

**SCHOOLS FORUM – 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022****DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT 2022-23****1. Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to provide school forum members with an update on the 2022-23 financial settlement in respect of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) which was published by central government on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**2. Settlement position**

The settlement issued on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and detailed data issued in respect of the Council indicates a total DSG figure (before recoupment and deductions) of £157.864M for 2022-23. This is an increase of £6.428M on the 2021-22 figure of £151.436M.

Analysis supplied by the DFE shows this to be made up as follows below.

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>2022-23 Allocation £m</u></b>	<b><u>2021-22 Allocation £m</u></b>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>
School Block	119.983	115.954	To fund schools and academies. Year on year adjusted to reflect changes in additional national funding, pupil numbers and for growth as calculated by the ESFA
Early Years Block	10.099	10.185	Take up continues to slowly recover following the shutdown as a result COVID pandemic
High Needs Block	26.467	23.877	To fund the 2 special academies, centrally retained SEN services, Pupil referral

			units, and alternative provision. The uplift is as a result of the introduction of the new High Needs National Funding Formula.
Central Services Block	1.315	1.420	To fund pre-existing pension costs, licences, ESG funded services, centrally retained services, eg schools admissions etc. The amount has been reduced in respect of the protection of funding in respect of historic commitments of on-going teacher pension costs. The LA is currently in discussion in respect of the previous years being restored. A decision is expected in February
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>157,864</b>	<b>151.436</b>	

The DSG allocation has increased by £6.428M. The increase is as a result of the extra funding put into schools and an increase in the high needs block funding. This increase has been offset by a reduction in early funding for reasons explained above.

**Please note, the figures quoted above are before any academy recoupment and reduction for rates (NNDR) and as in previous years, the allocation for the Early Years block is illustrative and will be**

**adjusted in the July of the following financial year based upon the January 2022 and January 2023 head counts.**

**3. Recommendation**

It is recommended that members note the contents of this report.

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