

Friday, 16 July 2021

Democratic and Members' Services
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Monitoring Officer

10:00

Shire Hall
Castle Hill
Cambridge
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Virtual Meeting
[Venue Address]

AGENDA

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SCHOOLS FORUM: MINUTES

Date: Friday 15 January 2021

Time: 10.00am – 11.00am

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 – Adrian Ball, Christopher Bennet, Jonathan Culpin (Chairman), Ryan Kelsall, John King, Richard Spencer and Patsy Peres

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

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

Observers – Julie Cornwell

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

Apologies: Simon Bainbridge, Joe McCrossan, Jon Duveen and Andrew Reed

Quorum on current voting membership: 8

173. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Simon Bainbridge, Joe McCrossan, Jon Duveen and Andrew Reed

No declarations of interest were made.

174. Schools Forum Minutes – 16 December 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2020 were approved as a correct record.

175. Minutes Action Log

The forum noted the minute action log.

176. Proposed Future Dates for Schools Forum 2021-22

The forum received a report that outlined the proposed dates for Schools Forum meetings from November 2021 to July 2022.

It was resolved to:

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

177. School Funding Update Report – January 2021

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 December 2020.

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

The presentation can be found at appendix 1 of the minutes.

The Service Director, Education explained that he had received a phonecall the night before from the Department for Education (DfE) rejecting the disapplication request put forward by the Children and Young Peoples

Committee (CYP) 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.

National Funding Announcement

The Strategic Finance Business Partner explained that the 2020/21 figures included 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). He explained that as a result actual published DfE figures may differ. He clarified that the net of the baselined grants there is an increase in the Schools Block of approximately £17.3m / 4.5% over 2020/21 funding levels.

Final budget proposals for Schools Block

The Service Director, Education explained that there were very limited options for treatment of headroom. He clarified that the first option was to transfer the headroom to the High Needs Block – current figure of £634k equates to 0.16% of the Schools Block (excluding TPG/TPECG). All schools would still receive funding based on the base NFF rates – 2% MFG and no funding cap. He explained that the second option would be to allocate the headroom through the formula – this would be achieved by scaling up all pupil-led factors. He advised the Forum that option one would delay the cut in funding.

Individual members raised the following points in relation to the final budget proposals for Schools Block section of the presentation:

- Highlighted the extensive additional COVID costs that Schools had already had to deal with as well as the additional Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) that had been agreed with no Special School places available until September 2022.
- Sought assurances that the additional 10% would not also be taken at the same time. The Service Director, Education acknowledged the difficulties that Schools were facing in relation to mounting COVID costs. He clarified that the cut equated to approximately £5.50 per pupil, and that this would buy some time. He stated that he could not promise the additional 10% would be delayed for the whole financial year as the authority could not keep spending money that it they did not have. He explained that the offer proposed bought some time.
- Sought clarity on whether the decision today at forum was just going through the motions and that the Children's and Young Persons Committee would agree 0.5%. The Service Director, Education stated that this option as now off the table as the displacement request had been rejected by Government. He clarified the options were 0.16% or 0%. He stated that the cumulative deficit in the high needs block was

growing year on year and this had an effect on the general reserves and balance sheet for the whole of the Council. He highlighted that there were other authorities that were 100% over their DSG deficit. He explained that there were ongoing discussions about how this would be managed going forwards.

- Queried whether money could be moved between primary and secondary levels in a trust if this was needed.
- Highlighted that 0.16% would not have a huge impact on overall budgets and that schools were in an inadequate position and that it would be sensible and reasonable to act collectively to delay further cuts particularly to EHCP top up funding.

Final budget proposals for High Needs Block

The Strategic Finance Business Partner clarified that sparsity had not been included in the rates presented to the forum. He stated that there was no initial change proposed to Special School Top-up rates (due to 0% MFG protection arrangements). He explained that TPG/TPECG to special schools would be allocated based on £660 per place. (£275 per place 5/12th April 21 – August 21 and £385 per place 7/12th September 21 – March 22). He clarified that there would be an increase in funding to Pilgrim PRU based on national uplift for Hospital provision and TPG/TPECG. He explained that Enhanced Resource Base (ERB) funding was to be reviewed as part of ongoing ERB review and that the consultation on the proposed 10% reduction in top-up rates for mainstream schools was to be delayed.

Final budget proposals Central Schools Block

The Strategic Finance Business Partner stated that the final Central School Service Block (CSSB) allocation of £6.48m which was a reduction from £7.03m. He explained that this included further 20% reduction in funding for Historic Commitments and increased allocation for retained duties, including centrally employed TPG/TPECG. He clarified that the Copyright License costs (excluding VAT) had increased from £450k to £503k and that Local Authorities and schools (including academies) did not need to negotiate individual licences. He stated that the DfE paid the cost, including VAT, to the agencies and provided this as a service to Local Authorities as a charge to the DSG. He stated that this would be met from the CSSB rather than being a direct cost to schools.

Final budget proposals Early Years Block

The Strategic Finance Business Partner explained that there was a National increase in 2021/22 of £44m which equated to an 8p per hour increase for funded two-year-olds and a 6p per hour increase for all three- and four-year-olds. He explained that the Early Years Funding guidelines restricted Local Authorities to retaining a maximum of 5% of funding centrally. He clarified that the proposed funding retained centrally by the Local Authority would account

for approximately 4.2%. He stated that this included an additional £250k for 2 year olds Special Educational Needs Inclusion Fund (SENIF) previously funded from in-year underspends.

The Service Director, Education stated that Early Years services were in a very difficult position and there were additional pressures on them in relation to settings remaining open to all children in the current lockdown, he stated that there were issues in relation to sustainability going forwards and the Local Authority was currently looking at a protection arrangement including seeking funding support. He explained that he would update the forum on any actions take going forward. **ACTION**

Individual members raised the following points in relation to final budget proposals for Early Years Block section of the presentation:

- Highlighted that there were different pressures in relation to early years settings that were not attached to schools and that those that were attached to schools could look at efficiency gains as they tended to have bigger budgets.

Next Steps

The Strategic Finance Business Partner explained that the final budget proposals would go to Children and Young People Committee on 19th January for approval and the APT submission deadline to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) was 21st January. He clarified that budgets would then be issued to Primary and Secondary Schools (academy budgets would be illustrative only as final budgets) in late January/early February and would then be confirmed by the ESFA with illustrative budgets to be published for Special Schools in late February.

The Chairman reiterated that the impacts of COVID needed to be reviewed both in the short and long term. The Service Director, Education reiterated that he would bring a report back to Forum in March scoping out the impacts on the key sectors particularly in relation to early years and SEN. **ACTION**

It was resolved to:

1. Approve the transfer of the identified headroom £634k* / 0.16% to the High Needs Block subject to no other block transfers being approved.
2. Comment on the local budget proposals
3. Approve the Early Years Block centrally retained funding

178. Schools Forum Agenda Plan Update

The Service Director, Education explained that a report on COVID impacts would be brought to the next meeting of the Forum on 24 March 2021.

It was resolved to:

Note the agenda plan.

Date of Next Meeting

The Cambridgeshire Schools Forum will meet next on Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 10am.

Chairman

Schools Forum Minutes Action Log

The Action Log was updated following the January 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

Minutes 17th July 2020

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.	Numerous meetings with the DFE and MPs. Verbal update required	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.	To be discussed as part of the Financial Health paper the July meeting.	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.	See Membership and Proportionality Report at July meeting	Action Ongoing

Minutes 6th November 2020

	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 Verbal update required	Action Ongoing

	Agenda Item	Officer	Action	Response	Status
9.	Minute 165 Schools Funding Update Covering Report - November 2020	Martin Wade	Organise a meeting with schools that qualify for Sparsity funding to understand the challenges and impacts	A finance workshop was held for small schools on the 26th May to discuss the challenges faced and future opportunities. 23 of the 28 invited schools had governor representation at the session. Further meetings are being planned with Headteachers to focus in more detail on some of the key areas identified.	Ongoing

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.	See Membership and Proportionality Report at July meeting	Ongoing

Minutes 15th January 2021

	Agenda Item	Officer	Action	Response	Status
	Minute 177 School Funding Update Report – January 2021	Jon Lewis	The Service Director, Education stated that Early Years services were in a very difficult position and there were additional pressures on them in relation to settings remaining open to all children in the current lockdown, he stated that there were issues in relation to sustainability going forwards and the Local Authority was currently looking at a protection arrangement including seeking funding support. He explained that he would update the forum on any actions take going forward	See action below – will this be covered in one report? Verbal update required	Ongoing

	Minute 177 School Funding Update Report – January 2021	Jon Lewis	Report on COVID Impacts on the key sectors particularly in relation to early years and SEN due at the March Forum	Verbal update required	Ongoing
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Review of Proportionality and Membership of Schools Forum

To: Schools Forum

Meeting Date: 16 July 2021

From: Tamar Oviatt-Ham – Democratic Services Officer

Purpose: To review proportionality on the Forum in relation to the latest data from the January 2021 census data.

To assess whether any further changes are required regarding Forum seats allocated between the maintained and academies sector.

To review the current vacancies and actions required to fill the vacancies.

Recommendation: Schools Forum is recommended to:

- a) Note and comment on the current report.

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1. Background

- 1.1 National regulations govern the composition, constitution and procedures for schools forums and are set out in [The Schools Forum Regulations \(2012\) \(as amended\)](#). The Department for Education (DfE) also publishes and periodically updates the [Schools Forum Operational and Good Practice Guide](#) together with guidance on Schools Forums' structure, powers and responsibilities.
- 1.2 Schools Forums are made up of school members (maintained schools), academies members and non-school members (Post 16 providers and Independent or Voluntary Sector Early Years providers). Schools and academies members must together comprise at least two thirds of the membership of the Forum.
- 1.3 The Regulations state that '...primary schools, secondary schools (that is, maintained schools) and Academies must be broadly proportionately represented on the forum, having regard to the total number of pupils registered at them.' However, the Operational and Good Practice Guide also states that 'The Schools Forum Regulations provide a framework for the appointment of members, but allow a considerable degree of discretion in order to accommodate local priorities and practice.'
- 1.4 Whilst Schools Forum good practice guidance suggests a review is undertaken at every meeting, this is not practicable on what are four year appointments. Forum agreed at the July 2018 meeting that it should receive a report once a year reviewing the proportionality of Forum membership. This would be based on the most up to date pupil numbers provided by the Annual Census, and that if there were any significant changes to the pupil numbers split, to then consider if any further changes should be made to the allocation of seats.

2. Proportionality Review 2021

- 2.1 The figures for 2019, 2020 and the current figures for 2021 can be found below:

2020 figures with 2019 % in brackets
Total pupils across primary and secondary (maintained): 28804 / 35% (40%)
Total pupils across primary and secondary (academies): 52644 / 65% (60%)
- 2.2 Current figures as at January 2021 are:
Total pupils across primary and secondary (maintained) = 28,175 / 34.4%
Total pupils across primary and secondary (academies) = 53,762 / 65.6%
- 2.3 Based on the current figures it is recommended that no further changes to proportionality are required at this present time.

3. Forum Vacancies

- 3.1 The current vacancies on Schools Forum are listed below:
 - 1 Academy Alternative Provision
 - 1 New Member required from Anglian Learning

- 1 New Member required from the Morris Trust
- 1 Other Academy Appointment

3.2 Following the local authority election in May 2021 three appointees to the forum have been made by the Children and Young Persons Committee at Cambridgeshire County Council. The three appointees are:

- Councillor Bryony Goodliffe
- Councillor Claire Daunton
- Councillor Simone Taylor

3.3 The full list of current voting and non- voting representatives can be found at appendix 1

3.4 Forum will note that there have been delays in addressing the vacancies on the forum due to the ongoing Covid Pandemic. The Chairman and the Director of Education endeavour to take this action forward in the Autumn term, taking into account the need for more ethnic diversity on the forum, through the election process, and adopting the proposals outlined in appendix 2 of the report for future Academy membership of Schools Forum. These proposals were taken to the CCEON meeting on 25th March 2021, with views sought ahead of the Schools Forum meeting.

Appendix 1 - Current Schools Forum make up

Voting Members:

7 Maintained Representatives

3 Maintained Primary Headteachers

- Sasha Howard – Headteacher, Meldreth Primary School
- Liz Bassett – Headteacher, Ely St Johns Primary School
- Guy Underwood – Headteacher, Great Abington Primary

1 Maintained Special School Representative

- Joanne Hardwick – Headteacher, Samuel Pepys Maintained Special School, St Neots

1 Maintained Nursery School Representative

- Claire Palmer – Headteacher, Huntingdon Nursery School

1 Pupil Referral Unit Representative

- Leah Miller - Headteacher, Pilgrim Pathways School

1 Maintained School Governor

- Paul Stratford – Chair of Governors, Alderman Payne Primary School (Vice-Chairman)

13 Academies Representatives:

1 Academy Primary Representative

- Susannah Connell - Headteacher, Middlefield Academy and CEO Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

1 Academy Special School Representative

- Simon Bainbridge – Executive Headteacher, Highfield Ely Academy

1 Academy Alternative Provision – VACANT

1 New Member required from Anglian Learning – VACANT

1 New Member required from the Morris Trust – VACANT

Other Academy Appointments confirmed at Forum December 2018

- Jon Culpin – Chief Executive Officer of Anglian Learning (Chairman)
- Richard Spencer – Principal, Ely College
- Patsy Peres – Principal, Ramsey Spinning Infant and Ramsey Junior
- Adrian Ball – Chief Executive Officer, Diocese of Ely
- Christopher Bennett - Headteacher, St Peter's School, Huntingdon
- John King – Sir Harry Smith Community College
- Ryan Kelsall – Impington Village College

1 Other Academy Appointment - VACANT

Non-Voting Representatives

1 Representative of the Early Years Reference Group

- Deborah Parfitt – Nursery Manager, Nene Infants and Nursery School

1 Representative of Post 16 FE

- Jeremy Lloyd - Director of Supported Learning, Cambridge Regional College

Observers

1 Representative Diocese of Ely Board of Education

- Canon Andrew Read

1 Representative Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia

- Joe Mc Crossan - Head of St Albans School Cambridge

1 Teacher Union Membership Representative

- Jon Duveen

NonTeacher Union Membership Representative, non-teaching JCNG

- Rob Turner

Cambridgeshire County Council – three appointments made annually by Children and Young People Committee:

- Councillor Bryony Goodliffe
- Councillor Claire Daunton
- Councillor Simone Taylor

Proposal for Reforming Academy Membership of Schools Forum



Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to set out a revised approach to the nomination, election and direction given to those school forum representatives, drawn from academy trusts, in accordance with the DfE Schools Forum regulations and the Forum constitution as set out by Cambridgeshire Local Authority (LA).

Current situation

Although the choice of academy representatives is required by DfE regulations and the Constitution of Forum to be influenced by Trust proprietors, this is not the case in Cambridgeshire and in fact there is little regard to ensuring a coherent, logical approach to the choice of academy Forum members. There is no consideration of how small or large trusts, primary or secondary are represented or in any way reflecting geographical spread across the county. In many respects, it is based upon willing volunteers stepping forward, via CSH and CPH, to fill vacancies when they arise, without consideration of whether they are the right people to enable CEOs and Boards to appropriately influence the key budget decisions made by the LA.

Principles

The following principles have guided the production of this paper:

1. Membership of Schools Forum, for both LA and academy categories, should ensure representation from all districts in Cambridgeshire, reflecting the diverse socio-economic nature of the county.
2. Membership from academies should ensure involvement in the selection process from the range of Trusts, from standalone academies to the large national groups that are represented in the LA area.
3. Membership from academies should be reflective of gender and diversity amongst the CCEO group and the wider pool of academy leadership from which it is drawn.
4. Academy representation must include special school, alternative provision and primary only MAT members.
5. There must be a clear link between the CCEO network, and the views expressed by academy representatives sitting on Forum, while allowing for independence of action in response to debate and discussion.
6. There should be an equitable distribution of MAT representation.

Process

Category of Academy Representative

Twelve members of Forum are drawn from academies, **ONE** of which must be from an alternative provision academy and **ONE** of which must be from academy special school provision. Members will then be drawn from the following categories:

ONE member each from the following Districts: City; South Cambridgeshire; East Cambridgeshire; Fenland and Huntingdonshire.

ONE member drawn from a category of primary only MATs but sitting as an academy representative

The remaining **FOUR** members are from a wider, non-designated 'General' category but should ideally be representative of: standalone and small MATS (0-5 schools); medium sized MATs (6-15); and large, regional or national groups (16+ schools). The Chair of the CCEO group will give direction to CEOs on ensuring appropriate spread of representation.

Nomination and Election

The LA Director of Education will inform the Chair of the CCEO group of any Forum vacancies and against which of the above categories. The Chair of CCEO will then invite nominations from all academy trusts, using contact details for CEOs provided by the LA Democratic Services Officer. CEOs will nominate themselves or a representative from their Trust following consultation with the Chair of their Trust Board. Nominations will be supported by a simple form setting out the qualities and qualification of the individual. CEOs should have regard to equality and diversity in the overall academy representation on Forum.

In the event of one nomination against a category, the CCEO group may appoint the representative, by common agreement. In the event of more than one nomination, the LA Director of Education will oversee an election process for which all CEOs of Trusts in Cambridgeshire (or their nominated local representatives) can cast one vote each, regardless of Trust size. Votes cast by trusts must be done following consultation by the Chair of the Trust Board acting as proprietor.

Trusts may not have more than **TWO** Forum members at any one time.

Terms of office will be **FOUR** years.

Status of Representatives

Academy representatives should be CEOs; however, they may nominate headteachers from their trust and clearly where a trust has more than one representative. All academy members act in the interest of the whole sector and the wider needs of children and young people in Cambridgeshire. Academy Governors, Trustees and Members should not be representatives.

Chair of Schools Forum

The CCEO group will consider which representatives it puts forward as nominations for the position of Chair. However, the choice of Chair is a matter for all Forum

members. The Chair will represent and be mindful of the view of all Forum members and will retain appropriate independence from the discussions at CCEO.

Relationship between CCEO Group and Forum Representatives

Proceeding a meeting of Forum (but not before the release of papers to all Forum members), the LA Director of Education will present an outline of the key issues for discussion at a meeting of the CCEO group, to which all Cambridgeshire CEOs or their representatives are invited to attend. The CCEO group may wish to take a view on the matters concerning school funding and other relevant matters and seek to give direction to their representatives. The purpose is not however to replicate the debate that will take place at Forum – Forum is the decision making body - but to provide a general view that will ensure that the majority of academies are speaking with one voice, enabling more efficient use of time at Forum.

Jonathan Culpin
Chief Executive Officer

6 April 2021

Schools and Dedicated Schools Grant Financial Health

To: Schools Forum

Meeting Date: 16 July 2021

From: Martin Wade – Strategic Finance Business Partner

Recommendation: Members of Schools Forum are asked:

to note and comment on the contents of the report.

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1. Background

- 1.1 This paper analyses the 2020/21 final closing balance position of maintained schools and the overall Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) as at 31st March 2021.

Please note: the figures below are based on the year-end returns from maintained schools. However, following further validation of the Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) returns the final information on Schools balances published by the DfE may differ slightly.

- 1.2 The balances for academies to 31st August 2020 have also been collated based on the latest information published by the DfE.

2. Maintained School Balances

- 2.1 The table below shows rounded revenue balances for each sector. The prior year is adjusted for academy conversions during 2020/21 to enable a like-for-like comparison to the year end position.

	31st March 2020 £m (original published balances)	31st March 2020 £m (amended for in-year academy conversions)	31st March 2021 £m	Change £m
Nursery Schools	0.8	0.8	0.6	-0.2
Primary Schools	10.6	10.5	14.1	3.6
Secondary Schools	0	0	0	0
Special Schools	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.4
Pupil Referral Units (PRUs)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0
Sub Total	12	11.9	15.7	3.8
Other Revenue Balances (Community Focused)	1.1	1.1	1.1	0
TOTAL	13.1	13.0	16.8	3.8

- 2.2 **Appendix A** provides the individual revenue balances as at 31st March 2021 for each maintained school. It must be noted that further to the DSG and other grants such as Pupil Premium, this year schools budgets also include additional Covid-19 related grants from the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). Schools that converted to Academy status prior to 31st March are no longer reported by the Local Authority and therefore are not included within the figures.
- 2.3 The change in individual schools balances will be specific to each school's circumstances with some of the main reasons being highlighted in section 7.

- 2.4 The table below provides a summary of the value of **surplus** balances held by maintained schools as at 31st March 2021 (excluding academy convertors).

Revenue balances FD01/FD02

Surplus	Nursery	Primary	Secondary	Pupil Referral Units	Special	Total
£0k - £10k	0	0	0	0	0	0
£10k - £20k	0	3	0	0	0	3
£20k - £60k	2	26	0	0	0	28
£60k - £100k	1	35	0	0	0	36
£100k - £150k	1	24	0	1	0	26
£150k - £200k	2	9	0	0	0	11
£200k - £300k	0	12	0	0	2	14
£300k - £400k	0	3	0	0	0	3
£400k+	0	4	0	0	1	5
Total	6	116	0	1	3	126

- 2.5 The table below shows the number of maintained schools that ended 2020/21 with a deficit revenue balance (of which there were 5) and the value of the deficit balances:

Deficit	Nursery	Primary	Secondary	Special	Total
£100k+	-	-	-	-	-
£60k - £100k	-	-	-	-	-
£20k - £60k	1	4	-	-	5
£10k - £20k	-	-	-	-	-
£1k - £10k	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	4	-	-	5

3. Maintained Schools Balance Clawback Mechanism

- 3.1 Schools Forum previously agreed to a relaxation of the balance control mechanism for maintained schools. An excessive balance is therefore currently classed as:

- over 16% of ISB or £80,000 for nursery, primary and special schools
- over 10% of ISB for secondary schools

Or, where a school is below the national educational floor targets:

- over 8% of ISB or £40,000 for nursery, primary and special schools
- over 5% of ISB for secondary schools

3.2 Schools Forum are asked to consider the reintroduction of a more rigorous balance control mechanism for maintained schools.

3.3 Where balances exceed the following thresholds:

- over 10% of ISB or £50,000 for nursery, primary and special schools
- over 5% of ISB for secondary schools

Schools will be required to provide details of planned expenditure, including any planned capital expenditure by means of completing a short survey. All supporting evidence should be retained in the school and would not be required to be submitted unless requested.

Any school that does not spend their excess on the stated purpose will need to produce documentation for a panel decision to determine whether the money can be kept by the school or be subject to claw back.

3.4 Where schools are categorised as requiring improvement or inadequate the Education directorate will discuss whether plans for using the excess balance will help to raise attainment and progress levels. Where categorised as inadequate, this intervention will be prior to conversion to academy status in consultation with the proposed academy sponsor.

3.5 The table below shows the number of maintained schools who currently fall into the different categories:

Sector	Schools with a surplus balance > 16%/10% ISB / £80k	Schools with a surplus balance > 10%/5% ISB / £50k	Schools with a surplus balance > 10%/5% ISB / £50k and categorised as RI or Inadequate by Ofsted
Nursery	4	5	0
Primary	71	94	14
Special	3	3	0
Total	78	102	14

3.6 If adopted it is proposed to have a sub-group of Schools Forum to review the balances in more detail, decide on the appropriate action and manage any subsequent appeals.

4. Maintained Schools In or Facing Financial Difficulty

4.1 The number of schools with a deficit at the end of the year has halved when compared to previous years (a total of 5, compared to 10 at the end of 2019/20).

4.2 Where a school does apply for a deficit licence, the application must include a multi-year recovery plan, detailing actions the school will be taking to repay the accumulated deficit.

4.3 Whilst the report presents an increase in the value of school balances there are still a number of schools where the balance has decreased from the prior year indicating that they are potentially having to use brought forward balances to meet ongoing running costs. Work

is ongoing with these schools to monitor the in-year position and to support sustainable longer-term budget setting.

5. Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS)

- 5.1 Local authority maintained schools must submit the SFVS annually to their local authority. For the financial year 2020 to 2021, due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, DfE extended the deadline for submission to Friday 28th May 2021.
- 5.2 113 of the 131 maintained school and PRU's had submitted by the revised deadline. The Schools Corporate Team subsequently contacted those schools that had not met the deadline, resulting in a further 15 being returns being submitted as at the time of writing, leaving 3 outstanding.
- 5.3 Schools are reminded that the SFVS return can be made at any time during the financial year and once the DfE deadline for 2021 to 2022 has been confirmed it is proposed that a revised internal deadline is set in advance of this to encourage schools to complete and submit earlier in the year.
- 5.4 Following a recent internal audit it has been agreed that a programme of reviews of individuals schools financial controls, targeted towards schools which have been identified as higher-risk via the Schools Causing Concern process will re-commence in the autumn.

6. Academy Balances

- 6.1 Although the LA do not collect information on academy revenue balances we have collated the latest information from the Academy Accounts Returns which the DfE publish at: <https://schools-financial-benchmarking.service.gov.uk/Help/DataSources>
- 6.2 This information can be viewed at **Appendix B**, although it must be noted that this is based solely on the published information and as such has not been verified by the LA. Likewise, a growing number of academy trusts are reporting balances at a consolidated level and have therefore not submitted school level balances.

7. Balances Survey

- 7.1 Following increasing scrutiny in respect of the total level of revenue balances being held by Cambridgeshire schools, we requested information from all maintained and academy schools on the level of balances and purpose for which they are intended. The survey closed on 30th June, at which point a total of 59 schools had submitted responses, with a further 91 partial responses started, but not submitted.
- 7.2 Of the 59 responses received, 36 were from maintained schools and 23 were from academies, or academy trusts.
- 7.3 Reasons for increases / levels of revenue balances being held:
 - Approximately 71% of the responses stated that the inability to spend ringfenced grants due to Covid-19 had contributed to the increase in balances.

- More than half of the schools identifying additional Covid-19 related grants within the revenue balances being held.
- Other reasons for increased balances included delays in planned major projects, increases in fundraising, income from other external sources.

7.4 Intended use of revenue balances:

- Over half of the responses identified the use of balances to support Covid-19 related recovery or catch-up over the next 12-18 months.
- Likewise, nearly 60% of the responses identified significant proportions of the balances to be used to support capital spend on buildings or ICT within the next 2 years.
- Just under half of the responses identified balances would be used to either maintain existing class structures or to protect against a temporary fall in pupil in numbers.
- Other planned use of balances included to provide contingencies, to protect against uncertainty of future years funding, sinking funds, to support High Needs and to allow for additional staffing.

7.5 Where balances have decreased the main reasons quoted for reductions are:

- Ongoing reliance on reserves to maintain current staffing levels
- Additional Covid-19 related costs
- The completion of building or ICT projects funded by the capitalisation of revenue funding in-year.

7.6 Levels of balances will continue to be monitored closely and similar information requested via a survey on an annual basis.

8. Overall DSG Position

- 8.1 As part of the final notes to the accounts there is a requirement to report the overall DSG position as at the end of 2020/21 and the total amount to be carried forward to 2021/22. For DSG purposes, grant allocated to the Individual Schools Budget (ISB) is taken to have been spent as soon as it is deployed – i.e. passed to schools' budget shares. There is no requirement to track DSG through the ISB to its use by individual schools, and changes in balances held by schools are not to be recorded in this note.

	Central expenditure £000	Individual schools budget £000	Total £000
Final DSG for 2020-21 before Academy recoupment			490,299
Academy figure recouped for 2020-21			-263,588
Total DSG after Academy recoupment for 2020-21			226,711
Brought forward from 2019-20			-16,620
Less: Carry forward to 2021-22 agreed in advance			0
Agreed initial budgeted distribution in 2020-21	24,523	185,568	210,091
In year adjustments	-10	0	-10
Final budget distribution for 2020-21	24,513	185,568	210,081
Less: Actual central expenditure	53,862		
Less: Actual ISB deployed to schools		182,581	
Plus: Local authority contribution for 2020-21			0
Carryforward to 2021-22	-29,349	2,987	-26,362

Please note: The in-year adjustments relate to prior year adjustments of Early Years funding.

- 8.2 At the end of 2020/21 the High Needs Block overspent by approximately £12.5m, which was in line with previous forecasts. However, there were a number of one-off underspends in other areas of the DSG which resulted in a net DSG overspend of £9.7m to the end of the year.

When added to the existing DSG deficit of £16.6m brought forward from previous years and allowing for required prior-year technical adjustments this totals a cumulative deficit of £26.4m to be carried forward into 2021/22.

A summary table of the overspends and offsetting underspends per funding block can be seen below:

	£'000
Original Reported Deficit b/fwd from 19/20	£16,620
Prior-Year Adjustments	£10
Revised Deficit b/fwd from 19/20	£16,630
High Needs Block	£12,536
Early Years Block	-£120
Schools and Central Schools Block (recoupment, rates, growth fund, admissions etc)	-£2,362
Contribution to Combined Budgets	-£322
Total in-year DSG Overspend	£9,732
Total Estimated Net DSG Carry-Forward (+deficit / - surplus)	£26,362

8.3 Any local authority that has an overall deficit on its DSG account, or whose DSG surplus has substantially reduced during the year, must co-operate with the Department for Education (DfE) in handling that situation. In particular, the local authority must:

- Provide information as and when requested by the department about its plans for managing its DSG account in the 2021 to 2022 financial year and subsequently.
- Provide information as and when requested by the department about pressures and potential savings on its high needs budget.
- Meet with officials of the department as and when they request to discuss the local authority's plans and financial situation.
- Keep the schools forum regularly updated about the local authority's DSG account and plans for handling it, including high needs pressures and potential savings.

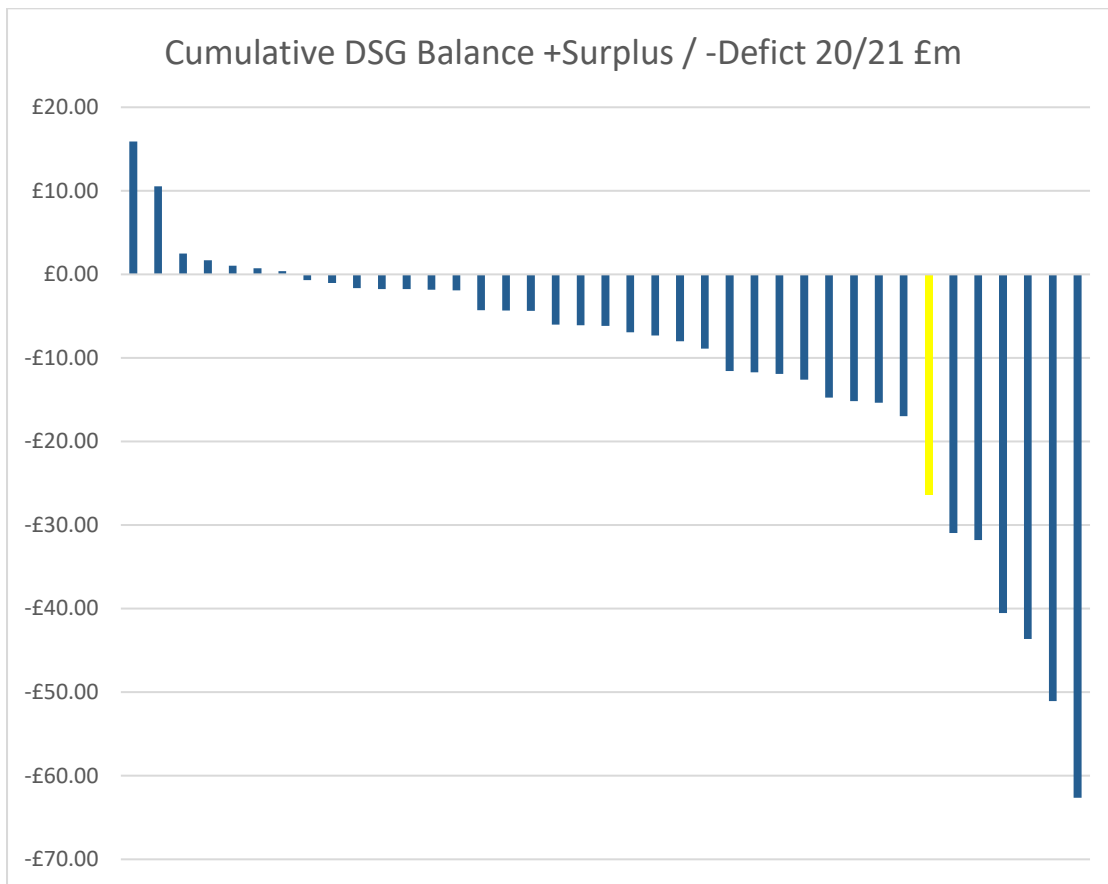
The Secretary of State reserves the right to impose more specific conditions of grant on individual local authorities that have an overall deficit on their DSG account, where he believes that they are not taking sufficient action to address the situation.

8.4 Officers are therefore currently working with the DfE to manage the deficit and produce plans to evidence reduced spend.

8.5 Nationally a growing number of local authorities are now holding deficits on the DSG due to increasing pressures relating to High Needs. Last year 5 local authorities with the highest DSG deficits (either in cash terms or as a proportion of their overall DSG) were allocated 'safety valve' funding which will total in the region of £97m up to 2024-25 to support them to deliver long term sustainable plans for recovery.

8.6 Although no formal comparative figures have been published by the DfE to the end of 2020-21 several surveys have been undertaken by independent bodies to assess the latest position. One such survey showed 32 of the 39 responding LA's were reporting a DSG deficit to the end of 2020-21, with all but 6 showing a worsening position when compared to

2019-20. The anonymized graph below shows the reported DSG balances as at 31st March 2021 of the 39 responding LA's with the Cambridgeshire position highlighted in yellow.



8.7 On receipt of additional comparative information from other LA's a more comprehensive list will be collated and shared with Schools Forum.

Appendix A – Maintained School Revenue Balances as at 31st March 2019, 31st March 2020 and 31st March 2021 as per FD01/FD02

<u>School Name</u>	<u>c/f 18/19</u> <u>(+Surplus</u> <u>-Deficit)</u>	<u>c/f 19/20</u> <u>(+Surplus</u> <u>-Deficit)</u>	<u>c/f 20/21</u> <u>(+Surplus</u> <u>-Deficit)</u>	<u>Change</u> <u>between</u> <u>Years</u> £
Brunswick Nursery School	£142,211	£155,701	£128,911	-£26,790
Colleges Nursery School	£155,822	£170,583	£175,818	£5,235
Histon Early Years Centre	£180,327	£104,106	£49,028	-£55,079
Homerton Children's Centre	£124,921	£187,624	£167,198	-£20,426
Huntingdon Nursery School	£62,165	£27,249	-£49,410	-£76,659
Kings Hedges Nursery School	£223,785	£163,486	£81,385	-£82,102
The Fields Early Years Centre	£60,919	£33,707	£48,020	£14,314
Total Nursery Schools	£950,150	£842,456	£600,949	-£241,507
Abbots Ripton Primary School	£24,255	£52,856	£54,958	£2,102
Alconbury Primary School	£25,032	£27,960	£34,952	£6,993
Alderman Payne Primary School	£87,436	£65,071	£102,790	£37,719
Arbury Primary School	£237,306	£203,309	£311,494	£108,185
Ashbeach Primary School	£70,345	£26,321	£40,115	£13,794
Barnabas Oley Primary School	£20,065	£45,110	£101,351	£56,241
Barrington Primary School	£54,356	£42,739	£67,079	£24,340
Barton Primary School	£73,552	£46,956	£71,317	£24,361
Bassingbourn Primary School	£106,271	£105,788	£176,975	£71,187
Beaupre Primary School	£74,972	£77,283	£116,369	£39,085
Bellbird Primary School	£137,544	£167,408	£178,443	£11,035
Benwick Primary School	£64,247	£95,195	£129,397	£34,202
Bewick Bridge Comm. Primary School	£88,358	£69,306	£91,877	£22,571
Brampton Village Primary School	£1,637	-£21,417	£198,639	£220,056
Brington Primary School	£72,765	£86,045	£79,868	-£6,176
Burrough Green Primary School	£67,227	£86,255	£99,803	£13,548
Burwell Primary School	£39,756	£54,361	£342,128	£287,767
Bushmead Primary School	-£2,188	-£16,506	-£30,459	-£13,953
Caldecote Primary School	£47,928	£52,120	£55,149	£3,029
Castle Camps Primary School	£40,449	£40,796	£65,643	£24,847
Cherry Hinton Primary School	£41,326	£35,027	£28,746	-£6,281
Cheveley Primary School	£33,889	£72,888	£98,555	£25,667
Clarkson Infant School	£221,759	£191,739	£254,289	£62,550
Coates Primary School	£111,536	£178,267	£260,909	£82,642
Colville Primary School	£40,233	£57,851	£252,119	£194,269
Coton Primary School	£53,146	£15,504	£45,019	£29,515
Cottenham Primary School	£152,165	£136,464	£285,430	£148,967
Dry Drayton Primary School	£61,197	£82,424	£65,853	-£16,572
Duxford Primary School	£103,318	£75,116	£108,112	£32,996
Eastfield Infant School	£63,907	£72,676	£47,211	-£25,465
Elsworth Primary School	£98,670	£111,462	£105,862	-£5,600
Elton Primary School	£45,852	£61,897	£71,440	£9,543

<u>School Name</u>	<u>c/f 18/19</u> <u>(+Surplus</u> <u>-Deficit)</u>	<u>c/f 19/20</u> <u>(+Surplus</u> <u>-Deficit)</u>	<u>c/f 20/21</u> <u>(+Surplus</u> <u>-Deficit)</u>	<u>Change</u> <u>between</u> <u>Years £</u>
Ely St John's Primary School	£30,581	£63,258	£108,237	£44,979
Eynesbury Primary School	£8,775	£35,131	£49,405	£14,275
Fawcett Primary School	£112,669	£188,491	£180,000	-£8,491
Fen Drayton Primary School	£9,598	£37,640	£65,159	£27,519
Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School	£78,558	£55,254	£57,460	£2,206
Folksworth Primary School	£8,545	£13,769	£23,838	£10,069
Fordham Primary School	£185,754	£327,187	£516,120	£188,933
Fourfields Primary School	£226,540	£240,523	£289,329	£48,806
Fowlmere Primary School	£27,651	£24,411	£13,021	-£11,389
Foxton Primary School	£61,894	£60,525	£71,801	£11,275
Friday Bridge Primary School	£43,423	£78,188	£74,295	-£3,893
Fulbourn Primary School	£100,455	£124,990	£107,228	-£17,762
Great Abington Primary School	£29,671	£35,937	£53,562	£17,626
Great Gidding Primary School	£74,063	£38,349	£23,450	-£14,899
Great Paxton Primary School	£5,350	£33,638	£35,193	£1,555
Great Wilbraham Primary School	£50,952	£34,583	£34,961	£378
Grove Primary School	£141,865	£196,837	£105,323	-£91,514
Gt & Lt Shelford Primary School	£19,992	£20,639	£40,637	£19,998
Hardwick and Cambourne Primary School	£288,484	£266,426	£298,777	£32,351
Harston & Newton Primary School	£57,687	£47,127	£30,107	-£17,021
Haslingfield Primary School	£159,223	£115,664	£83,007	-£32,657
Hauxton Primary School	£63,167	£51,270	£65,945	£14,676
Hemingford Grey Primary School	£86,658	£94,903	£131,719	£36,816
Holywell Primary School	£19,397	£35,824	£23,178	-£12,647
Houghton Primary School	£139,623	£168,272	£85,538	-£82,734
Huntingdon Primary	£178,186	£120,585	£238,673	£118,088
Icknield Primary School	£74,602	£87,894	£97,947	£10,053
Isleham Primary School	£89,746	£76,930	£72,729	-£4,202
Kettlefields Primary School	£70,758	£18,271	£41,834	£23,564
Kinderley Primary School	£65,601	£43,195	£46,753	£3,559
Kings Hedges Primary School	£277,702	£368,640	£540,884	£172,244
Linton Infant School	£14,570	-£8,473	-£20,050	-£11,577
Lionel Walden Primary School	£87,366	£103,396	£162,575	£59,180
Little Paxton Primary School	£36,484	£88,997	£200,201	£111,204
Little Thetford Primary School	£12,076	£15,016	£43,018	£28,002
Littleport Primary School	£200,939	£204,987	£188,442	-£16,545
Manea Primary School	£105,743	£78,546	£122,810	£44,264
Mayfield Primary School	£125,015	£93,671	£50,214	-£43,457
Melbourn Primary School	£914	-£31,996	£99,926	£131,923
Meldreth Primary School	£152,164	£65,451	£40,422	-£25,030
Meridian Primary School	£115,227	£119,617	£83,560	-£36,057
Milton Road Primary School	£31,468	£93,400	£211,752	£118,352
Monkfield Park Primary School	£281,519	£318,615	£403,328	£84,713
Morley Memorial Primary School	£359,382	£397,302	£463,371	£66,070

School Name	c/f 18/19 (+Surplus -Deficit)	c/f 19/20 (+Surplus -Deficit)	c/f 20/21 (+Surplus -Deficit)	Change between Years £
Newnham Croft Primary School	£42,245	£70,849	£94,824	£23,975
Newton Primary School	£28,282	£37,271	£130,882	£93,611
Orchard Park Comm. Primary School	£101,655	£91,252	£134,159	£42,908
Over Primary School	£53,981	£50,781	£27,297	-£23,484
Park Street Primary School	£43,691	£78,631	£82,319	£3,688
Pathfinder Primary School	£86,650	£123,000	£70,534	-£52,467
Pendragon Primary School	£105,920	£84,834	£156,553	£71,719
Petersfield Primary School	£74,509	£47,006	£69,469	£22,463
Priory Junior School, St Neots	£177,162	£266,276	£380,530	£114,254
Priory Park Infant School	£151,745	£140,298	£219,133	£78,835
Queen Edith Primary School	£47,873	£149,521	£225,810	£76,289
Queen Emma Primary School	£229,842	£281,554	£119,175	-£162,379
Rackham Primary School	£30,365	£42,493	£109,234	£66,741
Ridgefield Primary School	£106,611	£176,465	£233,481	£57,016
Robert Arkenstall Primary School	£96,378	£82,431	£92,964	£10,533
Sawtry Infant School	£92,584	£3,401	£93,056	£89,655
Shirley Primary School	£157,401	£64,282	£66,185	£1,904
Spaldwick Primary School	£120,932	£109,173	£95,648	-£13,525
Spinney Primary School	-£1,783	£12,817	-£50,835	-£63,652
Spring Meadow Infant School	£131,984	£25,088	-£31,383	-£56,471
St Alban's Primary School	£17,717	£28,402	£69,779	£41,378
St Anne's Primary School	£90,911	£65,112	£48,025	-£17,087
St Helen's Primary School	£28,244	£36,713	£70,675	£33,962
St Matthew's Primary School	£66,005	-£14,090	£104,526	£118,616
St Paul's Primary School	£82,146	£136,794	£149,856	£13,062
St Philip's Primary School	£53,640	£45,006	£54,984	£9,977
Steeple Morden Primary School	£20,684	-£10,097	£30,545	£40,642
Stretham Primary School	£169,338	£150,409	£135,625	-£14,784
Stukeley Meadows Primary School	£34,571	£57,135	£118,683	£61,548
Sutton Primary School	£97,380	£38,259	£85,939	£47,680
Swavesey Primary School	£87,144	£112,828	£133,389	£20,561
Teversham Primary School	£33,993	-£23,746	£17,529	£41,275
The Vine Inter-Church Primary School	£188,537	£130,314	£115,814	-£14,500
Thorndown Primary	£39,773	£61,008	£189,621	£128,613
Townley Primary School	£55,461	£114,595	£122,516	£7,921
Trumpington Meadows P	£50,520	£25,285	£65,295	£40,010
Waterbeach Primary School	£97,091	£41,031	£94,095	£53,064
Westfield Junior School	£64,686	£76,228	£108,124	£31,896
Wheatfields Primary School	£177,562	£122,476	£93,913	-£28,564
Wilburton Primary School	£120,710	£63,868	£91,320	£27,452
William Westley Primary School	£144,309	£116,349	£107,802	-£8,547
Willingham Primary School	£81,238	£74,075	£78,921	£4,846
Wyton Primary School	-£33,814	-£19,765	£11,110	£30,876
Yaxley Infant School	£132,655	£110,964	£156,585	£45,621
Total Primary Schools	£10,553,742	£10,634,077	£14,140,820	£3,623,097

<u>School Name</u>	<u>c/f 18/19</u> (+Surplus -Deficit)	<u>c/f 19/20</u> (+Surplus -Deficit)	<u>c/f 20/21</u> (+Surplus -Deficit)	<u>Change between Years £</u>
Castle Special School	£73,079	-£27,869	£241,367	£269,236
Granta Special School	£151,821	£130,982	£230,959	£99,977
Samuel Pepys Special School	£374,231	£402,389	£461,193	£58,804
Total Special Schools	£546,259	£457,745	£933,519	£428,018
Overall Maintained Total	£12,050,151	£11,941,447	£15,675,288	£3,809,607

Appendix B – Academy Revenue Balances as at 31st August 2018, 31st August 2019 and 31st August 2020 as per Academy Accounting Returns (AAR) – BNCH44001 – Revenue Reserves

<u>School Name</u>	<u>c/f 17/18</u> <u>(+Surplus</u> <u>-Deficit)</u>	<u>c/f 18/19</u> <u>(+Surplus</u> <u>-Deficit)</u>	<u>c/f 19/20</u> <u>(+Surplus</u> <u>-Deficit)</u>
Alderman Jacobs School	£151,000	£182,000	£290,000
All Saints Interchurch Academy	£283,000	£320,000	£323,000
Babraham CofE (VC) Primary School	£32,000	£51,000	£15,000
Bar Hill Community Primary School	£69,000	£56,000	£45,000
Bottisham Community Primary School	£79,000	£123,000	£75,000
Bourn CofE Primary Academy	£109,000	£105,000	£132,000
Buckden CofE Primary School	£69,000	£74,000	£21,000
Burrowmoor Primary School	£309,000	£348,000	£171,000
Bury CofE Primary School	£198,000	£195,000	£240,000
Cavalry Primary School	£250,000	£244,000	£188,000
Chesterton Primary School	£95,000	£55,000	£77,000
Cromwell Academy	£295,000	£345,000	£169,000
Crosshall Infant School Academy	£77,000	£95,000	£130,000
Crosshall Junior School	£57,000	£104,000	£145,000
Ditton Lodge Primary School	£68,000	£81,000	£0
Downham Feoffees Primary Academy	£54,000	£156,000	£135,000
Earith Primary School	£63,000	£75,000	£85,000
Elm CofE Primary School	£35,000	£81,000	£162,000
Elm Road Primary School	£1,000	£30,000	£99,000
Ely St Mary's CofE Junior School	£340,000	£350,000	£329,000
Ermine Street Church Academy	£19,000	£54,000	£98,000
Farcet CofE (C) Primary School	£69,000	£59,000	£55,000
Fen Ditton Primary School	£142,000	£151,000	£161,000
Gamlingay Village Primary	£79,000	£46,000	£7,000
Glebelands Primary Academy	£89,000	£13,000	£93,000
Godmanchester Bridge Academy	£313,000	£492,000	£446,000
Godmanchester Community Academy	£230,000	£390,000	£375,000
Gorefield Primary School	£194,000	£89,000	£82,000
Great Staughton Primary Academy	£1,000	£37,000	£55,000
Guilden Morden CofE Primary Academy	£8,000	-£29,000	-£41,000
Guyhirn CofE VC Primary School	£146,000	£208,000	£291,000
Hartford Infant School	£168,000	£201,000	£181,000
Hartford Junior School	£40,000	£12,000	£21,000
Hatton Park Primary School	£68,000	£77,000	£95,000
Histon and Impington Infant School	£79,000	£37,000	£29,000
Histon and Impington Junior School	£502,000	£468,000	£459,000
Holme CofE Primary School		£49,000	-£13,000
Isle of Ely Primary School	£86,000	£231,000	£316,000
Jeavons Wood Primary School	£229,000	£199,000	£113,000
Kennett Primary School	£93,000	£73,000	£89,000
Kimbolton Primary Academy	£65,000	£52,000	£9,000

School Name	<u>c/f 17/18</u> <u>(+Surplus</u> <u>-Deficit)</u>	<u>c/f 18/19</u> <u>(+Surplus</u> <u>-Deficit)</u>	<u>c/f 19/20</u> <u>(+Surplus</u> <u>-Deficit)</u>
Kingsfield Primary School	£131,000	£84,000	£3,000
Lantern Community Primary School	£82,000	£101,000	-£11,000
Leverington Primary Academy	£99,000	£134,000	£113,000
Linton Heights Junior School	£99,000	£122,000	£7,500
Meadow Primary School	£301,000	£264,000	£290,000
Mepal and Witcham Church of England Primary School	£76,000	£70,000	£77,000
Middlefield Primary Academy	£17,000	£6,000	£0
Millfield Primary School	£229,000	£261,000	£310,000
Milton Church of England Primary School	£152,000	£115,000	£130,000
Murrow Primary Academy		£172,000	£160,000
New Road Primary School	£90,000	£73,000	£0
Oakington CofE Primary School		£57,000	£29,000
Offord Primary School			£15,000
Orchards Church of England Primary School	£133,000	£219,000	£112,000
Park Lane Primary & Nursery School	£145,000	£210,000	£0
Peckover Primary School	£344,000	£237,000	£278,000
Ramnoth Junior School	£182,000	-£57,000	£111,000
Ramsey Junior School	£51,000	£90,000	£96,000
Ramsey Spinning Infant School	£39,000	£52,000	£71,000
Sawtry Junior Academy	£48,000	£103,000	£81,000
Somersham Primary School		£17,000	-£9,000
St Andrew's CofE Primary School	£140,000	£207,000	£254,000
St John's CofE Primary School	£144,000	£183,000	£224,000
St Laurence Catholic Primary School			£229,000
St Luke's CofE Primary School		£26,000	£28,000
St Mary's Church of England Primary School St Neots	£233,000	£270,000	£277,000
St Peter's CofE Aided Junior School	£222,000	£119,000	£78,000
Stapleford Community Primary School	£37,000	£43,000	£11,000
Stilton Church of England Primary Academy	£109,000	£63,000	£97,000
Swaffham Bulbeck Church of England Primary School		£14,000	£48,000
Swaffham Prior Church of England Academy		£85,000	£76,000
The Galfrid Academy		£0	£0
The Nene Infant & Nursery School	£419,000	£281,000	£390,000
The Round House Primary Academy	£322,000	£390,000	£308,000
The Shade Primary School	£457,000	£506,000	£536,000
The Weatheralls Primary School	-£439,000	-£422,000	-£544,000
Thomas Eaton Primary Academy	-£43,000	£19,000	£0
Thongsley Fields Primary and Nursery School		£445,000	£442,000
Thriplow CofE VA Primary School	£16,000	£73,000	£89,000
Trumpington Park Primary School	£25,000	£312,000	£467,000
University of Cambridge Primary School	£186,000	£253,000	£324,000
Upwood Primary Academy	£209,000	£201,000	£228,000

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Warboys Primary Academy		£66,000	£51,000
Westwood Primary School		£114,000	£158,000
William de Yaxley Church of England Academy	£45,000	£71,000	£42,000
Winhills Primary Academy	-£5,000	£1,000	£26,000
Wintringham Primary Academy		£333,000	£507,000
Wisbech St Mary CofE Academy	-£32,000	£37,000	£49,000
Total Primary Schools	£9,517,000	£11,999,000	£12,010,500

Abbey College, Ramsey	-£103,000	-£22,000	£141,000
Bassingbourn Village College	£137,000	£174,000	£263,000
Bottisham Village College	£1,423,000	£1,106,000	£1,147,000
Cambourne Village College	£604,000	£770,000	£358,000
Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology	-£224,000	£0	£0
Chesterton Community College	£56,000	£128,000	-£135,000
Coleridge Community College	£74,000	£0	£0
Comberton Village College	£275,000	£1,019,000	£374,000
Cottenham Village College	-£515,000	£0	£290,000
Cromwell Community College	£774,000	£878,000	£967,000
Ely College	-£298,000	-£494,000	-£426,000
Ernulf Academy	-£371,000	£0	£174,000
Hinchingbrooke School	£602,000	£515,000	£552,000
Impington Village College	£563,000	£770,000	£49,000
Linton Village College	£159,000	£313,000	£418,000
Littleport & East Cambs Academy	£8,000	£218,000	£499,000
Longsands Academy	£603,000	£0	£222,000
Melbourn Village College	£144,000	£537,000	£377,000
Neale-Wade Academy	£577,000	£508,000	£870,000
North Cambridge Academy	-£127,000	-£152,000	-£27,000
Parkside Community College	£17,000	£0	£0
Sawston Village College	£398,000	£575,000	£784,000
Sawtry Village Academy	£254,000	£8,000	£402,000
Sir Harry Smith Community College	£977,000	£857,000	£0
Soham Village College	£808,000	£921,000	£1,103,000
St Bede's Inter-Church School	£178,000	£304,000	£634,000
St Ivo Academy	£1,125,000	£0	£103,000
St Peter's School	£349,000	£543,000	£420,000
Swavesey Village College	£107,000	£238,000	£224,000
The Netherhall School	£567,000	£342,000	£184,000
Thomas Clarkson Academy	-£623,000	-£567,000	-£460,000
Trumpington Community College	£15,000	£0	£0
Witchford Village College	£140,000	£544,000	£84,000
Total Secondary Schools	£8,673,000	£10,033,000	£9,591,000

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Highfield Ely Academy	£238,000	£303,000	£277,000
Highfield Littleport Academy	£72,000	£140,000	£473,000
Meadowgate Academy	£216,000	£43,000	£274,000
Spring Common Academy	£431,000	£470,000	£519,000
TBAP Unity Academy	£522,000	£866,000	£0
The Centre School	-£64,000	£0	£30,000
The Martin Bacon Academy		£0	£74,000
Total Special Schools	£1,415,000	£1,822,000	£1,647,000
Overall Academy Total	£19,605,000	£23,854,000	£23,248,500

Please note, where balances are missing or £0 it could be due to a number of reasons:

- 1) Inconsistencies with prior-year AAR data due to mid-year change
- 2) Recent Conversions
- 3) Trust has not reported individual school balance in AAR
- 4) New School

Cambridgeshire Schools Forum – Forward Agenda Plan

All meetings will be held at 10.00am unless otherwise specified taking account of any continued lockdown measures that might require the use of 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:
Friday 16 July 2021	Review of Proportionality and Membership	Jon Lewis/Tamar Oviatt-Ham	Monday 5 July 2021
	Schools and Dedicated Schools Grant Financial Health	Jon Lewis / Martin Wade	
	High Need Update	Jon Lewis	
Friday 5 November 2021	Budget setting for 2022-23	Jon Lewis / Martin Wade	Friday 22 October 2021 *Due to half term
	High Needs Update	Jon Lewis	
Friday 26 November 2021 (Reserve Date)	Budget setting for 2022-23	Jon Lewis / Martin Wade	Monday 15 November 2021
Wednesday 15 December 2021	Budget setting for 2022-23	Jon Lewis / Martin Wade	Thursday 2 December 2021
Friday 14 January 2022	Future Schools Forum dates	Tamar Oviatt-Ham	Wednesday 5 January 2022 *Due to Inset days
	Final Budget Proposals for 2022-23		

Friday 25th February 2022 (Reserve or workshop date)			Monday 14 February 2022
Friday 25th March 2022			Monday 14 March 2022
Wednesday 25th May 2022 (Reserve or workshop date)			Thursday 12 May 2022
Friday 15th July 2022	Review Terms of Reference	Jon Lewis/Tamar Oviatt-Ham	Monday 4 July 2022
	Review of Proportionality and Membership	Jon Lewis/Tamar Oviatt-Ham	

To be scheduled: