

ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SCHOOLS FORUM

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1 SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 This paper provides details of the finalised 2013-14 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) settlement received on 19 July 2013. It updates Schools Forum members about changes to RBWM's DSG allocation since it was last discussed at Schools Forum on 11 July 2013.
- 1.2 **Schools Forum members are asked to note the contents of this report.**

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In July 2013, Schools Forum received a report setting out RBWM's 2013-14 DSG settlement as announced by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) on 19th December 2012 and revised in February and May. The report reminded Forum about the proposed distribution of funding in the 2013-14 Early Years, Schools and High Needs Blocks between schools' delegated budgets and central services and funding changes that were notified by the EFA after RBWM's 2013-14 Budget Statement¹ was submitted to the EFA in March. Following the July meeting, the EFA has now published RBWM's final DSG allocation. It is a requirement of the grant conditions that Schools Forum is notified of the finalised allocation.

3 2013-14 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT SETTLEMENT – MARCH 2013

- 3.1 The DfE 2013-14 DSG settlement announcements in December and March confirmed RBWM's DSG allocation to be £99.221 million (table 1). These figures were reported to Schools Forum in July 2013.

	Pupil Count	Unit Rate	Total Allocation £ 000
Early Years Block	1,559	£4,247.85	£6,622
Schools Block	17,832	£4,324.81	£77,120
High Needs Block adjusted allocation based on 12-13 spend			£14,671
Additions:			
2 Yr Old Funding			£884
NQT Induction			£27
Growth in high needs places			£146
Grant funding previously paid to non maintained special schools			£74
Deductions:			
Place funding transfer to non maintained special schools			(£323)
Total Dedicated Schools Grant			£99,221

¹ Known as the 2013-14 Section 251 Statement.

- 3.2 Funding from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) for post 16 pupils estimated to be £9.102 million, and an allocation of £500k from the DSG surplus², increased the total funding in the 2013-14 Schools Budget to £108.823 million³ (see table 2)

Table 2: Schools Budget Funding at 31 March 2013	£000
DSG settlement March 2013 (see table 1)	99,221
DSG surplus from 2012-13 applied in 2013-14	500
EFA Post 16 Funding 2013-14	9,102
Total funding 2013-14 Schools Budget	108,823

- 3.3 The distribution of the £108.823 million between schools and central services within the Schools Budget, summarised in the Section 251 2013-14 Budget Statement and shown in **Annex A**, was agreed with Schools Forum and submitted to the EFA in March 2013.

4 FINAL 2013-14 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT SETTLEMENT – JULY 2013

- 4.1 The final 2013-14 DSG settlement announced on 19 July has now confirmed further funding adjustments totalling £244k that were notified too late to be included in the March Section 251 Budget Statement. The report on the DSG settlement to Schools Forum in July alerted members of the Forum to the first two of these, but not to the last two:

- An increase of £161k in the funding transferred from the EFA for post 16 high needs resulting from 2011-12 high needs learner numbers data changes.
- An increase of £163k, also for post 16 high needs, following the consideration of RBWM's request in March for a post 16 High Needs budget review.
- A reduction of £72k in Early Years funding reflecting 17 fewer early years pupils (at £4,247.85 per pupil) than originally recorded on the EY census.
- A reduction of £8k relating other minor adjustments.

- 4.2 These changes in the July settlement confirm that the finalised 2013-14 DSG allocation, before recoupment for academies, is £99.465 million (see column 3 in table 3).

Table 3: 2013-14 Finalised Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement (July 2013)	Total Mar 13 £000	Total Jul 13 £ 000	Change in funding £000
Early Years Block	£6,622	£6,550	(£72)
Schools Block	£77,120	£77,120	
High Needs Block - based on 12-13 spend	£14,671	£14,671	
Additions:			
2 Yr Old Funding	£884	£884	
NQT Induction	£27	£27	
Growth in high needs places	£146	£146	
Grant funding previously paid to NMSS	£74	£74	
Post 16 High Needs data changes		£161	£161
Post 16 High Needs budget review		£163	£163
Deductions:			
Place funding transfer to NMSS	(£323)	(£323)	
Other adjustments		(£8)	(£8)
Total Dedicated Schools Grant	£99,221	£99,465	£244

² Schools Forum members are reminded that the 2012-13 Schools Budget already included funding of £316k in addition to the DSG grant allocation. It was agreed to increase this level of funding by £184k, and allocate £500k of the surplus to delegated schools' budgets and central services to supplement the 2013-14 DSG allocation.

³ Before recoupment for academies and excluding pupil premium of £2.495 million

- 4.3 These changes increase the total funding in the 2013-14 Schools Budget from £108.823 million to £109.067 million when the DSG surplus allocation and post 16 funding is added in (see table 4)

Table 4: Schools Budget Funding July 2013	£000
DSG settlement July 2013 (see table 3)	99,465
DSG surplus from 2012-13 applied in 2013-14	500
EFA Post 16 Funding 2013-14	9,102
Total funding 2013-14 Schools Budget	109,067

- 4.4 The £72k adjustment for the change in early years pupils will be allocated as a budget reduction to the Early Years Individual Schools Budget (line 1.0.1 in annex A)⁴. The other adjustments totalling £316k will be allocated to the High Needs top-up budgets (line 1.2.1 to line 1.2.3 of Annex A).

5 Recoupment of DSG for Academies

- 5.1 The Dedicated Schools Grant figures discussed above include funding for academies. The EFA, not RBWM, has responsibility for funding academies, and will 'recoup' from RBWM's DSG allocation during the year the funding that relates to academies, including a proportional amount for any in-year converters. The Individual Schools Budget (line 1.0.1 of the Section 251 Statement shown at Annex A) includes £22.537 million which existing academies would have received through the funding formula if they were maintained schools (see table 5). A further amount of £807k will also be recouped for St. Mary's Catholic Primary, which converted on 1 July 2013.

Table 5: Recoupment of DSG for academies' formula funding	
Existing academies at 1 April 2013	£000
Datchet St Marys	£869
Lowbrook	£845
White Waltham	£727
Altwood	£3,413
Charters	£5,588
Cox Green	£3,812
Desborough	£2,601
Furze Platt	<u>£4,682</u>
Sub total	£22,537
In- year converters after 1 April 2013	
St Mary's Primary	<u>807</u>
TOTAL	£23,344

- 5.2 The EFA will also recoup £89,974 relating to funding for resource units in academy schools for the period April to August 2013. The calculation is based on the amount of funding recouped from RBWM for academy resource units in 2012-13. During this period academies operated on the old funding system. No further amounts will be recouped for the period September 2013 to March 2014 as baseline adjustments have been made to RBWM's 2013-14 DSG allocation to reflect the new funding arrangements for academies which take effect from September 2013.

⁴ The current early years allocation is based on January 2012 numbers, and will be adjusted for January 2013 pupils.

SECTION 251 2013-14 BUDGET STATEMENT SUBMITTED 28 MARCH 2013

SCHOOLS BUDGET		2013-14 Schools Budget S251 28 Mar 2013	Early Years Block	High Needs Block	Schools Block
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Delegated budget					
1.0.1	Individual Schools Budget (before Academy recoupment) - Pri & Sec	85,285			85,285
1.0.1	Individual Schools Budget - Special / AP	2,236		2,236	
1.0.1	Individual Schools Budget - Early Years	6,673	6,673		
De-delegated budget					
1.1.1	Contingencies	39			39
1.1.2	Behaviour support services	96			96
1.1.7	Licences/subscriptions	54			54
1.1.8	Staff costs supply cover	243			243
High Needs Budget					
1.2.1	Top up funding - maintained providers	4,841		4,841	
1.2.2	Top up funding - academies and free schools	617		617	
1.2.3	Top up funding - independent providers	5,250		5,250	
1.2.5	SEN support services	913		913	
1.2.6	Support for inclusion	866		866	
1.2.8	Hospital education services	23		23	
Early Years central budgets					
1.3.1	Central expenditure on children under 5	486	486		
Central Provision within Schools Budget					
1.4.1	Contribution to combined budgets	299		299	
1.4.2	School admissions	318			318
1.4.3	Servicing of schools forums	49			49
1.4.5	Carbon reduction commitment allowances	100			100
1.4.6	Capital expenditure from revenue (CERA)	96			96
1.4.10	Pupil growth/ Infant class sizes new	302			302
1.4.12	Exceptions agreed by Sec of State	37			37
1.6.1	TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET (before Academy recoupment)	108,822	7,160	15,045	86,618
DSG @ 31 March 2013		99,220			
DSG surplus applied		500			
Post 16 funding		9,102			
Roundings etc.					
TOTAL FUNDING		108,822			