

SCHOOLS FORUM

THURSDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 2019

At 2.00 pm

in the

ASCOT AND BRAY - TOWN HALL,

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PART I

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ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SCHOOLS FORUM

Date:	17th January 2019		AGENDA ITEM:
Title:	Dedicated Schools Grant Indicative Settlement 2019/20		
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1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 To update the Forum on the indicative settlement 2019/20 for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG); Schools Block, Central School Services Block, Early Years Block and High Needs Block.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Forum notes the allocation for the DSG; Schools Block, Central School Services Block and High Needs Block for the 2019/20 financial year.

3 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- 3.1 The Government published details of the draft 2019/20 DSG grant settlement on the 17th of December. This announcement followed a statement by Damian Hinds on the 16th December in relation to additional high needs funding. The information contained in this report is based on the most up to date information available from the ESFA at the time of writing and reflects the impact of the December announcements.

4 SUMMARY OF DSG FUNDING 2019-20

- 4.1 The latest gross DSG settlement for 2019/20 of £116.495m and net funding due to RBWM of £64,432m. The March 2019 notification will inform Local Authorities of the final EFSA deduction to be made at source for allocations direct to Colleges and Academy schools. Table 1 sets out the breakdown of the Indicative DSG Settlement for 2019/20

Table 1: DSG Indicative Settlement 2019/20

Dedicated Schools Grant 2019/20	Total	Schools Block	Central Services Block	Early Years Block	High Needs Block
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Schools Formula (Gross)	85,311	85,311			
School Pupil Growth Fund	846	846			
Central Block	1,132		1,132		
Early Years 3 & 4 year old - Free entitlement	7,000			7,000	
Early Years 3 & 4 year old - Working parents	1,696			1,696	
Early Years – Maintained Nursery school transitional protection for EYNFF.	215			215	
Early Years 2 year old	495			495	
Early Years Pupil Premium	23			23	
Early Years Disability Fund	19			19	
High Needs Fund	19,390				19,390
High Needs Fund - Additional Grant	368				368
Gross DSG (i)	116,495	86,157	1,132	9,448	19,758
Budget Estimate for March 2019 notifications:					
Free Schools (High Needs) inclusion in DSG	600				600
High Needs Direct Funding deduction Estimate	(1,994)				(1,994)
Academy Recoupment (December Estimate)	(50,669)	(50,669)			
Net Grant Estimate per Block (ii)	64,432	35,488	1,132	9,448	18,364

5 Budget Allocations 2019/20

Schools Block Allocations 2019/20

- 5.1 At its meeting in September 2018 the Forum was presented with an indicative figure for the schools block. The final allocation has been updated with the October 2018 school census data. The schools block allocation for the 2019/20 financial year before recoupment for academies and free schools is £86.157m and after deductions is estimated to be £35.488m.
- 5.2 This represents a net movement of £1.638m between the provisional notification in July 2018 & final allocation for 2019/20 as shown in table 2.

Table 2: Schools Block Allocations 2019/20 (before recoupment for academies and free schools)

Funding	2019/20 Provisional Grant Notification - July 2018	2019/20 Grant Notification - December 2018	2018/19 Final Allocation
	£000	£000	£000
Basic Schools	83,158	84,503	82,374
Premises	808	808	808
Growth	553	846	502
Total	84,519	86,157	83,684

- 5.3 The majority of the increase in funding for the schools block relates to pupil number growth in the Secondary sector £1.345m along with additional new Schools Growth Fund formula allocation of £0.293m.

Central Schools Services Block Budget Allocations 2019/20

- 5.4 At its meeting in September the Forum was presented with an indicative Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) allocation. The CSSB has been updated with October 2018 school census data and the final allocation is £1.132m an increase of £0.012m on the provisional grant.

Table 3: Central Schools Services Block Allocations 2019/20

Funding	2019/20 Provisional Grant Notification - July 2018	2019/20 Grant Notification - December 2018	2018/19 Final Allocation
	£000	£000	£000
Central Schools Services	1.120	1.132	1.142
Total	1.120	1.132	1.142

- 5.5 This block is allocated to local authorities mainly on a per pupil rate and historic commitments. The historic commitment element of the RBWM Central block totals

£0.268m and was approved by the Schools Forum in the 16th January 2018, along with the Education Support Grant (ESG) retained services.

Early Years Block Indicative Budget Allocations 2019/20

- 5.6 The indicative allocation for the Early Years Block in 2019/20 is £9.448m. This indicative allocation is based on the January 2018 census pupil numbers. This allocation will be updated according to actual nursery census data after completion of the January 2019 census and a revised notification sent to local authorities in May 2019. Further recalculations of block funding will take place in year to reflect actual in year take up; which it is expected will result in a 'clawbacks' in funding due to funded numbers being lower than targeted levels.

Table 4: Early Years Block Notifications 2019/20

Funding	2019/20 Provisional Grant Notification - July 2018	2019/20 Indicative Grant Notification - December 2018	2018/19 Final Allocation
	£000	£000	£000
Early Years	9,448	9,448	9.433
Total	9.448	9.448	9.433

- 5.7 Local authorities are expected to budget and passport funding to providers a minimum of 95% of the 3 & 4 year block allocation.

High Needs Block Indicative Budget Allocations 2019/20

- 5.8 On the 16th December 2018 the Education Secretary released a document entitled "New funding to support children with special educational needs." The full statement is available on the following link and the key points are summarised below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-funding-to-support-children-with-special-educational-needs>

- Councils will receive an additional £250 million revenue investment over the next two years to provide much needed support for children and young people with complex SEND. This amount is estimated to be an additional £0.368m for RBWM in both 2018/19 and 2019/20.
- In addition an extra £100 million of capital investment will create more specialist places in mainstream schools, colleges and special schools, giving more children and young people access to a good school or college places that meets their individual needs.
- More special free schools will get the green light, as the Education Secretary confirms that all high quality bids will be approved in the current round of special and alternative provision free school applications.
- An expansion of the funding to train more educational psychologists, who are responsible for assessing children's needs and providing tailored support as part

of the Education, Health and Care needs assessment process. From September 2020 there will be a further three training rounds and an increase in the number of trainees from 160 to at least 206, to help keep up with demand for this specialist advice.

- The Department for Education announced that they will be gathering evidence regarding the first £6,000 schools pay for SEND support to better understand the financial incentives that influence how schools, colleges and councils support children and young people with SEN.
- The DfE will use the January 2018 census and February 2018 Individual Learner Records (ILR) to estimate the High Needs Adjustments for Imports and Exports. This will then be updated in the new financial year using the January 2019 census and February 2019 ILR data to give final allocations. Until this is complete the High Needs Block allocation remains indicative. The current indicative allocation is £19.758m. This represents a net movement of £0.561m between the provisional & indicative allocation for 2019/20 as shown in table 4.

5.9 The movement between allocations reflects the “New funding to support children with special educational needs” of £0.368m as set out in 5.8 along with an update adjustments for Imports and Exports.

Table 4: Gross High Needs Block Notifications 2019/20

Funding	2019/20 Provisional Grant Notification - July 2018	2019/20 Indicative Grant Notification - December 2018	2018/19 Final Allocation
	£000	£000	£000
High Needs	19,197	19,758	18,423
Total	19,197	19,758	18,423

5.10 The gross indicative grant allocation 2019/20 of £19.758m includes budget deductions of a net £1.394m which if adjusted for represent an allocation of £18.364m. This is comparable to the final allocation 2018/19.

5.11 Significant pressure remains in the High Needs Block with the scale of overspend in 2018/19 being £0.676m allowing for the additional £0.368m funding received in the DfE December allocation announcement. Based on the current cohort of provision and early indicative future demand the potential pressure for 2019/20 is currently in the region of £0.500m.

5.12 The Section 251 budget statement and budget allocations will be updated in-year to reflect the final settlement.

6 Next Steps

6.1 The Council will approve a final Schools Budget at Council on the 26th February 2019. The papers will be available on the Councils website and a further update will be presented to Schools Forum at its meeting in July 2019.

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