

2020/21 Dedicated Schools Grant Funding

Schools Forum - January 2020

Introduction

The purpose of today's presentation is to update Schools Forum on the latest position in relation to the 2020/21 budget setting round:

1. National Funding Position
2. Local Budget Proposals
3. Insurance De-delegation / Risk Protection Arrangement
4. Summary and Next Steps

National Funding Announcements

- On 19th December 2019 the Department for Education (DfE) published the DSG allocations for 2020-21. Full details can be found on the DfE website at the following link:
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dedicated-schools-grant-dsg-2020-to-2021>

National Funding Announcements

- The initial 2020-21 DSG allocations for Cambridgeshire are set out in the following table, which also provides the 2019-20 figures for comparison:

DSG Block	2019-20 Allocation £m	2020-21 Initial Allocation £m	Increase v 2019-20 Allocation £m
Schools Block*	349.30	370.20	+20.90
High Needs Block **	68.84	75.01	+6.17
Central Services Schools Block	8.11	7.03	-1.08
Early Years Block***	37.29	37.95	+0.66
Total	463.54	490.19	+26.65

National Funding Announcements

- The increase in the Schools Block for 2020-21 totals £20.9m.
- Approximately £17.3m is as a result of the uplift to Cambridgeshire's Schools Block allocation from the additional investment through the national funding formula;
- Approximately £3.8m increase resulting from the increase in pupils between October 2018 and October 2019.
- Approximate £0.2m reduction in funding for growth based on the revised DfE formula.

Final Budget Proposals



- After allowing for the £2m centrally retained growth fund the total available Schools Block for distribution (prior to any block transfers) is £368.2m.
- This compares to the £345.1m distributed in 2019/20.
- Final distribution figures are still subject to decisions in respect of the potential block transfers from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.

Final Budget Proposals

- Prior to any potential block transfers from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block the available HNB totals:

Source of Funding	£m
2020/21 HNB (Updated December 2019)	£75.01m
Agreed Transfer from CSSB	£1.14m
Total available HNB	£76.15m

- 19/20 in-year forecast spend in excess of £81m.
- **Adjusted Deficit b/fwd from 18/19 = £7.15m**
- **Forecast Deficit to c/fwd to 20/21 = £17m+**

Final Budget Proposals



- Update on proposed block transfer between Schools Block and High Needs Block, and any potential changes to Minimum Per Pupil Levels (MPPLs) to be circulated once available.
- Updated budget modelling to be circulated once available.

Required Actions

- *Schools Forum are asked to comment on the local budget proposals*

Insurance De-delegations

- Apply to maintained primary schools only:

	Agreed 2019/20 Basis	Est. 2019/20 Amt. £'000	Proposed 2020/21 Basis	Est. 2020/21 Amt.
Insurance	<i>£19.22 per pupil</i>	<i>£572k</i>	<i>£25.55 per pupil</i>	<i>£748k</i>

- As previously highlighted the DfE has recently consulted on extending the risk protection arrangement (RPA) currently operational for academy trusts (ATs) to the local authority maintained school (LAMS) sector.
- The consultation ended on 4 November and the DfE had planned to publish the response in the first week of December. However, as a result of purdah, the publication of the government's response is expected to be in January 2020.

Required Actions

- *Maintained Primary representatives on Schools Forum are asked to approve the continuation of de-delegations in respect of Insurance.*

Next Steps

- 21st January 2020 – Children and Young People Committee to approve final budget proposals
- 21st January 2020 – APT submission deadline to the ESFA
- End of January/early February – budgets to be issued to Primary and Secondary Schools (academy budgets will be illustrative only as final budgets will be confirmed by the ESFA).
- Spring 2020 – High Needs Consultation to be launched.