

2020/21 Dedicated Schools Grant Funding - Addendum

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. Copyright Licenses
5. 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

- On the 13th January at the meeting with DfE officials we were notified that the LA may not receive the outcomes of our disapplication requests by the APT submission deadline of 21st January. (This was later confirmed by email.)
- This means that there is still uncertainty over the final approach to be taken and timescales for publication of the final budgets.
- The DfE have stated however that we are still required to submit an APT by the 21st January deadline based on assumptions of the final approach to be taken.

Final Budget Proposals

- There are currently 4 potential scenarios still being considered:
 - a) - 0% / £0 block transfer – 1.84% MFG – 6.11% CAP
 - b) - 1.8% / £6.66m block transfer – 1.84% MFG – 0.45% CAP
 - c) - 1.8% / £6.66m block transfer – reduced MPPLs to £3,700 and £4,950 - 1.84% MFG – 2.17% CAP
 - d) - 0.5% / £1.85m block transfer - 1.84% MFG – 4.10% CAP
- The **illustrative** impact of each of these scenarios can be seen in **Appendix 1** to this presentation.
- Figures have been updated to reflect the October 2019 census data and as such the impact at individual school level will also be dependent on changes in pupil numbers.

Final Budget Proposals

- Please note:
 - These figures are still illustrative at this stage and are subject to change as final data validation is undertaken.
 - As previously discussed final block transfers and reductions to MPPL are still subject to approval at the appropriate level.
 - Actual amounts to be received by academies will be notified directly by the ESFA for the 20/21 academic year and may differ due to pupil numbers, protections and business rates applied.

Required Actions

- ***Schools Forum are asked to:***
 - ***Comment on the local budget proposals***
 - ***Reconsider a block transfer of 0.5% / £1.85m from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block***

Insurance De-delegations

- Apply to maintained primary schools only:

	Agreed 2019/20 Basis	2019/20 Amt. £'000	Proposed 2020/21 Basis	Est. 2020/21 Amt.
Insurance	<i>£19.22 per pupil</i>	<i>£572k</i>	<i>£22.51 per pupil</i>	<i>£646k</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 has been delayed and is due on the 17th January.

Insurance De-delegations

- The original RPA consultation states that:

“We propose that it will also be possible for all LAMS in a LA to join collectively by agreeing through the Schools Forum to de-delegate funding, as they currently can for purposes including insurance. In that case we propose the LA would apply for membership on behalf of all of the schools, though LAMS would become individual members and make individual claims.”

- We would therefore propose that maintained primary representatives approve a continuing de-delegation in respect of insurance.
- Once final details of the RPA have been published we will provide further information via email and propose the approach to be taken for 2020/21.

Required Actions

- *Maintained Primary representatives on Schools Forum are asked to approve the continuation of de-delegations in respect of Insurance.*
- *The final approach – i.e. whether this will be via the LA or RPA will be confirmed on receipt of the published consultation response.*

Copyright Licenses

- The DfE has agreements with the following agencies to purchase a single national licence managed by DfE for all state funded schools in England:
 - Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI)
 - Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA)
 - Education Recording Agency (ERA)
 - Filmbank Distributors Ltd. (for the PVSL)
 - Mechanical Copyright Protection Society (MCPS)
 - Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC)
 - Newspaper Licensing Authority (NLA)
 - Performing Rights Society (PRS)
 - Phonographic Performance Limited (PPL)
 - Schools Printed Music Licence (SPML)

Copyright Licenses

- Local authorities and schools do not need to negotiate individual licences. The DfE pays the cost, including VAT, to the agencies and provides this as a service to local authorities at a charge.
- These arrangements cover academies as well as maintained schools.
- The funding is held centrally rather than being included in school budgets.
- For 2020/21 the overall cost (excluding VAT) for Cambridgeshire schools has increased from **£439k to £450k**.
- The £11k increase will be met from the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) rather than being a direct cost to schools.

Next Steps

- ***All budget timescales are now dependent on DfE confirmation of disapplication requests.***
- 21st January 2020 – Children and Young People Committee to approve final budget proposals
- 21st January 2020 – APT submission deadline to the ESFA
- 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.