Funding Guarantee should be funded through the capping of gains, or the formula should be made affordable by scaling at 99.93%.
- c) To confirm the criteria for the Growth Fund in 2024-25.

3. Schools Block

3.1 School Block's allocations for Buckinghamshire are now based on the October 2023 census and reflect the national increases to the formula's core factors, as well as the minimum per pupil funding.

3.2 Table 2 compares the December 2023 allocation and the indicative allocation that was based on the previous year's census data:

Table 2: Schools Block 2024-25 and movement from Indicative settlement

	Pupil Numbers	Pupil Led factors	Premises Led Factors	Growth Funding	Total 23-24
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
DSG Allocation 2024-25 (Dec 2023)	77,331	431,550	4,684	2,425	438,659
Indicative allocation	77,094	429,782	4,684	2,425	436,891
Change from Indicative settlement	237	1,768	0	-	1,768

3.3 The increase of £1.768m compared to the indicative settlement is due to the increase in pupil numbers generating an additional £1.768m of funding. There is a fall in numbers of 197 in Primary and an increase in 434 in Secondary.

3.4 In 2024 to 2025 as in previous years, each local authority will continue to set a local schools funding formula, in consultation with local schools.

3.5 The local funding formula model as agreed by Schools Forum in December 2023 has been recalculated using the updated allocations. Table 3 summarises the funding levels for 2024-25 compared with the indicative settlement and with the current year.

3.6 As in 2023-24, there is insufficient funding to implement the National Funding Formula in full. The main reason for this is the number of pupils eligible for funding through the additional educational needs factors. The DfE calculates the funding unit each year based on the previous census data. If pupil numbers eligible for additional education factors increase between years, this can leave the funding short.

The main factors causing the shortfall are:

- Continued increase in pupils eligible for Free School Meals
- A significant increase in pupils attracting funding through Lower Prior Attainment. Primary lower prior attainment requires funding of £1m more than in 2023-24 reflecting an increase of 1.93% in eligible pupils.

3.7 There are 3 options for bringing the NFF into balance:

- a) To scale back use of the growth fund allocation
- b) To apply the funding formula in full, but to cap the gains made by some schools to make the formula affordable.
- c) To scale down the values of the formula factors due to affordability.

3.8 In 2023-24, a combination of all three options were used, with scaling at 99.89% and capping at 6.17%, and use of the growth funding allocation.

3.9 The modelling for the 2024-25 formula starts from use of the growth funding in the formula, this reduces the Growth Fund contingency places funding. For Model 1a), there is insufficient growth funding to cover the contingency places. If the need for the contingency places materialised, the overspend would need to be carried forward into 2025-26 as first call on the growth funding. Model 1b) allocates sufficient funding to cover the contingency projects.

Table 3: Summary of Funding Levels 2024-25

Illustrative Funding Levels Funding Factors	2023/24 Final Rates	2024/25 Indicative Funding Model	2024/25 Final funding model 1a	2024/25 Final funding model 1b
Scaling factor (% of NFF)	99.89%	100.00%	100.00%	99.93%
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Total through funding formula	413.49	434.98	438.32	438.23
Growth Fund	0.91	2.26	0.64	0.74
Total cost to schools block	414.40	437.24	438.97	438.97
Met from :				
Pupil Led Funding	406.93	429.78	431.55	431.55
Premises Funding	3.46	4.68	4.68	4.68
Growth Funding	3.47	2.47	2.42	2.42
Transfer from Growth Reserves	0.53	0.31	0.31	0.31
Total Funding Available	414.40	437.24	438.97	438.97

No. of Schools Protected	23	8	20	20
No. of Schools Capped	24	0	7	0

	£	£	£	£
Cost of MFG Protection	140,290	63,540	136,851	148,357
Capping of Gains	-140,290	0	-136,851	0

3.10 Model 1a) looks at capping. If capping is set to offset the cost of the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG), as applied in previous years, the outcome is that 7 schools are capped with budget allocations reducing by £137k. Of the 7 schools, there are 3 schools whose funding reduces by £106k in total. These schools initially gain from the new split site factor in the national formula, but capping removes a significant amount of that gain.

3.11 Model 1b) scales back all factors to reflect affordability. This model shares the shortfall across all schools, resulting in scaling of 99.93%, with no capping.

3.12 20 schools will attract the minimum funding guarantee (MFG) in 2024-25.

3.13 The recalculated model reflects the agreed growth fund methodology. This means schools in receipt of growth fund for agreed pupil numbers will see this funding in their school level details.

3.14 Appendix 3 gives funding allocation information at school level. For maintained schools the allocations are prior to the deduction for de-delegated services. Final allocations to individual's schools, via the Schools Budget Share template will include this adjustment.

3.15 The details, including schools level allocations, are given in the Appendices:

- Appendix 1 – Proposed Funding Rates
- Appendix 2 – Proposed Funding Levels

- Appendix 3 - Comparison by School

3.16 Schools Forum is asked to agree the methodology for affordability, either the cost of the Minimum Funding Guarantee should be funded through the capping of gains, or the formula should be made affordable by scaling at 99.93%.

4. Additional Considerations

Teachers Pay Award Grant (TPAG)

4.1 The September 2023 Teachers Pay award of 6.5% is being funded via money that the DfE estimated an average school already had in their budget, estimated at 3.5% and a new grant, the Teachers Pay Award Grant. equivalent to 3% funding. The grant is in addition to DSG and will continue to be paid for the 2024-25 financial year. For Early Years, the grant is rolled into the core Early Years funding.

4.2 School level allocations will be published for 2024-25 in May 2024 for mainstream, special schools and AP.

Teachers Pension Grant

4.3 There will be an additional grant for 2024 to 2025 to reflect the additional costs of the increase to the employer contribution rates to the Teachers' Pensions Scheme from April 2024. Further details will be announced in due course.

Pupil Premium Grant

4.4 Funding rates for the pupil premium in the financial year 2024 to 2025 will increase to:

- primary FSM6 pupils: £1,480
- secondary FSM6 pupils: £1,050
- looked-after children: £2,570
- children who have ceased to be looked-after: £2,570
- service children: £340

5. Growth Fund

5.1 Appendix 4 shows the estimated use of growth funding in 2024-25 based on the criteria agreed in January 2023. The current criteria were reviewed and amended in January 2020 for the 2020-21 financial year to reflect revised DfE guidance and are detailed as follows:

- 1) Growth to meet increases in pupils numbers in existing schools – where it has been agreed with a school to increase a school’s PAN on a permanent basis, this is reflected in an adjustment to the pupil numbers via the Local Authority Planning Tool (APT), with funding through all of the per pupil formula factors.
- 2) Where there is a temporary increase in pupil numbers or it is unclear as to exactly where growth is needed, this is dealt with outside of the schools funding formula as a growth fund project.
- 3) Start-up funding for new schools will be at DfE’s Growth Factor Lump Sum rate for Primary schools and twice the DfE’s Growth Factor Lump Sum rate for Secondary schools.
- 4) Pupil numbers for new schools are included in the APT at 30 pupils per open class for each ‘new’ year group.
- 5) Diseconomies Funding for new schools is based on a per pupil arrangement, with guaranteed funding of all open year groups at 27 pupils per class.

5.2 Schools Forum is asked to agree the criteria for the growth fund.

6. Falling Rolls Fund

6.1 For the first time in 2024-25, the Schools DSG block includes funding for falling rolls, the allocation for Buckinghamshire is £145k.

6.2 LAs have discretion over whether to operate a falling rolls fund or not. Where local authorities operate a fund, they will only be able to provide funding where school capacity data 2022 (SCAP) shows that school places will be required in the subsequent three to five years (used to be 3 years).

6.3 Falling Rolls is no longer restricted to good or outstanding schools, all schools qualify.

6.4 Compliant criteria would generally contain some of the features set out below:

- SCAP shows that school places will be required in the subsequent three to five years (this is a mandatory requirement)
- surplus capacity exceeds a minimum number of pupils, or a percentage of the published admission number
- formula funding available to the school will not support provision of an appropriate curriculum for the existing cohort
- the school will need to make redundancies to contain spending within its formula budget and it is expected (using SCAP data – detailed above) that these posts will need to be re-filled in the subsequent 3 to 5 years.

6.5 Officers are currently reviewing data in areas that have seen falling rolls to assess whether this position is likely to continue into the future and if that is the case whether falling roll funding may be required. As soon as this review has been undertaken, data will be provided to provide an indication of the full implication that it may have in terms of funding requirements.

Section B

Recommendation

- a) To agree the Central Schools Service Block budgets for 2024-25 as detailed in Appendix 5.

7. Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)

7.1 The CSSB continues to provide funding for local authorities to carry out central functions on behalf of maintained schools and academies, comprising two distinct elements:

- ongoing responsibilities
- historic commitments

7.2 Historic commitment funding relates to continuing expenditure by local authorities on commitments entered into before 2013, on activities which since that date have been deemed not to be appropriate for local authorities to fund directly from the DSG. The government's expectation was that the spend on these commitments would reduce over time and as a result funding for historic commitments is being reduced by 20% on the previous year's allocation each year.

7.3 The 2024-25 CSSB allocation is summarised as follows:

Table 4: Central Block Funding 2024-25

Central Schools Services Block	Pupil Numbers	Unit Rate for Ongoing Commitments	Funding for Ongoing commitments	Funding for historic commitments (£s)	Total 2024-25 Allocation
		£	£'000	£'000	£'000
2024-25 Allocation (December 2023)	77,330.50	40.81	3,155.86	1,525.02	4,681
Indicative 2024-25 Allocation	77,094.00	40.81	3,146.30	1,525.02	4,671
Change	236.50	0.00	9.56	0.00	10
Memorandum - comparison with 23-24					
2023-24 Allocation (December 2022)	77,094.00	39.28	3,028	1,906	4,934
Change from 2023-24	236.50	1.53	128	- 381	- 253

7.4 The allocation for 2024-25 is £253k lower than in 2023-24. The 2024-25 allocation is slightly higher than previous predictions as the Ongoing Commitment allocation includes one-off compensation of £64k for a prior year error in licence charges. Funding is expected to continue to reduce over the next 3 years. Table 5 shows the projected impact of funding changes on CSSB allocations over the next 3 years.

Table 5: Predicted Central Block Allocation in future years

3 year Funding Prediction	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Ongoing Commitments			
Per Pupil rate, assume 2% increase per year	£ 40.81	£ 41.63	£ 42.46
Pupil numbers, as per census, assume no growth	77,330.50	77,330.50	77,330.50
Total Ongoing Commitments	£ 3,155,952	£ 3,219,071	£ 3,283,453
Change in DSG each year		63,119	64,381
Historic Commitments 20% reduction each year	£ 1,525,024	£ 1,220,019	£ 976,015
TOTAL Central Block Allocation	£ 4,680,976	£ 4,439,091	£ 4,259,468

7.5 As a result of the estimated reduction in the CSSB, a 3 year savings plan was agreed for the period 2022-23 to 2024-25 using an element of reserves. Further savings will need to be identified for 2025-26.

7.6 Appendix 5 shows the proposed budget for 2024-25.

7.7 Schools Forum is asked to agree the Central Schools Services Block budgets for 2024-25 as outlined in Appendix 5.

Section C

Recommendation

- a) To agree the budget for the High Needs Block in 2024-25 at £127.5m and that further discussions to consider the potential shortfall in the high needs budget are held with the DSG Spending Review Group.

8. High Needs Block

8.1 The allocation for the High Needs Block in 2024-25 is £127.5m, an increase of £4m compared to the current year.

Table 6: High Needs Block Allocation 2024-25

	High needs block
	£'000
DSG Allocation 2024-25 (Dec 2023)	127,534
2024-25 Indicative Settlement	127,345
Movement	189
For Info:	
2023-24 Final Settlement (including supplementary grant for Schools & Early Years)	123,464
Movement from 2023-24	4,070

8.2 In determining the high needs block budget for 2024-25 the following pressures and opportunities need to be taken into account:

- a) Full year effect of pressures in 2023-24
- b) Projected ongoing increases in demand in 2024-25, including planned increases in places arising from the Sufficiency Strategy
- c) Consideration of an inflation uplift to top up values
- d) Potential mitigations arising from actions already taken in the DSG Management Plan.
- e) New Mitigations from the Delivering Better Value in SEND work

8.3 These pressures and potential mitigations are summarised in the table below. Based on initial estimates there is a potential shortfall of £2.9m still to be met in order to set a balance high needs budget.

8.4 It is recommended that further work be carried out with the DSG Spending Review Group to manage the high needs budget in 2024-25.

Table 7: Summary of Pressures against the High Needs Block 2024-25

	£'000	£'000
High Needs Budget 2023-24 (gross of deductions)		123,464
Items For Consideration		
Move to outturn	2,620	
Additional capacity	2,364	
Uplift for top ups (assumed as 3%)	1,687	
Fee increases (external)	1,043	
Projected increase in demand	5,953	
Total increased pressures		13,667
Potential Savings		
Review DSG support for SEN posts	-500	
Original Inclusion mitigations	-393	
Original capacity mitigations	-4,985	
DBV mitigations	-168	
Other planned mitigations	-646	
Total potential savings		- 6,693
High Needs Budget 2024-25		130,439
DSG funding 2024-25		- 127,534
Shortfall		2,904

Section D

Recommendation

a) To agree the Early Years Funding Formulae (EYFF) for 2024-25.

9 Early Years Block

9.1 The 2024-25 funding arrangements include the outcome of the DfE consultation on proposals to support delivery of the new working parent entitlements for children agreed 9 months up to and including 2 years old from 2024.

9.2 The key changes are:

- The introduction of a new national funding formula covering both the existing 2 year old entitlement for disadvantaged children and new working parent entitlements. This means that all children from 9 months to statutory

school age will receive at least 15 hours of government funded early education.

- Extending the 95% pass through rate to each of the new funding formula
- A requirement for local authorities to have a disadvantaged 2 year old rate that is at least equal to the rate for 2 year old children of working parents
- A new deprivation supplement for the disadvantaged 2 year old and new working parent entitlements
- All local authorities to have special educational needs inclusion funds (SENIF) for all children regardless of the hours taken
- Extending eligibility for EY Pupil Premium and Disability Access Fund (DAF) to eligible children aged 2 and under

9.3 The Department of education (DfE) provides local authorities with the funding streams set out below, together they form the Early Years block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). They are:

- An hourly funding rate for 9 months old up to 2 years for the new working parent entitlement (from 1 September 2024)
- An hourly rate for 2 year olds which will be the same for both the disadvantaged and the working parent entitlements
- An hourly rate for the universal and additional hours entitlement for three and four year olds
- supplementary funding for Maintained Nursery Schools (MNS)
- the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)
- the Disability Access Fund (DAF)

9.4 The funding and therefore the hourly rates include funding being provided in respect of the September 2023 teachers' pay award, as well as funding to support providers with the increased costs of employer contributions to the teachers' pension scheme from April 2024.

9.5 The funding does not include the extension planned for September 2025, for eligible working parents of children aged 9 months and above will be able to access 30 hours.

9.6 The final funding for 2024-25 for the existing funding will be based on 5/12ths of January 2024 numbers and 7/12ths January 2025 numbers. For the new working parent entitlements, the first census will not be until January 2025, the DfE will therefore request additional headcounts from the Local Authority for Summer and Autumn 2024.

9.7 The Early Years Block for 2024-25 was announced on 29th November 2023 and includes an increase of 33p in the hourly rate for 3 and 4 year olds, after allowing for Teachers

Pay & Pension Grant. Buckinghamshire is subject to capping at 5%, so the funded hourly rate is £6.14 rather than the £6.27 that the formula generates.

For 2 years old, the funded hourly rate to Buckinghamshire before the allocation of supplements is £8.80.

For 9 months to 2 years, the funded hourly rate to Buckinghamshire before the allocation of supplements is £11.94.

9.8 The allocation is based on the pupil census for January 2023 and is summarised in tables 8 a) and 8b) below. Table 8 a) reflects an increase in funding of £6.6m for existing provision since 2023-24 but this movement includes the impact of the 2023-24 Early Years Supplementary grant. Table 8 b) shows the funding for the new extended entitlements is £16.7m.

Table 8a – Early Years Block Allocation for existing entitlement

Early Years Allocation 2024-25	universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds	additional 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of 3 and 4 year olds	2 year old disadvantaged entitlement	early years pupil premium for 3 and 4 year olds	disability access fund for 3 and 4 year olds	supplementary funding allocation for maintained nursery schools	Total early years block for existing entitlements
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
2024-25 allocation	27,674	11,159	3,853	267	186	530	43,669
2023-24 allocation	23,708	9,559	2,929	244	147	434	37,022
Change	3,966	1,599	924	24	38	96	6,647

Table 8b – Early Years Block allocation for NEW entitlements

Early Years Allocation 2024-25	2 year old working parent entitlement	under 2s entitlement	early years pupil premium for 2 year olds	early years pupil premium for under 2s	disability access fund for 2 year olds	disability access fund for under 2s	Total early years block
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
2024-25 NEW allocation	9,767	6,714	141	7	46	22	16,697

9.9 Local authorities are required to pass at least 95% of their funding to early years providers. This pass-through requirement ensures that the majority of Government funding reaches providers so that they can deliver the free entitlements. Excluded from this calculation are payments to Maintained Nursery Schools (MNS) from the MNS supplementary funding allocation; the Disability Access Fund (DAF) and the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP).

9.10 Local authority compliance with the 95% pass-through requirement is measured with reference to local authorities' planned budgets. The DfE will monitor compliance via the annual s251 budget returns and may consider the future use of s251 outturn data to monitor compliance with the pass-through.

9.11 The Early Years Forum will meet on 8th January 2024 to consider the impact of the allocation and proposals for the 2024-25 formula for Early Years providers. Subject to meeting the DfE requirements, there can be different formula for each funding stream. There are three proposals for each of the formula.

9.12 For 3 and 4 year olds, the options are:

Option A – replicating 2024-25

Option B – same

Option C – Reduced inclusion fund

9.13 For the disadvantaged 2 year olds, the 2 year old working parent entitlement and the under 2 entitlement, the options are:

Option A – including an optional supplement, inclusion fund & contingency.

In addition, the 2 year old working entitlement and under 2 entitlement include a deprivation element.

Option B – same, but reducing the optional supplement

Option C – Increased inclusion fund

9.14 The impact on rates within the Early Years Funding Formula (EYFF) of these options are illustrated in Appendix 6 to this report.

9.15 The outcome of the discussion at the Early Years Forum will be reported to Schools Forum to enable the decisions taken at Early Years Forum regarding the final formula to be ratified.

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Illustrative Funding Rates Funding Factors	2023/24 Final Budget Rates	2024/25 Indicative Model	2024/25 Final Model (1a)	2024/25 Final Model (1b)
Scaling factor (% of NFF)	99.89%	100.00%	100.00%	99.93%
Primary AWPU	£ 3,487.73	£ 3,668.04	£ 3,668.04	£ 3,665.29
KS3 AWPU	£ 4,917.14	£ 5,171.50	£ 5,171.50	£ 5,167.63
KS4 AWPU	£ 5,541.93	£ 5,829.53	£ 5,829.53	£ 5,825.16
Primary MFL	£ 4,405.00	£ 4,610.00	£ 4,610.00	£ 4,610.00
Secondary MFL	£ 5,715.00	£ 5,995.00	£ 5,995.00	£ 5,995.00
Primary FSM	£ 493.26	£ 504.59	£ 504.59	£ 504.21
Secondary FSM	£ 493.26	£ 504.59	£ 504.59	£ 504.21
Primary FSM6	£ 724.47	£ 844.41	£ 844.41	£ 843.78
Secondary FSM6	£ 1,058.44	£ 1,235.72	£ 1,235.72	£ 1,234.80
Primary IDACI band F	£ 236.35	£ 242.00	£ 242.00	£ 241.81
Secondary IDACI band F	£ 344.25	£ 350.12	£ 350.12	£ 349.86
Primary IDACI band E	£ 287.73	£ 293.48	£ 293.48	£ 293.26
Secondary IDACI band E	£ 457.29	£ 463.40	£ 463.40	£ 463.05
Primary IDACI band D	£ 452.15	£ 458.25	£ 458.25	£ 457.90
Secondary IDACI band D	£ 637.12	£ 648.76	£ 648.76	£ 648.27
Primary IDACI band C	£ 493.26	£ 499.44	£ 499.44	£ 499.06
Secondary IDACI band C	£ 698.78	£ 710.54	£ 710.54	£ 710.01
Primary IDACI band B	£ 524.08	£ 530.33	£ 530.33	£ 529.93
Secondary IDACI band B	£ 750.16	£ 762.03	£ 762.03	£ 761.46
Primary IDACI band A	£ 688.50	£ 700.24	£ 700.24	£ 699.72
Secondary IDACI band A	£ 955.68	£ 973.13	£ 973.13	£ 972.40
Primary Low Attainment	£ 1,186.90	£ 1,204.83	£ 1,204.83	£ 1,203.93
Secondary Low Attainment	£ 1,798.33	£ 1,827.84	£ 1,827.84	£ 1,826.47
Primary EAL	£ 596.02	£ 607.56	£ 607.56	£ 607.11
Secondary EAL	£ 1,608.22	£ 1,632.19	£ 1,632.19	£ 1,630.96
Primary Mobility	£ 971.10	£ 988.58	£ 988.58	£ 987.84
Secondary Mobility	£ 1,397.56	£ 1,421.08	£ 1,421.08	£ 1,420.02
Lump Sum	£ 131,534.83	£ 138,401.09	£ 138,401.09	£ 138,297.29
Sparsity Primary (up to)	£ 57,854.77	£ 58,799.87	£ 58,799.87	£ 58,755.77
Sparsity secondary (up to)	£ 84,161.74	£ 85,470.91	£ 85,470.91	£ 85,406.81
MFG	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Capping	6.17%	No Cap	8.67%	No Cap
Fringe uplift where applicable	1.84%	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%

All funding rates include the Area Cost Adjustment (ACA)

No. of Schools Protected	23	8	20	20
No. of Schools Capped	24	0	7	0

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Illustrative Funding Levels Funding Factors	2023/24 Final Budget	2024/25 Indicative Model	2024/25 Final Model 1a	2024/25 Final Model 1b
Scaling factor (% of NFF)	99.89%	100.00%	100.00%	99.93%
Primary AWPU	£155,147,891	£163,125,992	£162,388,716	£162,266,970
KS3 AWPU	£98,608,326	£103,588,593	£105,615,821	£105,536,785
KS4 AWPU	£71,280,304	£74,979,415	£75,230,085	£75,173,690
Primary MFL	£1,745,693	£1,643,706	£1,286,931	£1,318,153
Secondary MFL	£2,780,743	£2,726,603	£2,586,651	£2,633,714
Primary FSM	£3,348,787	£3,425,060	£3,574,397	£3,571,705
Secondary FSM	£2,036,296	£2,082,046	£2,319,240	£2,317,493
Primary FSM6	£5,046,936	£5,881,373	£6,029,899	£6,025,400
Secondary FSM6	£4,951,547	£5,778,274	£6,023,766	£6,019,281
Primary IDACI band F	£1,394,700	£1,431,136	£1,458,971	£1,457,825
Secondary IDACI band F	£1,326,703	£1,348,990	£1,411,875	£1,410,826
Primary IDACI band E	£292,858	£298,682	£299,604	£299,380
Secondary IDACI band E	£328,986	£333,237	£329,155	£328,907
Primary IDACI band D	£31,773	£32,202	£32,637	£32,613
Secondary IDACI band D	£45,246	£46,159	£43,525	£43,493
Primary IDACI band C	£131,947	£133,600	£133,223	£133,122
Secondary IDACI band C	£139,758	£142,118	£148,018	£147,908
Primary IDACI band B	£3,155	£3,193	£3,188	£3,185
Secondary IDACI band B	£5,251	£5,334	£5,334	£5,330
Primary IDACI band A	£1,382	£1,405	£1,406	£1,405
Secondary IDACI band A	£4,778	£4,866	£2,919	£2,917
Primary Low Attainment	£14,131,562	£14,341,188	£15,306,058	£15,294,624
Secondary Low Attainment	£10,449,806	£10,612,532	£10,779,514	£10,771,434
Primary EAL	£2,808,896	£2,862,194	£3,070,008	£3,067,734
Secondary EAL	£1,023,410	£1,038,363	£1,199,654	£1,198,750
Primary Mobility	£594,195	£603,547	£660,686	£660,191
Secondary Mobility	£33,709	£34,276	£126,020	£125,926
Lump Sum	£29,200,732	£30,725,042	£30,586,641	£30,563,701
Sparsity Primary (up to)	£842,584	£856,348	£863,506	£862,858
Sparsity secondary (up to)	£27,938	£28,373	£7,580	£7,574
Split Sites	£43,260	£405,890	£405,890	£405,585
MFG	£140,290	£63,540	£136,851	£148,357
Capping	-£140,290	£0	-£136,851	£0
Other factors	£157,610	£87,605	£94,855	£94,855
Rates	£3,330,671	£4,120,630	£4,117,037	£4,117,037
Fringe uplift where applicable	£2,193,931	£2,190,368	£2,180,924	£2,179,290
Total through funding formula	£413,491,364	£434,981,880	£438,323,734	£438,228,020
Growth Fund	£906,203	£2,256,168	£641,728	£737,442
Total cost to schools block	£414,397,567	£437,238,048	£438,965,462	£438,965,462
Pupil Led Funding	£406,930,190	£429,782,105	£431,550,184	£431,550,184
Premises Funding	£3,460,699	£4,684,130	£4,684,131	£4,684,131
Growth Funding	£3,473,760	£2,465,342	£2,424,678	£2,424,678
Transfer from Reserves	£532,918	£306,469	£306,469	£306,469
Total Funding Available	£414,397,567	£437,238,046	£438,965,462	£438,965,462
No. of Schools Protected	23	8	20	20
No. of Schools Capped	24	0	7	0

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Illustrative School Level Funding - School Name	Final Budget 2023/24	2024/25 Indicative Model	2024/25 Final Model (1a)	2024/25 Final Model (1b)	MFG 2023/24	MFG 2024/25 Indicative Model	2024/25 Final Model (1a)	2024/25 Final Model (1b)	Pupil No.s October 2022 + Sept 23 Growth	Pupil No.s October 2022 + Sept 24 Growth	Pupil No.s October 2023 + Sept 24 Growth
Mary Towerton School (Closed August 2023)	290,507	304,916	0	0	-8,362	0	0	0	33	33	0
Chalfont St Giles Infant School	816,055	859,352	906,822	906,160	0	0	0	0	166	166	176
Newtown Infant School	955,702	1,004,316	1,008,689	1,007,955	0	0	0	0	175	175	176
Dagnall School	428,368	448,241	413,871	413,561	0	0	0	0	57	57	49
East Claydon School	540,297	568,868	592,884	592,443	0	0	0	0	93	93	96
Denham Village School	471,548	499,223	528,575	528,184	0	0	0	0	81	81	87
Drayton Parslow Village School	342,000	354,349	334,317	334,303	815	2,868	437	670	44	44	39
Dropmore Infant School	390,998	417,243	417,192	417,196	-3,734	0	484	794	60	60	62
Fulmer Infant School	402,423	425,773	442,868	442,541	-1,756	0	0	0	70	70	72
Haddenham Community Infant School	516,464	547,210	564,778	573,768	-2,694	0	-9,413	0	92	92	91
Marsh First School	790,630	832,328	827,898	827,289	0	0	0	0	138	138	135
Hyde Heath Infant School	390,667	412,765	425,153	424,840	0	0	0	0	65	65	66
Jordans School	419,403	443,393	484,419	484,060	-2,927	0	0	0	69	69	81
Prestwood Infant School	707,028	747,201	687,588	687,093	0	0	0	0	136	136	121
Thornborough Infant School	330,531	340,879	311,952	311,922	-1,463	2,285	4,670	4,868	34	34	27
Tylers Green First School	823,008	866,337	875,097	874,457	0	0	0	0	173	173	177
Holmer Green First School	824,839	867,967	876,994	876,352	0	0	0	0	173	173	174
Chalfont St Peter Infant School	869,590	917,387	891,303	890,652	-583	0	0	0	180	180	173
Bedgrove Infant School	1,601,317	1,675,783	1,666,563	1,666,563	0	0	0	0	362	362	360
Carrington Infant School	884,577	929,653	931,568	930,885	0	0	0	0	172	172	172
Broughton Infant School	890,670	936,135	948,870	948,173	0	0	0	0	180	180	179
The John Hampden School	1,191,615	1,265,426	1,246,986	1,246,986	4,080	0	0	0	265	265	261
Chestnut Lane Infant School	870,728	914,090	916,628	915,957	0	0	0	0	179	179	178
Manor Farm Infant School	827,746	866,574	877,101	876,459	0	0	0	0	161	161	163
Hannah Ball Infant School	978,516	1,027,315	1,052,251	1,051,466	0	0	0	0	168	168	175
Iver Heath Infant School	839,747	882,182	949,135	948,442	0	0	0	0	158	158	168
Farnham Common Infant School	889,977	934,585	921,126	920,452	0	0	0	0	179	179	176
Turnfurlong Infant School	1,269,563	1,361,081	1,353,760	1,352,773	0	0	0	0	268	268	269
Iver Village Infant School	848,099	890,226	823,892	823,287	-1,101	0	0	0	161	161	143
Marsh Gibbon C of E School	820,174	881,272	762,298	761,730	-18,726	0	0	0	174	174	147
Padbury Cof E School	555,389	583,226	580,597	580,162	0	0	0	0	101	101	100
Whaddon First School	417,558	449,962	459,723	459,380	-11,843	0	0	0	57	57	59
St George's C of E Infant School	866,141	908,790	946,570	945,863	0	0	0	0	171	171	175
Coleshill C of E Infant School	319,773	332,375	347,201	347,215	-5,215	0	7,754	8,021	39	39	43
Lee Common C of E School	299,135	313,010	314,715	314,479	-10,867	0	0	0	26	26	26
Marlow C of E Infant School	838,294	881,300	834,021	833,400	-1,702	0	0	0	180	180	165
Twyford C of E School	527,526	553,628	594,798	594,353	0	0	0	0	86	86	95
Maids Moreton C of E School *	448,155	468,872	528,711	528,315	2,613	0	0	0	81	81	95
Westcott C of E School	459,505	482,013	344,518	361,935	0	0	-17,687	0	70	70	34
Mursley C of E School	347,331	360,007	353,997	353,732	-3,433	0	0	0	44	44	42
Haddenham St Marys C of E School	836,894	880,858	846,333	846,330	0	0	4,437	5,061	181	181	175
Marsworth C of E Infant School	271,445	280,593	252,878	252,853	-3,322	2,262	2,929	3,090	27	27	21
Little Missenden C of E Infant School	307,899	318,852	288,636	288,618	583	3,930	1,547	1,744	41	41	34

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Ibstone C of E Infant School	509,115	533,589	536,705	536,303	0	0	0	0	83	83	84
Little Marlow C of E School	360,886	379,198	309,845	309,613	0	0	0	0	58	58	40
Radnage C of E Primary School	504,796	530,383	525,237	525,988	0	0	-1,144	0	85	85	79
Speen C of E School	308,640	320,228	311,983	311,978	5,739	8,679	7,404	7,627	42	42	40
Iver Village Junior School	1,059,044	1,120,097	1,116,418	1,115,604	0	0	0	0	216	216	214
Farnham Common Junior School	1,096,230	1,155,570	1,086,136	1,085,343	0	0	0	0	234	234	219
Woodside Junior School	1,105,610	1,166,295	1,178,892	1,178,012	0	0	0	0	237	237	240
Broughton Junior School	1,116,507	1,177,045	1,184,236	1,183,366	0	0	0	0	242	242	246
Carrington Junior School	1,171,786	1,238,135	1,188,571	1,188,568	0	0	10,088	10,946	238	238	230
Iver Heath Junior School	1,020,449	1,077,061	1,137,470	1,136,636	0	0	0	0	208	208	220
Chalfont St. Giles Junior School	1,100,591	1,157,949	1,158,694	1,157,841	0	0	0	0	239	239	239
Holmer Green Junior School	1,169,456	1,229,550	1,143,523	1,143,516	0	0	2,445	3,271	257	257	239
Tylers Green Middle School	1,156,096	1,207,552	1,208,077	1,207,552	0	0	0	0	256	256	256
Prestwood Junior School	984,673	1,037,038	955,753	955,062	0	0	0	0	206	206	185
Manor Farm Community Junior	1,075,324	1,129,767	1,100,040	1,099,229	0	0	0	0	231	231	223
Haddenham Junior School	1,668,506	1,743,844	1,711,574	1,711,574	0	0	0	0	370	370	363
Turnfurlong Junior School	1,660,996	1,770,045	1,797,370	1,796,047	0	0	0	0	374	374	377
Elangeni School	1,084,080	1,130,851	1,119,646	1,118,825	0	0	0	0	240	240	236
Wendover C of E Junior School	1,546,526	1,619,847	1,624,457	1,624,457	67	0	0	0	349	349	350
Swanbourne C of E School	626,361	649,278	649,278	649,279	38,095	30,852	28,276	28,741	118	118	118
Holy Trinity C of E School	1,538,803	1,609,963	1,628,403	1,628,403	1,255	0	0	0	348	348	352
Brushwood Junior School	1,224,342	1,284,982	1,303,008	1,302,037	0	0	0	0	256	256	255
The Disraeli School	3,105,568	3,261,951	3,251,267	3,248,877	0	0	0	0	645	645	642
Oak Green School	3,086,040	3,266,659	3,376,529	3,374,045	-4,080	0	0	0	618	618	623
Buckingham Park C of E School	1,969,814	2,076,011	2,055,245	2,053,714	0	0	0	0	422	422	416
Cedar Park School	922,447	963,519	965,557	964,850	0	0	0	0	204	204	203
Millbrook Combined School	2,897,213	3,056,795	3,169,948	3,167,613	0	0	0	0	602	602	606
Bledlow Ridge School	786,734	827,126	854,117	853,487	0	0	0	0	171	171	176
The Downley School	1,826,773	1,839,618	1,773,797	1,772,468	11,834	0	0	0	399	399	381
Cheddington Combined School	990,910	1,042,502	1,012,594	1,011,852	0	0	0	0	217	217	208
Chenies School	531,731	559,481	494,370	494,008	-436	0	0	0	94	94	81
Waterside Combined School	930,508	981,729	1,069,536	1,068,738	0	0	0	0	169	169	188
Roundwood Primary School	929,368	1,047,085	1,009,303	1,039,738	0	0	-31,210	0	191	191	187
The Meadows Combined School	731,356	769,018	797,335	796,740	0	0	0	0	137	137	145
Ley Hill School	962,514	1,014,193	1,030,431	1,029,679	0	0	0	0	207	207	205
Little Kingshill Combined School	1,001,600	1,052,025	1,068,081	1,067,299	0	0	0	0	219	219	217
Steeple Claydon School	880,084	932,230	992,649	991,923	-5,721	0	0	0	176	176	184
Stoke Mandeville Combined School	1,043,678	1,100,807	1,110,178	1,109,364	0	0	0	0	218	218	222
Booker Hill School	1,128,423	1,194,267	1,198,912	1,198,037	0	0	0	0	208	208	210
Ash Hill Primary School	1,136,402	1,200,954	1,222,373	1,221,477	0	0	0	0	209	209	209
Little Chalfont Primary School	1,001,161	1,055,306	1,053,855	1,053,086	0	0	0	0	221	221	221
Haydon Abbey Combined School	2,352,963	2,432,795	2,497,491	2,495,645	0	0	0	0	482	482	487
Grendon Underwood Combined School	717,025	754,037	834,079	833,468	0	0	0	0	142	142	163

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Oakridge School	2,009,498	2,107,865	2,256,718	2,255,051	0	0	0	0	394	394	419
Butlers Court Combined School	1,851,170	1,937,978	1,937,978	1,937,978	0	0	0	0	413	413	413
Chartridge Combined School	1,038,104	1,090,944	1,074,662	1,073,876	0	0	0	0	213	213	210
Juniper Hill School	1,862,842	1,947,968	1,966,408	1,966,408	1,690	0	0	0	416	416	420
Thomas Hickman School	2,062,038	2,166,235	2,199,290	2,197,674	0	0	0	0	417	417	420
Burford School	1,916,572	2,002,776	1,998,166	1,998,166	0	0	0	0	428	428	427
Lane End Primary School	734,594	772,625	709,280	709,270	0	0	2,588	3,094	121	121	110
Claytons Primary School	1,307,210	1,370,614	1,364,958	1,363,961	0	0	0	0	277	277	273
Hughenden Primary School	825,807	873,747	979,544	978,833	0	0	0	0	167	167	191
Buckingham Primary School	1,680,538	1,745,309	1,680,179	1,678,946	0	0	0	0	370	370	344
Aston Clinton School	1,720,086	1,805,820	1,893,410	1,893,410	0	0	0	0	382	382	401
Whitchurch Combined School	986,370	1,036,397	1,038,695	1,037,929	0	0	0	0	210	210	207
Widmer End Combined School	1,002,651	1,052,932	1,001,435	1,000,702	0	0	0	0	211	211	200
Spinfield School	929,066	972,469	1,005,177	1,004,440	0	0	0	0	202	202	209
Long Crendon School	927,779	971,418	1,031,348	1,031,348	1,052	0	0	0	205	205	218
Stokenchurch Primary School	1,788,083	1,867,540	1,913,640	1,913,640	4,129	0	0	0	394	394	404
Ashmead Combined School	2,852,470	3,038,219	3,073,536	3,071,268	0	0	0	0	638	638	634
William Harding Combined School	3,677,050	3,855,692	3,856,860	3,854,014	0	0	0	0	799	799	785
Robertswood School	1,641,202	1,719,458	1,701,058	1,699,811	0	0	0	0	359	359	351
Waddesdon Village Primary School	1,025,764	1,077,825	1,068,170	1,067,383	0	0	0	0	220	220	218
Halton Community Combined School	986,273	1,044,800	1,012,462	1,011,726	0	0	0	0	212	212	206
Naphill and Walters Ash School	1,502,785	1,556,610	1,400,570	1,400,559	22,052	9,200	23,730	23,719	329	329	292
Holtspur School	1,146,394	1,205,684	1,094,784	1,093,998	0	0	0	0	228	228	202
Highworth Combined School	2,000,638	2,099,600	2,094,151	2,092,614	0	0	0	0	416	416	415
The Stoke Poges School	1,927,713	2,017,368	2,021,978	2,021,978	2,693	0	0	0	428	428	429
Foxes Piece School	994,825	1,049,812	1,054,775	1,054,002	-1,856	0	0	0	189	189	183
St James & St John C of E Primary School	720,790	823,773	793,958	843,601	0	0	-50,275	0	147	147	150
North Marston C of E School	558,959	587,554	609,710	609,256	0	0	0	0	96	96	99
St Michaels C of E Combined School	909,384	956,247	956,800	956,085	0	0	0	0	194	194	193
Bierton C of E Combined School #	1,672,839	1,702,417	1,917,556	1,916,127	0	0	0	0	379	367	413
High Ash C of E School	1,277,608	1,327,343	1,269,148	1,269,143	18,394	3,464	5,638	6,578	285	285	271
Stone C of E Combined School	973,128	1,022,697	1,031,367	1,030,595	0	0	0	0	206	206	211
Weston Turville C of E School	881,835	927,068	1,005,238	1,004,488	0	0	0	0	190	190	205
Wingrave C of E Combined School	964,177	1,013,665	1,019,166	1,018,405	0	0	0	0	212	212	211
Great Kingshill C of E Combined School	1,676,669	1,755,177	1,681,417	1,681,417	253	0	0	0	379	379	363
Longwick C of E Combined School	925,118	971,421	929,148	928,455	0	0	0	0	193	193	179
Monks Risborough C of E Primary School	983,112	1,032,835	1,033,965	1,033,967	0	0	11,468	12,233	202	202	205
St. Mary's Farnham Royal Church of England Primary School	1,229,727	1,293,619	1,215,779	1,214,874	0	0	0	0	249	249	229
Newton Longville C of E Primary School	951,400	999,776	975,591	975,590	0	0	1,279	2,005	205	205	203
Hawridge & Cholesbury School	964,056	1,012,580	991,362	990,622	0	0	0	0	197	197	191
Quinton C of E Combined	830,353	887,110	1,005,851	1,005,099	-14,010	0	0	0	164	164	188
Oakley C of E Combined School	559,645	593,133	600,655	600,207	-6,309	0	0	0	96	96	95
Winslow C of E Combined School	1,603,772	1,687,131	1,626,611	1,625,397	0	0	0	0	353	353	337

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St Peter's C of E Combined School	1,085,682	1,140,425	1,168,413	1,167,540	0	0	0	0	218	218	217
Cuddington & Dinton C of E School	837,021	952,026	913,739	938,074	0	0	-25,038	0	182	182	179
St Mary's C of E Primary School	1,473,016	1,544,984	1,483,682	1,482,576	0	0	0	0	332	332	315
St Mary & All Saints C of E Primary School	1,777,479	1,861,105	1,695,145	1,695,145	218	0	0	0	402	402	366
Cadmore End C of E Combined School	439,957	463,152	464,671	464,324	0	0	0	0	70	70	69
Frieth C of E Combined School	619,679	650,948	756,034	756,058	0	0	1,963	2,549	119	119	147
Hazlemere C of E Combined School	887,701	931,566	926,086	925,395	0	0	0	0	187	187	183
High Wycombe C of E Combined School	1,018,187	1,069,494	1,080,012	1,079,205	0	0	0	0	209	209	209
St John's C of E Combined School	918,716	957,835	951,441	950,731	7,025	0	0	0	206	206	199
St Paul's C of E Combined School	930,727	977,648	957,429	956,715	0	0	0	0	210	210	202
St Peter's Catholic Primary School	673,593	705,664	618,960	618,499	0	0	0	0	131	131	111
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	1,726,965	1,810,183	1,814,491	1,813,136	0	0	0	0	380	380	381
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School	1,038,110	1,088,911	1,072,974	1,072,173	0	0	0	0	216	216	213
St Louis Catholic Primary School	1,862,183	1,948,181	1,957,401	1,957,401	0	0	0	0	420	420	422
King's Wood School	2,081,501	2,147,528	2,159,270	2,157,659	0	0	0	0	417	417	410
Brookmead School	1,427,423	1,494,022	1,466,362	1,466,362	0	0	0	0	323	323	317
Overstone Combined School	963,562	1,011,851	987,972	987,236	0	0	0	0	210	210	201
Castlefield School	2,144,493	2,252,261	2,270,342	2,268,646	0	0	0	0	417	417	418
Loudwater Combined School	989,461	1,039,710	1,082,454	1,081,646	0	0	0	0	202	202	209
Danesfield School	1,905,518	1,995,409	1,967,749	1,967,749	0	0	0	0	431	431	425
Kingsbrook Primary Academy *	919,267	981,178	1,456,693	1,455,614	0	0	0	0	186	186	294
Chalfont Valley E-ACT Primary Academy	907,342	954,579	833,172	832,551	0	0	0	0	167	167	142
Denham Green E-ACT Primary Academy	1,127,172	1,186,447	1,210,942	1,210,037	0	0	0	0	228	228	230
Lace Hill Academy	985,571	1,038,941	1,034,063	1,033,295	-1,096	0	0	0	205	205	203
George Grenville Academy	1,023,079	1,076,996	1,095,279	1,094,462	0	0	0	0	201	201	197
Ivingswood Academy	908,374	959,676	881,840	881,182	0	0	0	0	154	154	139
Beechview School	958,219	1,013,877	953,580	952,869	0	0	0	0	179	179	162
Princes Risborough Primary Academy	1,083,098	1,140,255	1,047,633	1,046,852	0	0	0	0	227	227	204
Edlesborough School	807,343	848,206	928,276	928,290	0	0	2,071	2,776	170	170	192
West Wycombe Combined School	674,287	714,871	911,783	913,185	-6,223	0	-2,084	0	127	127	162
Dorney Academy	928,284	980,835	828,865	828,248	0	0	0	0	203	203	165
Green Ridge Academy #	1,944,232	2,121,385	2,407,374	2,405,567	0	0	0	0	425	443	503
Abbey View Academy #	1,005,216	957,580	1,087,180	1,086,371	0	0	0	0	202	184	216
Elmhurst School	2,018,441	2,133,488	2,162,186	2,160,573	0	0	0	0	415	415	419
Ickford Combined School	660,324	693,141	698,071	697,551	0	0	0	0	137	137	138
Bedgrove Junior School	2,139,200	2,233,593	2,242,813	2,242,813	0	0	0	0	483	483	485
Thomas Harding Junior School	1,116,530	1,173,652	1,141,162	1,140,311	0	0	0	0	221	221	216
Elmtree School	890,642	934,612	822,084	821,472	0	0	0	0	165	165	142
Bearbrook Combined School	2,135,935	2,247,683	2,143,355	2,141,754	0	0	0	0	449	449	423
Lent Rise Combined School	1,859,631	1,951,418	2,004,458	2,002,962	0	0	0	0	408	408	416
Chepping View Primary Academy	1,979,405	2,074,396	2,060,980	2,059,443	0	0	0	0	427	427	427
The Bourton Meadow Academy	2,524,919	2,637,786	2,739,206	2,739,206	4,502	0	0	0	570	570	592
St Mary's C of E School	1,846,233	1,934,046	1,938,656	1,938,656	4,943	0	0	0	418	418	419

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Brill C E School	846,817	888,187	960,039	959,321	0	0	0	0	183	183	199
Chesham Bois C of E Combined School	969,455	1,018,642	1,024,677	1,023,911	0	0	0	0	217	217	214
Great Missenden C of E Combined School	1,879,869	1,967,237	1,842,767	1,842,767	2,015	0	0	0	425	425	398
Curzon C of E Combined School	726,579	762,759	812,528	811,923	0	0	0	0	148	148	159
Great Kimble C of E School	550,557	576,630	588,523	588,085	0	0	0	0	99	99	100
Great Horwood C of E Combined School	509,182	532,935	544,059	544,067	0	0	6,658	7,068	73	73	77
Chalfont St Peter Church of England Academy	1,401,177	1,472,226	1,449,176	1,449,176	387	0	0	0	318	318	313
Seer Green C E School	982,316	1,030,986	1,017,440	1,016,696	0	0	0	0	216	216	213
St Nicolas C of E Combined School Taplow	1,009,825	1,060,811	1,065,662	1,064,865	0	0	0	0	219	219	216
St Edward's Catholic Junior School	1,149,164	1,207,649	1,238,221	1,237,297	0	0	0	0	251	251	255
St Joseph's Catholic Infant School	914,207	958,758	967,301	966,579	0	0	0	0	178	178	179
Hamilton Academy	3,014,144	3,246,616	3,257,332	3,254,895	-22,832	0	0	0	630	630	623
The Gerrards Cross C.E. School	1,845,695	1,939,577	1,944,187	1,944,187	0	0	0	0	419	419	420
Kingsbrook Secondary Academy *	1,772,052	1,900,875	3,186,420	3,184,062	0	0	0	0	286	286	499
The Buckingham School	6,484,425	6,832,952	6,745,400	6,740,477	0	0	0	0	1,038	1,038	1,015
The Grange School	7,623,003	8,023,086	8,148,114	8,142,040	0	0	0	0	1,230	1,230	1,235
Mandeville School	6,156,449	6,480,662	6,375,931	6,371,183	0	0	0	0	964	964	935
Cressex Community School	5,015,432	5,292,115	5,207,632	5,203,768	0	0	0	0	762	762	755
Saint Michael's Catholic School	11,201,411	11,805,603	12,397,252	12,387,981	0	0	0	0	1,983	1,983	2,053
The Cottesloe School #	5,822,772	6,195,777	6,265,191	6,260,526	0	0	0	0	971	983	996
Chiltern Hills Academy	6,174,592	6,511,096	6,265,344	6,260,681	0	0	0	0	969	969	933
The Highcrest Academy	5,957,924	6,318,245	6,296,714	6,292,030	0	0	0	0	901	901	905
Buckinghamshire UTC	890,791	970,505	1,069,618	1,068,841	0	0	0	0	113	113	123
Sir Thomas Fremantle	3,338,942	3,513,124	3,927,425	3,924,486	0	0	0	0	536	536	595
Pioneer Secondary Academy	2,996,596	3,149,352	3,392,520	3,392,531	0	0	10,984	13,501	469	469	513
John Hampden Grammar School	5,232,457	5,499,226	5,553,181	5,553,181	0	0	0	0	910	910	919
Princes Risborough School	5,504,617	5,809,253	6,101,382	6,096,829	0	0	0	0	878	878	928
Bourne End Academy	4,820,235	5,077,500	5,095,002	5,091,207	0	0	0	0	718	718	726
The Misbourne School	5,510,469	5,789,008	5,976,466	5,972,020	0	0	0	0	893	893	916
John Colet School	5,665,841	5,987,483	5,973,391	5,968,940	0	0	0	0	953	953	945
Burnham Grammar School	5,197,052	5,446,616	5,433,450	5,429,401	5,857	0	0	0	904	904	901
Aylesbury High School	5,223,825	5,481,860	5,571,785	5,571,785	0	0	0	0	908	908	923
Dr. Challoner's High School	5,242,360	5,508,400	5,568,350	5,568,350	0	0	0	0	912	912	922
Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School	5,280,660	5,575,988	5,575,988	5,575,988	0	0	0	0	924	924	924
Holmer Green Senior School #	6,221,504	6,359,965	6,738,556	6,733,533	0	0	0	0	1,040	1,005	1,064
Chesham Grammar School	5,281,260	5,566,620	5,579,865	5,579,865	0	0	0	0	914	914	915
The Beaconsfield School	4,726,694	4,969,036	5,006,231	5,002,503	0	0	0	0	745	745	749
Sir William Ramsay School	6,063,000	6,379,039	6,488,144	6,483,312	0	0	0	0	929	929	925
Amersham School	5,441,135	5,723,092	5,791,150	5,786,838	0	0	0	0	896	896	900
Aylesbury Grammar School	5,357,052	5,621,281	5,639,266	5,639,266	0	0	0	0	931	931	934
The Royal Latin School	5,025,974	5,274,488	5,232,523	5,232,523	0	0	0	0	872	872	865
Wycombe High School	5,383,530	5,688,250	5,682,255	5,682,255	0	0	0	0	942	942	941
Dr Challoner's Grammar School	5,306,126	5,568,350	5,556,360	5,556,360	0	0	0	0	922	922	920

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Sir William Borlase's Grammar	4,211,955	4,456,459	4,504,419	4,504,419	0	0	0	0	737	737	745
Beaconsfield High School	5,189,653	5,445,997	5,422,017	5,422,017	0	0	0	0	903	903	899
Chalfonts Community College	7,279,828	7,658,046	7,282,731	7,277,302	0	0	0	0	1,167	1,167	1,106
Royal Grammar School	5,749,290	6,071,418	6,077,413	6,077,413	0	0	0	0	1,006	1,006	1,007
Waddesdon Church of England School	4,295,805	4,531,273	4,536,614	4,533,230	0	0	0	0	716	716	719
Great Marlow School	7,212,658	7,608,500	7,492,960	7,487,370	0	0	0	0	1,187	1,187	1,178
The Aylesbury Vale Academy	9,772,236	10,283,598	10,391,688	10,383,959	0	0	0	0	1,654	1,654	1,667
INFANT SCHOOLS	28,290,753	29,778,300	29,324,968	29,335,925	-62,797	20,024	1,419	31,876	5,240	5,240	5,136
JUNIOR SCHOOL	18,239,772	19,171,769	19,056,862	19,049,048	39,417	30,852	40,810	42,959	3,945	3,945	3,914
COMBINED SCHOOLS	99,503,391	104,624,526	105,058,329	105,104,935	17,816	12,664	-59,857	50,178	20,988	20,976	20,909
PRIMARY ACADEMIES	63,827,843	67,033,146	67,334,827	67,299,637	-293	0	6,644	9,844	13,445	13,445	13,446
PRIMARY TOTAL	209,861,758	220,607,741	220,774,987	220,789,546	-5,857	63,540	-10,984	134,856	43,617	43,605	43,404
UPPER SCHOOLS	24,945,631	26,343,930	26,366,337	26,346,810	0	0	0	0	4,001	4,013	4,001
ACADEMIES	178,683,974	188,030,208	191,182,410	191,091,664	5,857	0	10,984	13,501	29,782	29,747	30,194
SECONDARY SCHOOLS	203,629,606	214,374,138	217,548,747	217,438,474	5,857	0	10,984	13,501	33,783	33,760	34,195
ALL SCHOOLS	413,491,364	434,981,879	438,323,734	438,228,020	0	63,540	-0	148,357	77,400	77,365	77,599

MFG Protected	23	8	20	20
MFG Capped	24	0	7	0

Growth Funding

As in the previous year growth funding is now included in the formula for those schools where growth has been agreed - please note growth in September 2023 is not included in the 2024/25 indicative model above

* These schools are currently in receipt of growth funding and are proposed to continue in September 24 at the same level

These schools maybe currently in receipt of growth funding but the level is proposed to change in September 24

Due to the fact September 23 growth is not included in the indicative pupils column where a schools growth numbers are changing the change can appear unusual.

Estimated Use of Growth Fund V1(a)						
2023/2024				Estimated		
DfES No.	School Name	Type	Sector	Additional Reception Pupils	Additional Yr7 Pupils	Total Additional Funding NFF
Expansion of Existing Schools						
8253022	Bierton Church of England Combined School	C	Primary	20	0	51,392
8253057	Maids Moreton Church of England School	C	Primary	15	0	34,253
8254070	Holmer Green Senior School	S(A)	Secondary	0	60	189,044
Expansion of Existing Schools Through the Schools Funding Formula - Sub-Total				35	60	274,689
New & Growing Schools						
8252042	Abbey View Academy	P(A)	Primary	30	0	72,515
8252050	Kingsbrook Primary Academy	P(A)	Primary	60	0	147,394
8254014	Kingsbrook Secondary Academy	S(A)	Secondary	0	180	601,019
New & Growing Schools Through the Schools Funding Formula - Sub-Total				90	180	820,928
Projects/Contingencies Outside the Schools Funding Formula						
8253022	Bierton Church of England Combined School		Primary	40	0	102,783
8252039	Green Ridge (Bulge Class)		Primary	30	0	74,640
8252050	Kingsbrook Primary (Bulge Class)		Primary	60	0	147,394
8252261	Long Crendon (Bulge Class)		Primary	30	0	75,928
8252010	Chalfont Valley (Bulge Class)		Primary	30	0	80,683
8254042	Misbourne (Bulge Class)		Secondary	0	30	101,288
8254012	Princes Risborough (Bulge Class)		Secondary	0	30	102,134
8255407	Cottesloe (Bulge Class)		Secondary	0	20	64,713
8254014	Kingsbrook Secondary Academy (Bulge Class)		Secondary	0	30	100,170
	Growth Fund Contingency					306,469
Expansion Sub-Total				190	110	1,156,203
Grand Total				315	350	2,251,820

Growth Funding 3,473,760
Underspend 2022/23 782,918
Un-Allocated Schools Block -2,004,858
Total Funding Available 2,251,820

2024/2025				Estimated		
DfES No.	School Name	Type	Sector	Additional Reception Pupils	Additional Yr7 Pupils	Total Additional Funding NFF
Expansion of Existing Schools						
8252039	Green Ridge Primary Academy	P(A)	Primary	30	0	78,965
8253057	Maids Moreton Church of England School	C	Primary	15	0	35,690
8255407	The Cottesloe School	U	Secondary	0	20	68,130
Expansion of Existing Schools Through the Schools Funding Formula - Sub-Total				45	20	182,785
New & Growing Schools						
8252050	Kingsbrook Primary Academy	P(A)	Primary	60	0	155,466
8254014	Kingsbrook Secondary Academy	S(A)	Secondary	0	180	633,904
New & Growing Schools Through the Schools Funding Formula - Sub-Total				60	180	789,370
Projects/Contingencies Outside the Schools Funding Formula						
	Primary (Expected Increase in Demand)		Primary	60	0	152,873
	Secondary (Expected Increase in Demand)		Secondary	0	170	579,105
	Growth Fund Shortfall					-90,251
Project/Contingencies Outside the Schools Funding Formula Sub-Total				60	170	641,728
Grand Total				165	370	1,613,882

Growth Funding 2,424,678
Potential Carry Forward 2023/24 306,469
Un-Allocated Schools Block -1,117,265
Potential Budget 1,613,882

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Estimated Use of Growth Fund (1b)						
2023/2024				Estimated		
DfES No.	School Name	Type	Sector	Additional Reception Pupils	Additional Yr7 Pupils	Total Additional Funding NFF
Expansion of Existing Schools						
8253022	Bierton Church of England Combined School	C	Primary	20	0	51,392
8253057	Maids Moreton Church of England School	C	Primary	15	0	34,253
8254070	Holmer Green Senior School	S(A)	Secondary	0	60	189,044
Expansion of Existing Schools Through the Schools Funding Formula - Sub-Total				35	60	274,689
New & Growing Schools						
8252042	Abbey View Academy	P(A)	Primary	30	0	72,515
8252050	Kingsbrook Primary Academy	P(A)	Primary	60	0	147,394
8254014	Kingsbrook Secondary Academy	S(A)	Secondary	0	180	601,019
New & Growing Schools Through the Schools Funding Formula - Sub-Total				90	180	820,928
Projects/Contingencies Outside the Schools Funding Formula						
8253022	Bierton Church of England Combined School		Primary	40	0	102,783
8252039	Green Ridge (Bulge Class)		Primary	30	0	74,640
8252050	Kingsbrook Primary (Bulge Class)		Primary	60	0	147,394
8252261	Long Crendon (Bulge Class)		Primary	30	0	75,928
8252010	Chalfont Valley (Bulge Class)		Primary	30	0	80,683
8254042	Misbourne (Bulge Class)		Secondary	0	30	101,288
8254012	Princes Risborough (Bulge Class)		Secondary	0	30	102,134
8255407	Cottesloe (Bulge Class)		Secondary	0	20	64,713
8254014	Kingsbrook Secondary Academy (Bulge Class)		Secondary	0	30	100,170
	Growth Fund Contingency					306,469
Expansion Sub-Total				190	110	1,156,203
Grand Total				315	350	2,251,820

Growth Funding	3,473,760
Underspend 2022/23	782,918
Un-Allocated Schools Block	-2,004,858
Total Funding Available	2,251,820

2024/2025				Estimated		
DfES No.	School Name	Type	Sector	Additional Reception Pupils	Additional Yr7 Pupils	Total Additional Funding NFF
Expansion of Existing Schools						
8252039	Green Ridge Primary Academy	P(A)	Primary	30	0	78,905
8253057	Maids Moreton Church of England School	C	Primary	15	0	35,842
8255407	The Cottesloe School	U	Secondary	0	20	68,322
Expansion of Existing Schools Through the Schools Funding Formula - Sub-Total				45	20	183,069
New & Growing Schools						
8252050	Kingsbrook Primary Academy	P(A)	Primary	60	0	154,849
8254014	Kingsbrook Secondary Academy	S(A)	Secondary	0	180	633,240
New & Growing Schools Through the Schools Funding Formula - Sub-Total				60	180	788,089
Projects/Contingencies Outside the Schools Funding Formula						
	Primary (Expected Increase in Demand)		Primary	60	0	152,996
	Secondary (Expected Increase in Demand)		Secondary	0	170	580,736
	Growth Fund Contingency					3,709
Project/Contingencies Outside the Schools Funding Formula Sub-Total				60	170	737,442
Grand Total				165	370	1,708,600

Growth Funding	2,424,678
Potential Carry Forward 2023/24	306,469
Un-Allocated Schools Block	-1,022,547
Potential Budget	1,708,600

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Appendix 5				
Central Schools Service Block Budgets	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	(for info)			
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Ongoing Central Functions</u>				
Ex Education Services Grant	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178
DfE Licenses (DSG) increase by 2.5% each year	526	539	552	566
Admissions				
Parental Information	5	5	5	5
Transfer Appeals	27	27	27	27
Admissions Team (increased by 2% each year)	887	905	923	941
BASL and TSAN	35	35	35	35
Schools Forum	9	9	9	9
Safeguarding in Ed. Project Team/Advisory Service	210	210	210	210
2020 to 2021 Teachers' pension employer contributions funding for centrally employed teachers	241	241	241	241
Central Overheads	-	-	-	
Total Projected Spend	3,118	3,149	3,180	3,212
Estimated Funding Allocation	- 3,028	- 3,156	- 3,219	- 3,283
Savings Required - Ongoing Commitments	90	- 7	- 39	- 71
Historic Commitments				
Contribution to Combined Budgets (ex BLT)	1,506	1,456	1,306	1,175
Schools Premature Retirement Costs (PRC)	272	272	272	272
Use of 2021-22 underspend				
Use of Reserve to profile savings	38	- 196	- 45	
Total Projected Spend	1,816	1,532	1,533	1,447
Estimated Funding Allocation	- 1,906	- 1,525	- 1,220	- 976
Savings Required - Historic Commitments	- 90	7	313	471
Total Central Schools Services Projected Spend	4,934	4,681	4,713	4,659
Estimated Funding Allocation	- 4,934	- 4,681	- 4,439	- 4,259
CSSB Total gap in Funding	-	- 0	274	400

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Appendix 6

2024-25 Summary of Buckinghamshire County Council's Early Years Funding Formula

	Allocation (£)	Hourly Rate					
3 and 4 Year Olds							
Universal 3 & 4 year olds	27,674,319						
Additional 15 Hours 3 & 4 year olds	11,158,553						
Total	38,832,872	£6.14					
		No Change	Optional supplement		Inclusion Fund percentage share		
		Option A	Option B	Option C			
Budget (£)		Hourly Formula	Estimated budget	Hourly Formula	Estimated budget	Hourly Formula	Estimated budget
Base hourly rate		5.62	35,533,787	5.62	35,533,787	5.63	35,615,319
Deprivation		0.08	505,966	0.08	505,967	0.08	505,967
Quality Supplement		0.06	379,474	0.06	379,474	0.06	379,474
Optional Supplements		0.01	22,000	0.01	22,000	0.01	22,000
Contingency		0.01	75,000	0.01	75,000	0.01	75,000
Inclusion Fund		0.06	375,000	0.06	375,000	0.05	293,468
Total 95% High pass-through rate		5.84	36,891,228	5.84	36,891,228	5.84	36,891,228
Total Central Spend 5%		0.30	1,941,644	0.30	1,941,644	0.30	1,941,644
Total Budget		6.14	38,832,872	6.14	38,832,872	6.14	38,832,872

2 Year Old Funding		Hourly Rate					
	Allocation (£)						
2 year old funding	£ 3,853,342	£ 8.80					
		No Change		Optional supplement pro rata		Inclusion Fund percentage share	
		Option A		Option B		Option C	
		Hourly Formula	Estimated budget	Hourly Formula	Estimated budget	Hourly Formula	Estimated budget
Base hourly rate		8.27	3,618,675	8.315	3,639,175	8.24	3,606,350
Deprivation		0	0	0	0	0	0
Quality Supplement		0	0	0	0	0	0
Optional Supplements		0.05	22,000	0.005	1,500	0.05	22,000
Contingency		0	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000
Inclusion Fund		0.04	18,000	0.04	18,000	0.07	30,325
Total 95% High pass-through rate		8.36	3,660,675	8.36	3,660,675	8.36	3,660,675
5% central spend		0.44	192,667	0.44	192,667	0.44	192,667
Total Budget		8.8	3,853,342	8.8	3,853,342	8.8	3,853,342

	Allocation (£)	Hourly Rate					
2 year old funding working 2 year olds	£ 9,766,906	£ 8.80					
		Hourly Formula	Estimated budget	Hourly Formula	Estimated budget	Hourly Formula	Estimated budget
Base hourly rate		8.2	9,100,770	8.215	9,118,811	8.17	9,068,909
Deprivation		0.08	88,790	0.08	88,790	0.08	88,790
Quality Supplement		0	0	0	0	0	0
Optional Supplements		0.02	22,000	0.005	3,960	0.02	22,000
Contingency		0.02	22,000	0.02	22,000	0.02	22,000
Inclusion Fund		0.04	45,000	0.04	45,000	0.07	76,862
Total 95% High pass-through rate		8.36	9,278,561	8.36	9,278,561	8.36	9,278,561
5% central spend		0.44	488,345	0.44	488,345	0.44	488,345
Total Budget		8.8	9,766,906	8.8	9,766,906	8.8	9,766,906

	Allocation (£)	Hourly Rate					
9 months - 2 years	£ 6,714,194	£ 11.94					
		No Change		Optional supplement pro rata		Inclusion Fund percentage share	
		Option A		Option B		Option C	
		Hourly Formula	Estimated budget	Hourly Formula	Estimated budget	Hourly Formula	Estimated budget
Base hourly rate		11.21	6,294,498	11.23	6,312,538	11.14	6,257,555
Deprivation		0.08	44,986	0.08	44,986	0.08	44,986
Quality Supplement		0	0	0	0	0	0
Optional Supplements		0.03	22,000	0.01	3,960	0.03	22,000
Contingency		0.02	15,000	0.02	15,000	0.02	15,000
Inclusion Fund		0	2,000	0	2,000	0.07	38,943
Total 95% High pass-through rate		11.34	6,378,484	11.34	6,378,484	11.34	6,378,484
5% central spend		0.6	335,710	0.6	335,710	0.6	335,710
Total Budget		11.94	6,714,194	11.94	6,714,194	11.94	6,714,194



Report to Schools Forum

Date: 16th January 2024

Title: Dedicated Schools Budget – Revenue Budget Monitoring 2023-24

Author: Sarah Fogden, Head of Finance, Children’s Services

Recommendations:

Schools Forum is asked to note the revenue budget monitoring forecast at the end of December (Period 9)

Reason for decision: For Information

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. This report updates Schools Forum on the current forecast for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget for the 2023-24 financial year, based on the spend to 31st December 2023 (period 9).

2. Forecast 2023-24

2.1. The overall Dedicated Schools Budget is currently projected to overspend by £1.76m as at the end of December.

Table 1: DSG Forecast spend 2023-24

	Budget £'000	Forecast £'000	Forecast Variance £'000	%
Central Block	4,935	5,097	163	3%
Early Years Block	39,568	39,568	0	0%
High Needs Block	114,594	116,188	1,594	1%
Schools Block	171,678	171,678	0	0%
	330,775	332,531	1,757	

2.2 The main reason for the projected overspend on DSG is the forecast overspend on the High Needs block of £1.594m. A summary of the current forecast against the

high needs block is attached as an appendix to this report. The projected overspend includes an additional £1.8m of independent special schools spend. This is an increase from the forecast at the end of P7, as additional costs are now charged to High Needs reflecting the cost of Education for young people with plans in the Cross Regional social care contract. This in line with the DfE High Needs Operational guidance. Top-ups in Early Years and Mainstream (for both those with plans and without plans) shows an overspend of £2.783 reflecting the expansion in the numbers supported. This has reduced by £0.211 from the forecast at P7.

2.3 Offsetting this are underspends of £0.984m in Integrated therapies due to delays in recruiting staff to deliver the contract and a reduced forecast for Post 16 which reflects updated data. In addition, there is a forecast decrease in Special School top-up, as the forecast has been amended for take-up of places by other local authorities.

2.4 Schools block is currently projected to break even.

2.5 Central schools services block is projected to overspend by £0.163m due to pressures against the budget for Premature Retirement Costs as costs continue to exceed the available budget.

3 DSG Reserve

3.1 Any variance against the DSG is to be managed through the DSG reserve which is ringfenced. At the start of the 2023-24 financial year the council had a deficit of £1.6m against its DSG reserve.

3.2 The current projected overspend will increase the deficit at the end of the year to £3.4m.

				Appendix 1
High Needs Block - Revenue Budget Monitoring Period 9				
Expenditure Type	2023-24 budget	Period 9	Forecast	Forecast
	£'000	Forecast	£'000	Variance
				£'000
Placements/Top-ups 5-16 year olds				
Independent Special Schools	16,631	18,449		1,819
Other LA Special Schools (net)	4,608	4,608		0
BC Special Schools	39,944	39,020		-924
ARPs	4,048	3,626		-423
Exceptional Mainstream Top Up	0	14		14
Mainstream Top-Ups for pupils with EHCP	17,475	18,211		736
Total Placement/Top-ups in Schools (5-16 year olds)	82,705	83,928		1,222
Post-16 Placements				
Post-16 (Independent and FE College)	12,165	11,192		-974
Early Years Top-Ups				
Early Years pupils with EHCPs	592	1,112		520
Total support for pupils with EHCPs (places and top ups)	95,463	96,231		768
SEN Support/Pupils without plans - Early Years	178	1,144		966
Early Years Inclusion Funding	400	400		-
SEN Support/ Pupils without plans	488	1,049		561
Total top ups for pupils without EHCPs	1,066	2,593		1,527
Total Spend on Places and Top-ups for Pupils	96,529	98,824		2,295
Alternative Provision				
Pupil Referral Units	2,719	2,719		0
Alternative Provision	1,996	2,433		437
Hospital Tuition Service	265	265		0
Home Tuition Service	241	286		45
Total Alternative Provision - spend on Pupils	5,221	5,702		482
Commissioned Contracts				
Integrated Therapies	3,926	2,942		-984
Total Commissioned Contracts	3,926	2,942		-984
Other support for pupils and schools				
Specialist Teaching and support for pupils	3,119	2,987		-132
Support for Vulnerable Pupils	871	871		0
Educational Equipment	300	300		0
Portage	310	304		-6
Reintegration	412	412		0
Support for the Education of Looked After Children	977	915		-61
Unallocated High Needs Contingency	0	0		0
Teachers Pay and Pension Grants and other central costs	2,929	2,929		0
Total Contribution Other support (including contingency)	8,918	8,719		-199
Total Spend	114,594	116,188		1,594

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