

**Friday, 15 January 2021**

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**10:00**

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## **AGENDA**

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The Cambridgeshire Schools Forum comprises the following members:

*For more information about this meeting, including access arrangements please contact*

Simon Bainbridge Adrian Ball Liz Bassett Christopher Bennett Susannah Connell  
Jonathan Culpin Joanne Hardwick Sasha Howard Ryan Kelsall John King Jeremy  
Lloyd Leah Miller Claire Palmer Deborah Parfitt Patsy Peres Richard Spencer Paul  
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## SCHOOLS FORUM: MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 16 December 2020

Time: 10.00am – 10.55am

Venue: Virtual meeting in line with the Schools Forums (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 making provisions to enable schools forums to meet remotely while they are unable to meet physically in a room during the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID19)

Present:

Maintained Primary Heads - Liz Bassett, Sasha Howard and Guy Underwood

Academy Primary - Susannah Connell

Other Academy Sector Appointments - Christopher Bennet, Jonathan Culpin (Chairman), Ryan Kellsall, John King and Richard Spencer

Maintained Pupil Referral Unit – Leah Miller

Early Years Reference Group - Deborah Parfitt

Post 16 Further Education - Jeremy Lloyd

Maintained Governor - Paul Stratford (Vice-Chairman)

Maintained Nursery School - Claire Palmer

Maintained Special School - Joanne Hardwick

Academy Special School - Simon Bainbridge

Cambridgeshire County Council - Councillor Simon Bywater, Councillor Peter Downes and Councillor Simone Taylor

Observers - Jon Duveen (Teachers Unions), Julie Cornwall,) and Andrew Read (Diocese of East Anglia), Joe Mc-Crossan (Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia).

Officers - J Lewis, Service Director Education, T Oviatt-Ham – Democratic Services Officer, R Sanderson, Democratic Services Officer and Clerk to Forum and M Wade, Strategic Finance Business Partner.

Apologies: Other Academy Sector Appointments: Adrian Ball and Patsy Peres

Quorum on current voting membership: 8

## 167. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Adrian Ball, Patsy Peres and Joe McCrossan

No declarations of interest were made.

## 168. Schools Forum Minutes – 6 November 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2020 were approved as a correct record.

## 169. Minutes Action Log

The Forum noted the Minute Action Log.

## 170. Update on Schools Forum Membership

The Forum received a report that provided an update on current membership position of forum.

Introducing the report officers explained that there were four vacancies for the Academies. The Service Director: Education stated that he would speak to Andrew Reed to establish a way forward for filling the vacancies ahead of the next meeting. **(ACTION)**

It was resolved to:

note the current position on vacancies on Schools Forum.

## 171. School Funding Update Report – December 2020

The Forum considered a report that provided an update on the latest position in respect of the Schools Budget setting process for 2021/22 and addressed some of the questions raised at the previous meeting of Schools Forum in November.

The Service Director, Education and the Strategic Finance Business Partner gave a joint presentation of the report that provided information to support the 2021/22 Schools budget setting process and covered the following areas:

- Update on 2021/22 School Budgets
- Insurance arrangements
- Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) position and historical spend
- Central School Services Block
- High Needs Block
- Next Steps

### **School Budgets 2021/22**

The Service Director, Education explained that at the Children and Young People (CYP) Committee on the 10th November the Committee approved the submission of a disapplication request to the Secretary of State for Education for a transfer of funding of 1.0%, approximately £3.8m between the Schools Block and High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant for the 2021/22 school budget setting process. As such a disapplication request was submitted by the 20th November deadline and a response is expected in due course. He explained that even if this was approved by the Secretary of State this did not necessarily mean that it would be applied. He clarified that final approval of the schools formula would be made at the CYP Committee meeting on 19th January 2021.

The Service Director, Education explained that the Spending Review announcements on the 25th November 2020 reaffirmed the previous commitment to increase the core schools budget by £7.1 billion by 2022/23, compared to 2019/20 funding levels, this resulted in an increase of £2.2 billion between 2020/21 and 2021/22. He clarified that Early Years Education would receive an increase of £44m in 2021/22 to increase the hourly rate paid to childcare providers for the government's free hours offers. He explained that it was understood that the maintained schools supplementary grant had been extended for the 2021-22 academic year, although he clarified that this was yet to be confirmed. He stated that there had been no further detail in respect of exactly what these announcements would mean for the final 2021/22 DSG. He explained that the expectation was that final DSG allocations and the revised Authority Proforma Tool (APT) were to be published by the end of the week.

The Strategic Finance Business Partner explained that he had just received the APT proforma used to populate the budget position. He clarified that table 2.5 in the report outlined the current indicative block figures and showed a net reduction in primary figures and an increase in secondary figures. He explained that Special Schools sector had seen an increase in numbers of 150 pupils. He explained that table 2.6 in the report showed the latest position of the growth fund element. He clarified that following receipt of the revised October census numbers a revised estimate of growth funding to be received had been calculated. In 2020/21 the growth fund element of the DSG totaled £3.125m, the revised estimate for 2021/22 totaled £3.2m.

Individual members raised the following points in relation to School Budgets 2021/22 section of the report:

- Highlighted that Cambridgeshire had the seventh largest deficit in the High Needs Block.
- Raised concern in relation to the number of Special School places available. A member of forum commented that there was a significant number of Head teachers holding pupils in primary that needed special school places and that they were being told that there were no spaces until September 2022. The Service Director, Education stated

that the authority was unable to negotiate the modelling on special schools. He explained that the authority would require more funding for high needs places and this would need to be done through the top slice. He clarified that there were two new Special Schools now on line and that a new round of funding was opening up and that the authority would potentially bid on it. He explained that he was working closely with MPs on this issue and that letters had gone to the Secretary of State for Education. The Chairman queried whether Section 106 money could be used for Special Schools. The Service Director, Education stated that it was down to individual negotiations as there was no set formula. He explained that there had been a Special School recently set up in Alconbury but that revenue costs for Special Schools were not supported in any way through Section 106.

### **Insurance Arrangements for 2021/22**

The Strategic Finance Business Partner explained that in order to allow schools and governors to take a more informed view on insurance arrangements additional information was subsequently circulated to maintained schools and a short survey undertaken. He clarified that the results of this survey were outlined in section 3.2 of the report. He explained that the results clearly showed overwhelming support to remain with the Local Authority Scheme.

### **DSG Position In-Year and Historical Spend**

The Strategic Finance Business Partner stated that appendix A of the report provided details of the DSG spend for 2018/19, 2019/20 and current forecasts for 2020/21. He explained that the in-year DSG position is presented to CYP committee as part of the overall finance monitoring report whenever they meet and the current revised forecast for 2020/21 was now a £11.3m pressure, down from the original £12.7m forecast at the start of the year. He clarified that the budget figures were gross and therefore include £249.6m of recoupment for primary and secondary academies, and a further £12.7m of recoupment for High Needs Places (academy special schools, units, further education etc.). He explained that he would ensure that the Forum received the in year position of the budget at every forum meeting. **(ACTION)**

### **Central School Services Block**

The Strategic Finance Business Partner highlighted that the Central Schools Service Block had been discussed in great detail at the last forum meeting. He explained that the table at 5.2 of the report showed the current year budgets. He explained that contribution to the combined budgets had reduced including the internet contract. He stated that invoices for the internet contract would be sent out in April 2021. He explained that there had been no change to the School Admissions amounts and that they were waiting for a figure on national copyright. The Service Director, Education explained that 5.5 of the report listed where the budget allocations were going. He stated that further information had been requested by schools forum in

respect of the £733k for Early Intervention Family Workers (EIFW) which moved into the Alternative Education Provision Service on the 1st April 2020, and was now managed by Anna Wahlandt (County Manager) and Michael Kaoura (Deputy County Manager). He explained that the service currently had seven vacancies which transferred over and predominantly sat within Cambridge City. He stated that the service had endeavored to cover requested support where possible and hoped to begin a recruitment drive in January 2021. The original planned recruitment process had been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **High Needs Block**

The Service Director, Education explained that 6.3 – 6.5 of the report set out the current position of the High Needs Block and that there had been a focus on high cost placements. He explained that the authority wanted to ensure that these placements were well commissioned and that the providers were held to account.

Individual members raised the following points in relation to the High Needs Block section of the report:

- Welcomed the review of Enhanced Resource Bases (ERBs) and the arrangements for the newly established SEND Strategic Commissioning Board to review the arrangements going forwards.
- Raised concern about the number of requests coming through for ERBs as there were 20 places but 160 requests for placements. The Service Director, Education explained that there were conversations taking place about bulk buying to drive costs down. He explained that officers were working with colleagues in Peterborough so that they were in a more positive position to have the conversation with higher numbers regarding value for money.
- Queried if there was any particular work on parts of the County where pressures were the greatest for the Autism (ASD) and social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) placements. The Service Director, Education explained that there was a large efficiency review taking place and officers were mapping where children were going from – to. He stated that a new special school was being built in Northstowe, the Martin Baker Academy, in order to keep children at school closer to home. He stated that officers were aware of the gaps in East Cambridgeshire, Fenland and Huntingdonshire.

### **Next Steps**

The Service Director, Education set out the next steps in the process highlighted at 7.1 in the report.

It was resolved unanimously to:

1. note and comment on the contents of the report.
2. comment on the results of the consultation in respect of ongoing insurance arrangements.
3. approve the continued LA insurance de-delegation arrangements at £21 per pupil.
4. approve the following on a line by line basis:
  - a) Capital Expenditure from Revenue (CERA)
  - b) School Admissions
  - c) Servicing of Schools Forum

## 172. Schools Forum Agenda Plan Update

The Forum noted the following reports on the agenda for the next Forum meeting on 16 December:

- Schools Funding Update
- New dates for Forum beyond July 2021

It was resolved to:

note the agenda plan.

## Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman thanked Democratic Services and Officers in the Education team for all of their support to Schools Forum throughout an extremely difficult year.

The Cambridgeshire Schools Forum will meet next on Friday 15 January 2021 at 10am.

Chairman



## Schools Forum Minutes Action Log

The Action Log was updated following the November Forum meeting and captures the actions from meetings of the Cambridgeshire Schools Forum requiring a response / or the response undertaken and completed since the last Action Log update. Due to the Covid-19 crisis any updates will be provided orally at the meeting

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Item	Minute number and report title	Officer Responsible	Action	Response	Action status
1..	Minute 157 Update on High Needs Recovery Plan	Jon Lewis / Councillor Bywater	It was agreed that the Director in consultation with the Chairmen of the Children and Young People Committee and Schools Forum should prepare a letter of representation to Government to request additional funding.	The Service Director, Education explained at the November meeting this had moved on since the last meeting as he had now met with MPs. The suggestion was that rather than just Forum writing to Government requesting additional funding, a more effective course of action would be that a joint letter of representation should be sent.  <b>Oral Update to be provided</b>	Action ongoing
2..	Minute 158 Schools and Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Financial Health - Schools Balance Mechanism	Martin Wade	There was a request that the text setting out the mechanism be looked at again to ensure that there was reference to any proposed intervention strategy having the involvement of the receiving trust if there was a proposal to convert it to an academy. It was agreed to amend accordingly and also that the same should also apply where schools were being brokered between trusts.	This would be taken on board as part of the consultation to be undertaken in the spring.	Action ongoing

Item	Minute number and report title	Officer Responsible	Action	Response	Action status
3	Minute 160 Review of Membership and Proportionality – need for more ethnic diversity in the Forum membership	Jon Lewis / Chairman	There was highlighted a lack of ethnic diversity on Forum with one observer suggesting that appointment processes should be reviewed to recognise the need for Forum to embrace a greater degree of ethnic diversity in its membership and that this should be taken into consideration when making future appointments. It was agreed that the Director would highlight this suggestion to the Representative Groups that approved Maintained and Academy sector appointments. The Chairman also undertook to take the suggestion away to discuss it further with the Academy sector representatives.	The Service Director, Education stated that he would undertake a review of the forum membership ahead of the next meeting and that he would ask that ethnicity and diversity be considered throughout the process.  Oral Update to be provided	Action Ongoing

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	Agenda Item	Officer	Action	Response	Status
6.	Minute 165 Schools Funding Update Covering Report - November 2020	Jon Lewis	Organise Meeting with Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP	See action 1 minute 157 above	Action Ongoing

	Agenda Item	Officer	Action	Response	Status
9.	Minute 165 Schools Funding Update Covering Report - November 2020	TBC	Organise a meeting with schools that qualify for Sparsity funding to understand the challenges and impacts	Oral Update to be provided	
Minutes 6th November 2020					
	Agenda Item	Officer	Action	Response	Status
	Minute 170 Update on Schools Forum Membership	Jon Lewis	Linked to Minute 160 above The Service Director: Education stated that he would speak to Andrew Reed to establish a way forward for filling the vacancies ahead of the next meeting.	Oral Update to be provided	
	Minute 171 School Funding Update Report – December 2020	Martin Wade	Forum to receive the in year position of the budget at every forum meeting.	Included in Funding Update Presentation	Action Completed



## Proposed Future Schools Forum Dates 2021-22

To: Cambridgeshire Schools Forum

Date: 15th January 2021

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### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The dates for future Schools Forum meetings are currently scheduled until July 2021 as originally agreed at the January 2020 Forum meeting. There is now a need to agree future dates from the next Autumn term until July 2022 to help with forward planning and this also includes suggestions for some potential training / workshop dates. The latter, and also any Formal Forum dates that are agreed at this meeting can always be cancelled nearer the time if deemed as no longer being required. The important issue is to get dates in diaries as much in advance as possible.

### 2.0 Current agreed dates for Forum meetings

- 2.1 The following were agreed last January and the intention is to keep to them unless nearer the time they are deemed as not being required for a formal meeting or a training / workshop session.
- Friday 26th February 2021 (workshop / training / reserve date)
  - Forum Friday 26th March 2021
  - Friday 21st May 2021 (workshop / training / reserve date)
  - Forum Friday 16th July 2021

### 3.0 Proposed dates for Forum meetings

- 3.1 Proposed dates for Schools Forum and training / workshop dates are listed below (School holidays and CYP meeting dates have been taken into account) All meetings have been scheduled for 10.00 a.m -1.00 p.m. unless otherwise stated
- Friday 5th November 2021 - 2 .30p.m.
  - Friday 26th November 2021 - Additional reserve date
  - Wednesday 15th December 2021
  - Friday 14th January 2022 - 2.30 p.m.

- Friday 25th February 2022 (Reserve or workshop date)
- Friday 25th March 2022
- Wednesday 25th May 2022 (Reserve or workshop date)
- Friday 15th July 2022

## 4.0 Recommendation

### 4.1 The Schools Forum is requested to:

Approve the dates for future forum meetings as set out section 3 of the report.

**SCHOOLS FUNDING UPDATE – JANUARY 2021**

**To: Cambridgeshire Schools Forum**

**Date: 15 January 2021**

**From: Jonathan Lewis – Service Director: Education  
Martin Wade – Strategic Finance Business Partner**

**Purpose: To provide Schools Forum with an update on the latest local funding formula proposals for Schools and Early Years for the 2021/22 budget setting round.**

**Recommendations:**

**2021/22 School Funding Arrangements**

**1) Schools Forum are asked to comment on the local budget proposals as set out in the presentation.**

**Early Years Funding Arrangements**

**2) Schools Forum are asked to comment on the Early Years funding arrangements.**

**3) Members of Schools Forum are asked to approve the planned Centrally Retained amounts for 2021/22 as set out on slide 19 in appendix A of the report.**

**1.0 CONTEXT**

**1.1** The presentation (appendix A) accompanying this report provides information to support the 2021/22 Schools budget setting process and will cover the following areas:

- Update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) position following December announcements.
- Update on the local budget proposals, including illustrative school by school budgets (appendix B – to follow).
- Update on the proposed Early Years funding proposals
- Summary and Next Steps

**1.2** **Please note:** Appendix B which will provide illustrative school level figures will be circulated prior to the meeting to ensure it reflects the very latest position available. Likewise, at the time of writing a key decision from the DfE in respect of the proposed block transfer is still outstanding. As such an addendum will be circulated should this information become available prior to the date of the January meeting.

**1.3** During the presentation by Officers, Members of Schools Forum will have opportunity to comment on the content and where required will be asked to make decisions as set out in the recommendations.

- 1.4 The table below shows the main decision making powers and responsibilities for items relevant at this meeting (other powers such as decisions in respect of deficits, contracts and changes to the Scheme of Financial Management do not apply to the items covered above.)

Function	Local education authority	Schools forum	DfE role
<b>Formula change (including redistributions)</b>	Proposes and decides	<b>Must be consulted</b>	Checks for compliance with regulations
<b>Movement of up to 0.5% from the schools block to other blocks</b>	Proposes	<b>Decides</b>	Adjudicates where schools forum does not agree local authority proposal
<b>Minimum funding guarantee (MFG)</b>	Proposes any exclusions from MFG for application to DfE	<b>Gives a view</b>	Approval to application for exclusions
<b>De-delegation for mainstream maintained schools</b>	Proposes	<b>Maintained primary and secondary school member representatives</b>	Will adjudicate where schools forum does not agree local authority proposal
<b>General Duties for maintained schools - Contribution to responsibilities that local authorities hold for maintained schools</b>	Proposes	<b>Would be decided by the relevant maintained school members (primary, secondary, special and PRU).</b>	Adjudicates where schools forum does not agree local authority proposal
<b>Central spend on and the criteria for allocating funding from:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth - pre-16 pupils, including new schools set up to meet basic need, whether maintained or academy</li> <li>Falling rolls - funding for good or outstanding schools with where growth in pupil numbers is expected within three years</li> </ul>	Proposes	<b>Decides</b>	Adjudicates where schools forum does not agree local authority proposal
<b>Central spend on:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>early years block provision funding to enable all schools to meet the infant class size requirement</li> <li>back-pay for equal pay claims</li> </ul>	Proposes	<b>Decides</b>	Adjudicates where schools forum does not agree local authority proposal



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• remission of boarding fees at maintained schools and academies</li> <li>• places in independent schools for non-SEN pupils</li> <li>• admissions</li> <li>• servicing of schools forum</li> <li>• Contribution to responsibilities that local authorities hold for all schools</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Central spend on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• capital expenditure funded from revenue – projects must have been planned and decided on prior to April 2013 so no new projects can be charged</li> <li>• contribution to combined budgets – this is where the schools forum agreed prior to April 2013 a contribution from the schools budget to services which would otherwise be funded from other sources</li> <li>• existing termination of employment costs (costs for specific individuals must have been approved prior to April 2013 so no new redundancy costs can be charged)</li> <li>• prudential borrowing costs – the commitment must have been approved prior to April 2013</li> </ul>	Proposes up to the value committed in the previous financial year and where expenditure has already been committed.	<b>Decides for each line</b>	Adjudicates where schools forum does not agree local authority proposal
<p><b>Central spend on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• high needs block provision</li> <li>• central licences negotiated by the Secretary of State</li> </ul>	Decides	<b>None, but good practice to inform forum</b>	None



# **2021/22 Dedicated Schools Grant Funding**

**Schools Forum - January 2021**

# 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. Early Years
4. Summary and Next Steps

# National Funding Announcements

- On 17th December 2020 the Department for Education (DfE) published the DSG allocations for 2021-22. Full details can be found on the DfE website at the following link:
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dedicated-schools-grant-dsg-2021-to-2022>

# National Funding Announcements

- The initial 2021-22 DSG allocations for Cambridgeshire are set out in the following table, which also provides the 2020-21 figures for comparison:

<b>DSG Block</b>	<b>2020-21 Allocation  £m</b>	<b>2021-22 Initial Allocation £m</b>	<b>Increase v 2020-21 Allocation £m</b>
<b>Schools Block (incl. growth and baseline grants)</b>	<b>387.77</b>	<b>405.12</b>	<b>+17.35</b>
<b>High Needs Block (incl. baseline grants)</b>	<b>76.37</b>	<b>83.42</b>	<b>+7.05</b>
<b>Central Services Schools Block</b>	<b>7.03</b>	<b>6.48</b>	<b>-0.55</b>
<b>Early Years Block</b>	<b>37.66</b>	<b>38.13</b>	<b>+0.47</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>508.83</b>	<b>533.14</b>	<b>+24.31</b>

# National Funding Announcements

- The 2020/21 figures on the previous slide include estimates of the Teachers Pension Grant (TPG) and Teachers Pensions Employers Contribution Grant (TPECG) to be received to allow an overall comparison between years. (Approximately £17.6m in the Schools Block and £0.9m in the High Needs Block)
- As a result actual published DfE figures may differ.
- Net of the baselined grants there is an increase in the Schools Block of approximately £17.3m / 4.5% over 2020/21 funding levels.

# National Funding Announcements

- Approximately £13m is as a result of the uplift to Cambridgeshire's Schools Block allocation from the additional investment through the national funding formula;
- Approximately £4.3m of the increase results from the net increase in pupils between October 2019 and October 2020.



# Final Budget Proposals



## – Schools Block

- After allowing for the £2m centrally retained growth fund the total available Schools Block for distribution (prior to any block transfers) is £403.12m.
- This compares to the £368.20m distributed in 2020/21, plus the approximate £17.6m TPG/TPECG .
- Final distribution figures are still subject to receipt of a response to the disapplication request to the Secretary of State and subsequent decisions in respect of the potential block transfers from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.

# Final Budget Proposals

## – Schools Block



NFF Factor		Cambridgeshire Unit Rates 2020-21 (£)	NFF Unit Rates to be applied in 2021-22 (£)
Basic per pupil entitlement (AWPU)	AWPU: Primary*	2,894	3,123
	AWPU: Secondary KS3*	4,070	4,404
	AWPU: Secondary KS4*	4,619	4,963
	Minimum per pupil funding Primary	3,750	4,180
	Minimum per pupil funding Secondary (KS3 and KS4 combined)	5,000	5,415
Deprivation (based on ever 6 free school meal numbers)	FSM current - Primary	456	460
	FSM current – Secondary	456	460
	Ever6 FSM – Primary	567	575
	Ever6 FSM – Secondary	826	840
	IDACI Band F: Primary	213	215
	IDACI Band F: Secondary	304	310
	IDACI Band E: Primary	243	260
	IDACI Band E: Secondary	410	415
	IDACI Band D: Primary	380	410
	IDACI Band D: Secondary	542	580
	IDACI Band C: Primary	410	445
	IDACI Band C: Secondary	587	630
	IDACI Band B: Primary	441	475
	IDACI Band B: Secondary	633	680
	IDACI Band A: Primary	608	620
	IDACI Band A: Secondary	851	865

# Final Budget Proposals

## – Schools Block



NFF Factor		Cambridgeshire Unit Rates 2020-21 (£)	NFF Unit Rates to be applied in 2021-22 (£)
Low Prior Attainment	Primary	1,079	1,095
	Secondary	1,631	1,660
English as an Additional Language	Primary	542	550
	Secondary	1,458	1,485
Pupil Mobility	Primary	886	900
	Secondary	1,266	1,290
Lump Sum	Primary	115,867	117,800
	Secondary	115,867	117,800

- Notes to the Table:
  - a) Final Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU or Basic Entitlement) unit rates for 2021-22 may be scaled up or down dependent on overall affordability.
  - c) The values for sparsity are not included in the table above as are variable up to a new maximum of £45,000 for primary schools and £70,000 for secondary schools.
  - d) The DfE recognises that some factors cannot easily be allocated on a formulaic basis and under the NFF continue to be funded at historical or actual funding levels. This covers the premises factors which includes PFI, split site and business rates for those schools affected.

# Final Budget Proposals



## – Schools Block

- There are currently 3 potential scenarios still being considered:
  - a) - 0% / £0 block transfer – 2.00% MFG – No CAP
  - b) - 0.5% /£1.9m block transfer – 1.5% MFG – CAP TBC
  - c) - 1.0% /£3.8m block transfer – 1.0% MFG – CAP TBC
- The **illustrative** impact of each of these scenarios can be seen in **Appendix B** – (to follow)
- Figures have been updated to reflect the October 2020 census data, and changes to IDACI. As such the impact at individual school level will also be dependent on changes in pupil numbers.

# Final Budget Proposals

## – Schools Block



- 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 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 21/22 academic year and may differ due to pupil numbers, protections and business rates applied.

# Final Budget Proposals

## – High Needs Block

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

Source of Funding	£m
2021/22 HNB (Updated December 2020)	£83.42m
Agreed Transfer from CSSB	£1.08m
Total available HNB	£84.50m

- 20/21 HNB in-year forecast spend in excess of £89m.
- **Adjusted DSG Deficit b/fwd from 19/20 = £16.6m**
- **Forecast DSG Deficit to c/fwd to 21/22 = £27m+**

# Final Budget Proposals



## – High Needs Block

- No initial change being proposed to Special School Top-up rates (due to 0% MFG protection arrangements).
- TPG/TPECG to special schools will be allocated based on £660 per place. (£275 per place 5/12<sup>th</sup> April 21 – August 21 and £385 per place 7/12<sup>th</sup> September 21 – March 22)
- Increase in funding to Pilgrim PRU based on national uplift for Hospital provision and TPG/TPECG.
- Enhanced Resource Base (ERB) funding to be reviewed as part of ongoing ERB review.
- Consultation on proposed 10% reduction in top-up rates for mainstream schools to be delayed.

# Final Budget Proposals

## – Central Schools Services Block

Budget Line	2020/21	2021/22	Description
Contribution to combined budgets	£2,233k	£1,733k	Contribution to Children's Services, including £733k Early Intervention Family Worker (previously Parental Support Advisors) – Approved by Schools Forum
Capital expenditure from revenue (CERA)	£1,167k	£875k	Schools Broadband Contract – Approved by Schools Forum
Total Spend on Historic Commitments	£3,400k	£2,608k	
School Admissions	£508k	£508k	Approved by Schools Forum
Servicing of Schools Forum	£3k	£3k	Approved by Schools Forum
Other Items	£450k	£503k	National Copyright Licence arrangements – set by DfE – increased by £53k
Retained Duties Funding	£1,449k	£1,773k	As per DfE figures (pupil-led) – includes uplift for TPG/TPECG
Total Ongoing Responsibilities	£2,410k	£2,786k	
Total CSSB Budgeted Expenditure	£5,810k	£5,394k	
High Needs Block	£1,217k	£1,085k	Movement to High Needs Block as approved by Schools Forum
Total Allocation of CSSB	£7,027k	£6,479k	



# Final Budget Proposals

## – Central Schools Services Block

- Final CSSB allocation of £6.48m, reduced from £7.03m.
- Includes further 20% reduction in funding for Historic Commitments and increased allocation for retained duties, including centrally employed TPG/TPECG.
- Copyright License costs (excluding VAT) have increased from **£450k to £503k**.
- LA's and schools (including academies) do not need to negotiate individual licences. The DfE pays the cost, including VAT, to the agencies and provides this as a service to LA's as a charge to the DSG.
- The increase will be met from the CSSB rather than being a direct cost to schools.

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## – Central Schools Services Block

- 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)

# Final Budget Proposals



## – Early Years Block

- National increase in 2021/22 of £44m:
  - 8p per hour increase for funded two-year-olds
  - 6p per hour increase for all three- and four-year-olds
- Maintained Nursery School supplement to continue for 21/22 academic year (amounts to be confirmed)
- Proposing a “minimal change” approach to the Cambridgeshire early years single funding formula:
  - Increase the rate for funded two-year-olds from £5.49 to £5.57
  - Increase the rate for three- and four-year-olds from £4.14 to £4.20

# Final Budget Proposals

## – Early Years Block



- The Early Years Funding guidelines restricts local authorities to retaining a maximum of 5% of funding centrally.
- The proposed funding retained centrally by the Local Authority will account for approximately 4.2%.
- It now includes an additional £250k for 2 year olds SENIF previously funded from in-year underspends.

# Final Budget Proposals

## – Early Years Block

- Proposed centrally retained amounts for 2021/22:

Centrally Retained Budget	2020/21 Budget (£)	2021/22 Proposed Budget (£)
<b>Early years statutory duties linked to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child and Family Act 2014</li> <li>• The Local Authority (Duty to Secure Early Years Provision Free of Charge) Regulations 2012</li> <li>• Childcare Act 2006</li> <li>• SEND Code of Practice 2014</li> <li>• Equalities Act 2010</li> </ul> <b>And underpinned by, Early education and childcare -statutory guidance for local authorities March 2018 and Early Years entitlements: operational guidance July 2017.</b> <b>These activities include setting intervention, curriculum development, SEND advice, business and governance support, leadership development, place development and equalities and safeguarding advice and training.</b>	633,187	633,187
<b>Early Years and Childcare Qualifications</b>	375,000	375,000
<b>EY Accelerating the achievement of vulnerable groups</b>	88,355	88,355
<b>Early Years Pupil Premium Eligibility</b>	11,000	11,000
<b>SENIF coordination and administration</b>	60,000	60,000
<b>2 Year Olds SENIF</b>	0	250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,167,542</b>	<b>1,417,542</b>

# Required Actions

- *Schools Forum are asked to:*
  - *Comment on the local budget proposals*
  - *Approve the Early Years Block centrally retained funding.*

# DSG – In-year position

- **Appendix C** shows the latest in-year position on the DSG.
- Current in-year forecast for DSG = £11.286m overspend (£12.417m on High Needs)
- Original forecast at start of year = £12.744m overspend

# Next Steps

- ***All budget timescales are now dependent on DfE confirmation of disapplication requests.***
- 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Children and Young People Committee to approve final budget proposals
- 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 – APT submission deadline to the ESFA
- Late 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).
- Late February – illustrative budgets to be published for Special Schools
- High Needs Consultation delayed.



# **Appendix C - Dedicated Schools Grant Spend to end of December 2020**

	Actual to the end of 2018/19 £	Actual to the end of 2019/20 £	Budget for 2020/21 as at end of Dec £	Forecast Variance for 2020/21 as at end of Dec £	
<b>Director of Commissioning</b>					
Commissioning Services	245,000	245,000	245,000	0	Occupational Therapy
<b>Director of Commissioning Total</b>	<b>245,000</b>	<b>245,000</b>	<b>245,000</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Director of Children &amp; Safeguarding</b>					
Support to Parents	732,890	0	0	0	Early Intervention Family Workers - moved to Early Help, now included in Alternative Provision & Inclusion
<u>District Delivery Service</u>					
Early Help District Delivery Service - North	217,509	510,465	0	0	
Early Help District Delivery Service - South	208,268	0	2,572	0	Residual budget to be removed
<b>Director of Children &amp; Safeguarding Total</b>	<b>1,158,667</b>	<b>510,465</b>	<b>2,572</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Director of Education</b>					
Early Years Service	1,065,348	1,492,503	1,517,948	0	Centrally retained Early Years, including SEN Inclusion Fund (SENIF)
Schools Partnership Service	142,929	104,276	150,000	23,178	Virtual School
Redundancy & Teachers Pensions	6,072	7,370	0	0	
<u>SEND Specialist Services (0 - 25 years)</u>					
SEND Specialist Services	7,228,801	7,259,128	7,825,934	-831,879	Sensory Support, Equipment, SEND North & South, Inclusion & Access, SEMH Support programme
Funding to Special Schools and Units	27,473,544	29,346,390	32,404,421	0	Grossed up for HN place recoupment
High Needs Top Up Funding	21,621,636	23,285,543	25,657,365	-789,189	Grossed up for HN place recoupment
SEN Placements	10,153,216	10,393,341	11,305,562	560,987	Also includes other out-county budgets
Out of School Tuition	2,544,736	4,083,594	4,083,594	0	
EOTAS Devolution	5,763,788	5,764,406	5,735,513	-291,000	Grossed up for HN place recoupment
Alternative Provision and Inclusion	0	0	1,292,078	0	Previously reported under Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) and Support to Parents / Early Help
SEND Financing - DSG	0	0	-12,744,457	12,744,457	Original High Needs Block Forecast Deficit
<u>0-19 Place Planning &amp; Organisation Service</u>					
0-19 Organisation & Planning	3,044,156	2,953,141	2,601,873	-131,000	Includes Growth Fund
Home to School Transport - Special	150,000	400,000	400,000	0	Personal Transport Budgets
<b>Director of Education Total</b>	<b>79,194,226</b>	<b>85,089,692</b>	<b>80,229,831</b>	<b>11,285,554</b>	
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>80,597,892</b>	<b>85,845,157</b>	<b>80,477,403</b>	<b>11,285,554</b>	
Contribution to Combined Budgets	<b>3,124,522</b>	<b>3,027,000</b>	<b>1,499,979</b>	<b>0</b>	Decreased year on year
<b>Schools</b>					
Primary & Secondary Schools	337,483,330	344,508,607	368,204,321	0	Grossed up for academy recoupment
Nursery Schools and PVI	34,061,707	34,981,545	36,473,433	0	Includes Early Years prior year adjustment estimate
Schools Financing	-451,596,121	-462,231,070	-488,847,169	0	Grossed up for recoupment - anticipate underspend due to recoupment
Broadband & Copyright	1,875,376	1,897,338	1,616,379	0	
PRUs	827,652	1,336,469	575,654	0	Now just Pilgrim PRU - Alternative Education included in AP & Inclusion
Pools and Contingencies	155,201	-31,356	0	0	
<b>Schools Total</b>	<b>-77,192,856</b>	<b>-79,538,466</b>	<b>-81,977,382</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>6,529,559</b>	<b>9,333,691</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,285,554</b>	
Previous years DSG deficit	641,935	7,286,174		16,619,864	
Prior Year Adjustments (EY & Recoupment)	114,680				
<b>Overall Revised Cumulative DSG Deficit</b>	<b>7,286,174</b>	<b>16,619,864</b>		<b>27,905,419</b>	
2020/21 Academy Recoupment:				249,646,874	
2020/21 High Needs Place Recoupment:				12,700,835	



## Cambridgeshire Schools Forum – Forward Agenda Plan

All meetings will be held at 10.00am in the Kreis Viersen Room, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP unless otherwise specified taking account of any continued lockdown measures that might require the use of virtual meetings. \*\*Please note that if the County Council's move from Shire Hall does take place in what is likely to now be the summer of 2021 the meetings from potentially July 2021 onwards will need to be accommodated at Alconbury if the dates do not remain as virtual meetings. Some of the dates below may be retained as workshops / training sessions if a formal meeting of Forum is not required.

Date of meeting	Agenda Item	Report author	Reports due to reach Democratic Services by:
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Schools Funding Update	Jon Lewis / Martin Wade	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
	New dates for Forum beyond July 2021	Democratic Services Officer	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 reserve date	Schools Funding Update	Jon Lewis / Martin Wade	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
	Virtual Meetings Review (may move to later meeting if deemed still too early)	Democratic Services /	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Terms of Reference Review	Jon Lewis	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Reserve date 21 <sup>st</sup> May** 2020	School Balances and DSG Financial Health	Martin Wade	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021** This meeting has been moved from KV Room to Council Chamber	Proportionality Review	Democratic Services	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021

**To be scheduled:**

**Review of Nursery Schools Funding** - John Lewis, Hazel Belchamber (with input from Graham Arnold and Alastair Hale) this still awaits further information from the Government.

**Provision of Early Intervention Family Workers** – Jon Lewis?

**Sparsity Criteria Review** – Jon Lewis?