

**SCHOOLS FORUM – 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021****DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT 2021-22****1. Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to provide school forum members with an update on the 2021-22 financial settlement in respect of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) which was published by central government on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**2. Settlement position**

The settlement issued on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and detailed data issued in respect of the Council indicates a total DSG figure (before recoupment) of £151.436M for 2021-22. This is an increase of £11.850M on the 2020-21 figure of £139.586M.

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

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>2021-22 Allocation £m</u></b>	<b><u>2020-21 Allocation £m</u></b>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>
School Block	115.954	106.862	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	10.185	10.049	There has been a general across the board increase in take up. Please note the paragraph in bold below the table.
High Needs Block	23.877	21.267	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	1.420	1.408	To fund pre-existing pension costs, ESG funded services, centrally retained services, eg schools admissions etc. The amount reflects the continued protection of funding in respect of historic commitments of on-going teacher pension costs.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>151.436</b>	<b>139.586</b>	

The DSG allocation has increased by £11.850M. The increase is as a result of the introduction of the new High Needs Block National Funding Formula, increased pupil numbers in schools and the additional funding pledged to schools. 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 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 2021 and January 2022 head counts. In respect of early years in particular funding has been influenced by the on-going COVID 19 pandemic and at this point it is not possible to state if this will be subject to further changes.**

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**7. Recommendation**

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

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