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**Meeting:** North Northamptonshire Schools Forum

**Date:** Thursday 18th January 2024

**Time:** 1.00 pm

**Venue:** Remote Meeting via Zoom

**\*Vote required**

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- Items 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 will require a decision vote at this January 2024 meeting.

### **Information on voting**

Every item which requires a decision to be made at a meeting of the Forum will be determined by a majority of the votes of members present and voting on the issue. In the case of an equality of votes the Chair will have a second or casting vote.

School and non-school members are eligible to vote on all matters requiring authorisation or approval except:

- a) de-delegation is limited to the specific primary and secondary phase of maintained schools' members;
- b) amendments to the school funding formula, for which the voting is restricted by the exclusion of non-schools' members,
- c) amendments to the early years funding formula, for which the voting is restricted by the exclusion of non-schools' members, except for PVI representatives
- d) retaining funding for statutory duties relating to maintained schools only is limited to maintained primary, secondary, special and PRU members.
- e) amendments to Scheme for Financing Schools – maintained school members

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## Minutes of a meeting of the North Northamptonshire Schools Forum

Held at 1.00 pm on Thursday 14th December 2023 as a Remote Meeting via Zoom

### Present:-

#### Members

James Birkett (Chair)  
Sandra Appleby  
Peter French  
Nikki Lamond  
James Sherlock

Paul Wheeler (Vice Chair)  
Lisa Bowyer  
Rob Hardcastle  
Annabel Moore  
Robert Tite

#### Officers

Sariya Bi - Senior Finance Business Partner  
Charlotte Franks - Head of SEND  
Neil Goddard - Assistant Director for Education  
Salik Khan - Finance Business Partner  
Sarah McAnulty - Underwriting Manager  
Kelly Mills - Early Years Business Compliance and Funding Support Service Manager  
Yoke O'Brien - Strategic Finance Business Partner  
Rajvir Sohal - Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance – Councillor Scott Edwards

### 130 **Apologies for non-attendance, Forum membership changes and declarations of interest**

Apologies were received from Kathryn Murphy and Angela Prodger.

### 131 **Minutes of meeting held on 2nd November 2023 and points arising/officer feedback**

**RESOLVED that:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd November be agreed as an accurate record.

### 132 **Schools Quarter 2 Monitoring 2023/24 Update on Consultation**

The Forum considered a report by The Finance Business Partner, which outlined the budget position based on the second quarter, representing April 2023 to September 2023, and consequently, the anticipated year end balances forecast.

**RESOLVED that:** The report be noted.

### 133 **Scheme for Financing Schools 2023/24 & 2024/25 Update on Consultation**

The Forum considered a report by The Finance Business Partner, which outlined North Northamptonshire Council's Scheme for Financing Schools.

**RESOLVED that:** The Forum notes the consultation responses and recommends to

approve the changes outlined, which have been incorporated into the Scheme for Financing Schools 2023-24 and 2024-25.

**134 Deficit Budget Policy 2024/25 Update on Consultation**

The Forum considered a report by The Finance Business Partner, which provided an analysis of all responses received as part of the consultation with maintained schools regarding the Deficit Budget Policy for 2024/25.

**RESOLVED that:** The Forum notes the consultation responses and Maintained Schools Forum voting members approve to continue to adopt the policy.

**135 Schools Balances Control Policy 2024/25 Update on Consultation**

The Forum considered a report by The Finance Business Partner, which outlined North Northamptonshire Council's policy on the Control of Surplus Balances in Schools.

**RESOLVED that:**

- a) The Forum notes the consultation responses and approves the policy.
- b) The policy is implemented for the current financial year 2023/24 and applies to balances held at 31st March 2024.

**136 DSG Update 2023/24 & High Needs Verbal Update**

The Forum considered a report by The Senior Finance Business Partner, which outlined the financial position of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), against the budget for 2023/24.

**RESOLVED that:** The report be noted.

**137 Mainstream Schools Funding Formula Consultation 2024/25 Update on Consultation (verbal update)**

The Forum considered a verbal update by The Senior Finance Business Partner, which provided an update regarding the consultation responses received relating to mainstream schools' Funding Formula.

**RESOLVED that:** The report be noted.

**138 Proposed CSSB 2024/25 Update on Consultation**

The Forum considered a report by The Senior Finance Business Partner, which provided an update regarding the local authority's proposals for central expenditure on education functions for the fiscal year 2024/25.

**RESOLVED that:**

- a) The Forum notes the outcomes of the consultation.
- b) Maintained Forum members deferred a vote to approve further de-delegation for

Education Functions from maintained Primary, Secondary and Special School Budgets to address the shortfall in Central Schools Services Block funding. Maintained members requested that the consultation be extended.

**139 2024/25 De-delegation: Trade Union Facilities Time Update on Consultation**

The Forum considered a report by The Assistant Director for Education, which outlined North Northamptonshire schools' pooled facilities time arrangements for the 2023/24 financial year (at a rate of £3.56 per pupil).

**RESOLVED that:**

a) Maintained School Forum members approve the de-delegation of budgets to fund a pooled facility time arrangement between maintained schools within North Northamptonshire.

b) Maintained members vote to increase the current rate of £3.56 in line with the teacher's pay settlement of 6.5%, to give a new rate of £3.79 per pupil.

**140 2024/25 De-delegation: School Effectiveness Update on Consultation**

The Forum considered a report by The Assistant Director for Education, which outlined the de-delegation of School Effectiveness for maintained schools.

**RESOLVED that:** The report be noted.

**141 2024/25 De-delegation: Schools Insurance Services Update on Consultation**

The Forum considered a report by The Underwriting Manager, which outlined schools insurance arrangements, which were de-delegated for all North Northamptonshire maintained primary and secondary schools with a traded option for nursery and special school settings.

**RESOLVED that:**

a) The Forum noted the available purchasing options for insurance.

b) The Forum approves the de-delegation of primary and secondary schools with a traded service to nursery and special schools.

**142 Growth Fund Proposals 2024/25 Consultation Paper Update on Consultation**

The Forum considered a report by The Assistant Director for Education, which provided an update regarding the Growth Fund spend and the National Funding Formula Growth Fund and Falling Roll Pupils formula update for 2024/25.

**RESOLVED that:** The report be noted.

**143 Falling Pupil Roll Fund Proposal 2024/25 Consultation Paper Update on Consultation**

The Forum considered a report by The Assistant Director for Education, which outlined the consultation responses received regarding the Falling Pupil Roll Fund

Proposal 2024/25.

**RESOLVED that:** The report be noted.

**144 Permanent Exclusions Policy 2024/25 Update on Consultation**

The Forum considered a report by The Assistant Director for Education, which outlined the outcome of the consultation regarding North Northamptonshire Council's Permanent Exclusion Clawback Policy for 2024/25.

**RESOLVED that:** The Forum approves the policy in line with the outcome of the consultation and the requirements of the legislation.

**145 Early Years Budget 2024/25**

The Forum considered a report by The Early Years Business Compliance and Funding Support Service Manager, which outlined the indicative allocation of the 2024/25 Early Years budgets.

**RESOLVED that:** The Forum:

a) Notes the funding and methodology used to arrive at the budgets and indicative hourly rates of the Early Years Block budgets in 2024/25.

b) Notes and approves the budget set aside for SENIF and acknowledges the removal of Notional SEND to support settings to receive a swift response and access to funds ensuring children with low and emerging needs are supported quickly and that more children can be supported appropriately.

c) Noted and approves the change in North Northamptonshire Council's Early Years Funding Formula to include the two additional cohorts of funded children.

d) Approves the funding rates and levels of funding for 2024/25 detailed in the report.

**146 Notional SEND Update on Consultation**

The Forum considered a report by The Assistant Director for Education, which provided detail regarding the calculation of the Notional SEN allocation and guidance relating to when it may be appropriate to seek additional resources.

**RESOLVED that:** The report be noted.

**147 SALT EHCP**

The Forum considered a report by The Assistant Director for Education, which provided information regarding the NHS Integrated Care Board's joint commissioning proposal for securing speech and language therapy services.

**RESOLVED that:** The report be noted.

**148 Urgent Business**

There was none.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

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# Agenda Item 3



## North Northamptonshire Schools Forum: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Agenda Item 3

#### School's Period 8 Monitoring 2023-24

## 1 Background

1.1 This report informs schools forum of the current year's budget position based on the second quarter representing April 2023 to November 2023 and consequently the anticipated year end balances forecast.

## 2 Schools' Monitoring

2.1 North Northamptonshire Council's Scheme for Financing Schools, which follows national guidelines, requires that schools submit regular budget monitoring returns. This was agreed in January 2023 school forum, to report the Dedicated Schools Grant including schools monthly to North Northamptonshire Council's Executive which requires timely receipt of school financial information monthly. This will enable the council to accurately capture the financial information of schools on its ledger and maintain an up-to-date financial position of each school.

2.2 In late May 2023, NNC received budget plans from all 39 maintained establishments, except for Pen Green Nursery.

2.3 Table 1 outlines the Schools' Income & Expenditure up to Period 8.

**Table 2 – School P8 Monitoring**

DFE Number	School Name	School Type	Opening Revenue Balance 2023/24	P8 Income	Pay	Premises	Supplies and Services	P8 Expenditure	In year Variance based on P8	In Year 2023/24 Variances including balance brought forward	23/24 Year end forecast as of November submitted by School
1000	Ronald Tree Nursery School	Nursery	-£60,802	-£392,646	£384,812	£23,134	£30,312	£438,258	£45,612	-£15,190	-£62,442
1001	Croyland Early Years Centre	Nursery	£75,357	-£556,865	£612,087	£143,454	£50,868	£806,409	£249,545	£324,901	No Submission
1003	Highfield Nursery School	Nursery	£3,432	-£323,813	£263,573	£36,254	£102,128	£401,955	£78,141	£81,574	£21,267
1011	Pen Green Centre	Nursery	-£206,039	-£35,487	£1,645,571	£7,900	-£5,321	£1,648,150	£1,612,663	£1,406,623	No Submission
	<b>Total Maintained Nursery Schools</b>		<b>-£188,052</b>	<b>-£1,308,812</b>	<b>£2,906,043</b>	<b>£210,742</b>	<b>£177,987</b>	<b>£3,294,772</b>	<b>£1,985,960</b>	<b>£1,797,908</b>	<b>-£41,175</b>
2007	Broughton Primary	Primary	-£144,534	-£841,548	£570,550	£35,314	£99,297	£705,161	-£136,387	-£280,921	-£116,314
2019	Corby Old Village Primary School	Primary	-£148,987	-£889,622	£656,270	£27,822	£132,070	£816,161	-£73,461	-£222,448	-£145,434
2029	Mawsley Community Primary School	Primary	-£89,722	-£1,388,486	£908,997	£103,651	£275,048	£1,287,696	-£100,790	-£190,512	-£47,122
2041	Great Doddington Primary	Primary	-£148,516	-£643,703	£398,335	£88,118	£167,024	£653,477	£9,774	-£138,742	£55,637
2048	HIGHAM FERRERS JUNIOR SCHOOL	Primary	-£240,862	-£1,349,915	£970,955	£65,242	£193,309	£1,229,506	-£120,409	-£361,271	-£132,763
2072	Nassington School	Primary	-£164,528	-£429,688	£261,570	£47,882	£87,337	£396,789	-£32,899	-£197,428	-£105,071
2082	Alfred Lord Tennyson	Primary	£101,611	-£690,115	£460,656	£174,851	£90,789	£726,296	£36,181	£137,791	£135,900
2086	South End Infant School	Primary	-£54,944	-£1,092,818	£769,378	£40,139	£162,235	£971,753	-£121,066	-£176,010	-£134,417
2091	Warmington School	Primary	-£127,800	-£457,275	£270,419	£34,613	£94,683	£399,715	-£57,560	-£185,361	-£67,168
2100	The Avenue Infant School	Primary	-£144,706	-£815,819	£633,473	£47,454	£90,499	£771,426	-£44,393	-£189,098	-£157,265
2130	South End Junior School	Primary	-£244,642	-£1,296,659	£978,740	£64,520	£170,384	£1,213,645	-£83,014	-£327,657	-£148,754
2140	HIGHAM FERRERS INFANT SCHOOL	Primary	-£223,220	-£982,354	£854,674	£39,612	£108,455	£1,002,740	£20,387	-£202,833	-£104,519
2144	Meadowside Primary School	Primary	£99,489	-£1,507,984	£1,254,805	£75,687	£199,317	£1,529,809	£21,826	£121,314	£87,069
2145	EARLS BARTON PRIMARY SCH	Primary	£9,360	-£1,803,398	£1,401,587	£130,037	£211,127	£1,742,751	-£60,647	-£51,286	£2,566

2155	Whitefriars Primary School	Primary	-£436,937	-£1,608,110	£1,119,129	£57,780	£156,684	£1,333,592	-£274,517	-£711,454	-£202,744
2180	Hayfield Cross School	Primary	-£228,623	-£1,504,106	£1,036,111	£57,950	£169,151	£1,263,212	-£240,894	-£469,517	-£188,110
2206	NCC Denfield Park Primary	Primary	-£39,945	-£1,728,086	£1,350,415	£148,919	£185,361	£1,684,694	-£43,392	-£83,337	-£12,051
2217	Barton Seagrave County Primary	Primary	-£363,670	-£2,323,099	£1,821,373	£103,982	£304,980	£2,230,335	-£92,764	-£456,434	-£255,290
2230	Henry Chichele Primary	Primary	-£135,237	-£1,557,593	£1,134,178	£130,863	£191,913	£1,456,954	-£100,639	-£235,876	-£19,542
2231	Croyland Primary School	Primary	£15,621	-£2,031,763	£1,619,047	£99,118	£205,595	£1,923,760	-£108,003	-£92,382	-£13,065
3030	Geddington C of E Primary	Primary	-£103,661	-£749,415	£538,397	£37,626	£95,170	£671,193	-£78,222	-£181,882	-£56,072
3033	Grendon CE Primary	Primary	-£66,501	-£505,480	£347,184	£41,426	£64,589	£453,199	-£52,281	-£118,782	-£61,381
3066	TITCHMARSH C of E PRIMARY	Primary	-£145,100	-£535,393	£354,265	£56,252	£75,624	£486,140	-£49,252	-£194,352	-£97,581
3070	All Saints CE Primary School	Primary	-£78,292	-£873,264	£551,028	£73,424	£148,485	£772,938	-£100,327	-£178,618	-£102,872
3200	Brigstock Lathams CE Primary School	Primary	-£20,663	-£476,591	£338,213	£35,790	£80,315	£454,318	-£22,273	-£42,936	-£4,801
3201	KINGS CLIFFE ENDOWED SCHOOL	Primary	-£147,772	-£828,892	£554,201	£55,536	£119,989	£729,726	-£99,166	-£246,938	-£67,886
3345	Wilby CE (VA) Primary	Primary	-£7,468	-£432,612	£334,203	£15,660	£49,898	£399,760	-£32,852	-£40,320	-£2,759
3406	St Patricks RC Primary	Primary	-£39,064	-£889,190	£654,104	£57,472	£95,521	£807,097	-£82,093	-£121,158	-£43,142
3514	Little Stanion Primary School	Primary	-£62,355	-£938,417	£696,203	£55,561	£120,893	£872,657	-£65,760	-£128,115	-£56,479
5206	Millbrook Infant School	Primary	-£199,379	-£1,068,187	£843,096	£45,558	£94,160	£982,815	-£85,372	-£284,751	-£135,072
5207	Millbrook Junior School	Primary	-£157,899	-£1,554,965	£1,307,457	£90,758	£204,438	£1,602,654	£47,688	-£110,211	-£108,453
5210	Stanion CE Primary School	Primary	-£83,675	-£439,857	£311,134	£23,768	£58,668	£393,570	-£46,287	-£129,962	-£47,742
	<b>Total Maintained Primary Schools</b>		<b>-£3,822,622</b>	<b>-£34,234,405</b>	<b>£25,300,147</b>	<b>£2,162,385</b>	<b>£4,503,008</b>	<b>£31,965,540</b>	<b>-£2,268,865</b>	<b>-£6,091,487</b>	<b>-£2,352,697</b>
4055	The Latimer Arts College	Secondary	-£1,083,818	-£5,114,014	£3,798,029	£358,472	£508,468	£4,664,969	-£449,046	-£1,532,864	-£779,371
	<b>Total Maintained Secondary School</b>		<b>-£1,083,818</b>	<b>-£5,114,014</b>	<b>£3,798,029</b>	<b>£358,472</b>	<b>£508,468</b>	<b>£4,664,969</b>	<b>-£449,046</b>	<b>-£1,532,864</b>	<b>-£779,371</b>
7031	Rowan Gate Primary School	Special	-£432,906	-£4,849,806	£3,724,521	£315,164	£321,695	£4,361,380	-£488,426	-£921,332	-£198,206
	<b>Total Maintained Special School</b>		<b>-£432,906</b>	<b>-£4,849,806</b>	<b>£3,724,521</b>	<b>£315,164</b>	<b>£321,695</b>	<b>£4,361,380</b>	<b>-£488,426</b>	<b>-£921,332</b>	<b>-£198,206</b>
	<b>Total Maintained Schools</b>		<b>-£5,527,399</b>	<b>-£45,507,037</b>	<b>£35,728,740</b>	<b>£3,046,763</b>	<b>£5,511,158</b>	<b>£44,286,661</b>	<b>-£1,220,376</b>	<b>-£6,747,775</b>	<b>-£3,371,449</b>

\* Note: -ve is income or surplus +ve is expenditure or deficit

\* The green cells are derived from the data within NNC's ERP system, while the yellow cells reflect the forecasts provided by the schools to NNC.

Below is a brief Primary summary of the four current deficit schools identified in Q1.

- 2.4 Alfred Lord Tennyson currently faces a financial deficit, a challenge that stems from the previous Governing body's strategy to tackle the declining enrolment issue. In its ongoing commitment to address this matter, the school expanded its age range to resolve the issue. The new Governing body has opted to organise single year groups across two sites, resulting in a current enrolment of only 128 pupils. A request has been made by the LA for the school to submit a licensed deficit application.
- 2.5 Croyland Nursery and Highfield Nursery are part of a federation, aligning with two nurseries in the West. These establishments collectively share a Headteacher and a Strategic School Business Manager. While licensed deficit paperwork has been duly issued and monitored, it has now been forwarded to the Strategic School Business Manager for further attention. Highfield Nursery has navigated a deficit over several years, and there are ongoing efforts to mitigate this, with the optimistic expectation of achieving a balanced budget in the coming year, contingent upon budgetary considerations. Conversely, Croyland, which previously maintained a positive carry forward, is currently has an overspend on staffing.
- 2.6 Meadowside is experiencing a deficit primarily attributable to the £1925 support staff pay award in 22/23, the school is currently addressing this financial challenge. The school has entered a federation with Great Doddington, and they jointly manage various costs, including the

Headteacher's role. According to the latest three-year plan, the collaborative efforts are expected to facilitate the recovery of the deficit within this period. A request for licensed deficit has been submitted by the school.

- 2.7 Three additional school have been forecasted to end the year 2023/24 in a deficit as part of Period 9 monitoring.
- 2.8 Great Doddington is currently has staffing-related challenges stemming from the shared Executive Head, who also oversees Meadowside Primary. The dynamics of this financial reallocation, influenced by the joint leadership structure, are posing unique challenges that demand careful consideration and strategic management to ensure the continued effectiveness of both Great Doddington and Meadowside Primary.
- 2.9 Wilby Primary deficit is due to changes in staffing, particularly the appointment of a new Head. The introduction of new leadership has prompted a series of adjustments and reconfigurations within the staff structure, influencing the budgetary landscape of the school.
- 2.10 Croyland Primary School's deficit stems from overstaffing, prompting a reassessment of its staffing structure to align with budgetary constraints.
- 2.11 One school has submitted a request for licensed deficit. A formal request has been issued to schools currently facing deficits, requesting them to complete the required templates for the licensed deficit application. North Northamptonshire Council's Scheme for Financing Schools sets out the terms and conditions that maintained schools are expected to comply and operate within.

### **3 Recommendations for Schools Forum**

- 3.1 Schools forum is asked to note the current year's budget position based on Period 8 monitoring. Effective budget monitoring is a key tool in financial management and helps ensure strong governance and integrity. It can also help ensure that robust procedures are in place to control finances.

### **4 Next steps**

- 4.1 The Period 11 schools monitoring report will be brought to the March 2024 schools forum.

### **5 Financial implications**

- 5.1 Paragraph 2.24 Notice of concern in North Northamptonshire's Scheme for Financing Schools states:

The LA may issue a notice of concern to the governing body of any school it maintains where, in the opinion of the NNC Chief Finance Officer and the Director responsible for Children's Services, the school has failed to comply with any provisions of the scheme, or where actions need to be taken to safeguard the financial position of the local authority or the school.

Such a notice will set out the reasons and evidence for it being made and may place on the governing body restrictions, limitations, or prohibitions in relation to the management of funds delegated to it.

### **6 Legal implications**

- 6.1 There are no legal implications arising from the report.

### **7. Risks**

- 7.1 If financial difficulties at schools are not identified and addressed in a timely manner, there is a significant risk that an increasing number of schools may not receive the necessary support. Early intervention by the local authority could help to mitigate this risk by allowing for proactive management of these situations. It is important for the local authority to be able to identify and

address financial challenges at schools as soon as possible to provide the necessary support and prevent the situation from worsening.

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## North Northamptonshire Schools Forum: 18th January 2024

### Agenda Item 4

#### DSG Update 2023-24 Period 8

#### List of appendices

#### Appendix A – DSG forecasts 2023/24

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to ensure that the Schools Forum is informed of the current financial position of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) against the budget for 2023-24.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is a ring-fenced specific grant allocated to the Council by the Government to support a range of education related services.
- 2.2 The Department for Education (DfE) currently operate a four-block funding model for funding schools and pre-16 education including early years as set out in the following table:

<b>Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)</b>			
<b>Schools Block</b>	<b>Central Schools Services Block</b>	<b>High Needs Block</b>	<b>Early Years Block</b>
The School's Block is the largest element of the DSG and is allocated to Schools and Academies for day-to-day spending in their individual budgets.	The Central Schools Block provides funding for local authorities to carry out central functions on behalf of maintained schools and academies.	The High Needs funding system supports provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) from their early years to age 25.	The Early Years Block provides funding for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds.

### 3. DSG Funding Update

- 3.1 The original DSG Budget for 2023/24 amounts to £354.963m. After allowing for recoupment, which is where a local authority's DSG allocation is adjusted to reflect the grant that has been paid direct to academies. In July, the DSG allocation was revised to reflect a reduction of £537k, there was a reduction of £382k in the Early Years Block due to lower participation numbers, this was partially offset by a slight increase in the High Needs Block of £74k resulting from additional funding for special free schools. The remaining reduction of £229k relates to the recoupment amount for the High Needs Block being adjusted from £10.853m to £11.082m this is due to an adjustment to the High Needs places. The revised net DSG budget for the Council is £120.663m. The forecast outturn is a pressure of £9.019m, this is summarised in the following Table:

<b>Dedicated Schools Grants Forecast Outturn 2023/24</b>							
<b>Block</b>	<b>Gross Budget</b>	<b>July DSG Allocation Adjustment</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>Recoupment</b>	<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>Forecast Net Spend</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Schools Block	270,284	0	270,284	222,910	47,374	47,374	0
Central Schools Block	3,287	0	3,287	0	3,287	3,287	0
High Needs Block	57,851	74	57,925	11,082	46,843	55,862	9,019
Early Year Block	23,541	(382)	23,159	0	23,159	23,159	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>354,963</b>	<b>(308)</b>	<b>354,655</b>	<b>233,992</b>	<b>120,663</b>	<b>129,682</b>	<b>9,019</b>

### 4. DSG Update 2023/24 – Forecast Outturn

- 4.1 The national pressure on services to support the education of children with additional needs is well documented. This has been exacerbated by the ongoing impacts of COVID on children and young people's health and wellbeing. Many Councils are struggling to contain expenditure within the budget available to meet needs. The mitigation actions that are available often have front loaded costs and benefits are felt over the course of many years. Whilst funding has been increased, this has not reflected the full increase in needs that are being identified.
- 4.2 The Council's overall outturn forecast for the DSG as at Period 8, is a forecast pressure of £9.019m the Net Spend is forecast to be £127.547m against the approved budget of £120.663m. This is summarised in the table below and it is important to note that this is subject to continual review and this is summarised in the Table below and further details are set out in Appendix A.

### Dedicated Schools Grants Forecast Outturn 2023/24

Block	Gross Budget £'000	July DSG Allocation Adjustment £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Recoupment £'000	Forecasted Net Budget £'000	Forecasted Net Spend £'000	Variance £'000
Schools Block	270,284	0	270,284	222,910	47,374	47,374	0
Central Schools Block	3,287	0	3,287	0	3,287	3,287	0
High Needs Block	57,851	74	57,925	11,082	46,843	56,582	9,739
Early Year Block	23,541	(382)	23,159	0	23,159	23,159	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>354,963</b>	<b>(308)</b>	<b>354,655</b>	<b>233,992</b>	<b>120,663</b>	<b>130,402</b>	<b>9,739</b>
<b>Early Years Adjustment 2022/23</b>							<b>220</b>
<b>DSG Reserves 2023/24</b>							<b>(940)</b>
<b>DSG Forecasted Overspend</b>							<b>9,019</b>

4.3 In the financial year 2022/23 NNC reported an overspend of £1.743m on the HNB. This was offset against the historic surplus of £2.573m that had been brought forward from 2021/22, leaving a reserves balance of £940k, the reserve has been revised to reflect an Early Years clawback for 2022-23 financial year, amounting to £220k, leaving a opening balance of 720k. For 2023/24, pressures have continued to increase, and it is now forecast that the HNB overspend will be overspent by £9.739m. The remaining reserves of £720k have been used to partly mitigate this, leaving a forecast overspend of £9.019m. The composition of these pressures prior to the use of reserves is as follows:

- The ongoing increase in the number of requests for Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP), at Early Years and statutory school age, has exceeded the rate that was used in setting the budget, this pressure is forecast to be around £1.976m.
- Sufficiency issues in local SEND placements meaning greater use of Independent Providers at significantly higher cost, this pressure is forecast to be around £2.905m.
- The identification of historic commitments that remain outstanding and must now be paid is a one-off pressure and amount to around £500k.
- Pressures in Mainstream Top Ups are related to an ongoing increase in the number of requests for statutory assessment over and above the level budgeted for. By supporting mainstream schools to meet higher levels of need, pressure is reduced on the specialist placement budgets, this pressure is forecasted to around £2.252m
- Further analysis has been conducted on the Alternative Provision budget, the pressure is forecasted to be around £2.180m. This reflects the impact of the limited access NNC has to high quality AP places locally. As a result, more pupils are having to be provided with individual tutoring to ensure they have the required access to education. This significantly increases costs and restricts the breadth of curriculum that can be offered. Efforts are

ongoing to create additional AP in NNC, including a strategic partnership with an outstanding Academy Trust that was brokered by DfE, and a bid for a new AP school in NNC, the outcome of which is due in Autumn 2023.

- The High Needs budget saw an increase due to an adverse movement in the import-export review and an increase in funding allocated to Special schools the net favourable effect was a £74k increase.

4.4 Significant work has already been undertaken to put in place actions to mitigate pressures, these include:

- Collaborative work with two local special schools to create outreach service to support inclusion in mainstream settings and identify needs, and strategies to meet these, at the earliest opportunity.
- The creation of additional SEND places in Special Schools and Special School satellite provision on mainstream school sites.
- The creation of new SEND units in mainstream schools.
- Development of an early Years SEND provision.
- Partnership working with an outstanding Alternative Provision (AP) Academy Trust to create new capacity in NNC.
- Improved commissioning arrangements with independent providers to control costs and provide greater consistency of delivery.
- Joint commissioning work with health services to improve and widen provision of Speech and Language services.
- Greater focus on the Annual Review process to identify where needs have reduced or an EHCP is no longer required.
- Investment in the EHCP team to ensure needs are assessed in as accurate and timely manner as possible.
- Improved decision-making processes that ensure thresholds and funding decisions are robust and consistent.

4.5 Work is ongoing, and a key focus will be the identification of opportunities to create further capacity. NNC was not successful in a bid to DfE for a new Special Free School in the area, as such other routes to creating this capacity are being investigated. A separate bid for a Free AP provision is with DfE and an outcome is expected shortly.

4.6 Further opportunities to create SEND places are being developed in partnership with local Special and Mainstream schools. The impact of the outreach services



is being assessed with a view to extending these and targeting resources as effectively as possible as part of a wider focus on inclusion. A simplification of EHCP funding through the adoption of a banded system will reduce pressure on the EHCP team and give schools and providers greater clarity and stability. The Education Case Management System will offer significantly improved financial functionality and rigour, improve parental access to information about the progress of an EHCP and create efficiencies in the EHCP process.

- 4.7 Where a local authority has an overall deficit on its DSG account at the end of the financial year, or where a surplus has substantially reduced during the year, they must provide information to the DFE about pressures and savings on the High Needs Budget as part of a DSG Deficit Management Plan. In addition, where there is a deficit, this will have an adverse impact on the Council's cashflow position and will impact on the resources available for investment – which will result in the investment income being lower.
- 4.8 Looking to 2024/25, it seems unlikely that any increase in government funding will meet the impact of the ongoing pressures identified, however the mitigation actions taken will continue to contribute to minimise these, but further actions will be required. The Council will be looking to work with the Schools Forum to consider a transfer of funding from the Schools Block (SB) of the DSG to HNB. This was not requested this year due to the pressure on schools' budget and the DSG surplus the Council was holding at the time. If agreed, this would generate circa £1.5m additional funding for the HNB. Forum will also be asked to look at measures that will support inclusion in mainstream settings and provide challenge where any school may not be meeting this standard.
- 4.9 Identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people with SEND at the earliest opportunity and putting in place appropriate actions to meet these needs, remains the central focus of all this work. Ensuring that the whole system works in an inclusive and joined up way is key to meeting this aspiration and to ensuring the efficient use of available resources to manage costs effectively.
- 4.10 At Spring Budget, the Chancellor announced additional funding for the existing early years entitlements worth £204m in 2023-24 (from September 2023) and £288m in 2024-25. This is for local authorities to increase hourly rates paid to childcare providers for the government's existing entitlement offers.
- 4.11 In July the Government announced that for 2023-24, that this will be distributed to LAs through a new standalone top-up grant called the Early Years Supplementary Grant (EYSG) the allocation received by NNC is £1.112m for Sept 23 to March 24 and this will be allocated on a monthly basis out to providers. From 1st April 2024 the supplement grant will be removed, and the additional funding will form part of the base rate.

## 5. Forecast DSG Deficit 2023/24

- 5.1 The DFE made changes to the regulations, now incorporated into the [School and Early Years Finance \(England\) Regulations 2023](#) in regulation 8, regulation 39 and schedule 2, to give statutory backing to a new process for handling DSG deficits. The Council must now:
- carry all the deficit forward to set against the schools budget in the next financial year; or
  - carry part of the deficit forward to set against the schools budget in the next financial year and carry the rest of it forward to the following financial year; or
  - not set any of the deficit against the schools budget in the next financial year but carry all the deficit forward to the following financial year.
- 5.2 These provisions will be repeated in future regulations so that part or all the deficit can be carried forward further a year at a time, to be dealt with through DSG that will be received in future years.
- 5.3 If the Council sets any part of the deficit against the schools budget for the next financial year, it must plan to eliminate that part of the deficit through funding from the DSG that it will receive during that financial year.
- 5.4 If the Council carries any part of the deficit forward to the following financial year, that means it is not planning to eliminate that part of the deficit from DSG received in the next financial year but will need to eliminate it from DSG received in future years.
- 5.5 The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) laid the [Local Authorities \(Capital Finance and Accounting\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020](#) on 6 November 2020, which then came into force on 29 November 2020. The regulations provide that any DSG deficit at the end of 2020 to 2021 must not be charged to a general fund but must be charged to a separate fund established, charged, and used solely for the purpose of recognising deficits in respect of the schools budget. This has the effect of separating any such deficit from a local authority's general fund. DLUHC have now confirmed that these regulations will continue to operate up to the end of financial year 2025 to 2026.
- 5.6 The [DSG conditions of grant](#) set out that any local authority with an overall deficit on its DSG account at the end of the financial year, or whose DSG surplus has substantially reduced during the year, must be able to present a plan to the department and cooperate in handling that situation by:
- providing information, as and when requested by the DFE about its plans for managing its DSG account in the 2023-24 financial year and subsequently.
  - providing information, as and when requested by the DFE about pressures and potential savings on its high needs budget.
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- meeting with DFE's officials, as and when they request to discuss the local authority's plans and financial situation.
  - keeping the schools forum updated regularly about the local authority's DSG account and plans for handling it, including high needs pressures and potential savings.
- 5.7 The DFE have developed a [DSG deficit management plan](#) template and accompanying guidance for local authorities to use to develop evidence-based and strategic plans covering the provision available for children and young people with SEND. In all cases, the DFE expect local authorities' management plans to focus on how they will bring in-year spending in line with in-year resources.
- 5.8 The high needs [benchmarking tool](#) helps to facilitate a better understanding of how a local authority's high needs expenditure and use of provision compares with that of other authorities and to prompt local discussion of how current spending patterns might need to change. In addition, the DFE have published [research and guidance](#) on managing special educational needs provision and the high needs budget effectively.
- 5.9 The DFE is now running 3 programmes offering direct support in respect of the effectiveness and sustainability of local authorities' high needs systems, which together will work with all local authorities: the Safety Valve Intervention programme, the Delivering Better Value in SEND (DBV) programme and ESFA support programme. The aim of all 3 programmes is to secure sustainable management of local authorities' high needs systems.
- 5.10 The Safety Valve Intervention programme will continue to target the local authorities with the highest DSG deficits. The programme requires the local authorities involved to develop substantial plans for reform to rapidly place them on a sustainable footing. If the local authorities can demonstrate sufficiently that their DSG management plans create lasting sustainability, the department will enter into an agreement with the local authority. Upon the local authority demonstrating progress they will receive incremental funding to eliminate their historic deficits, generally spread over 5 financial years.
- 5.11 The new Delivering Better Value in SEND (DBV) programme will target authorities with less severe but either substantial and/or growing deficit issues, helping them reform their high needs systems, to provide effective and sustainable SEND services that will achieve better outcomes for children and young people with SEND. The DBV programme has similar aims to safety valve but maintains a slightly different approach to support local authorities with regards to the provision of SEND services. The programme will not include funding to eliminate historic deficits.
- 5.12 The ESFA will continue its programme of support for all remaining local authorities, supporting them to develop appropriate DSG management plans. The ESFA Local Authority Stakeholder Engagement Team will aim to meet with all local authorities not included in the safety valve and DBV programmes and will provide support and challenge through a detailed review of management
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plans for the remaining local authorities in deficit, to help them achieve financial sustainability.

- 5.13 Schools Forum is asked to note the DFE's statutory requirements with regards to a DSG High Needs Block deficit. Further urgent work needs to be done by colleagues in the High Needs Team with Finance to complete the DFE's DSG Management Plan with the possibility of an extraordinary Schools Forum meeting to discuss the DSG Management Plan and the next steps.

## **6. Recommendations**

Schools Forum are asked to note this report.

## **7. Financial Implications**

The financial implications are set out in this report. The current forecast position is an overspend of £9.019m.

## **8. Legal implications**

- 8.1 Schools funding is governed by The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2023. It is important to ensure decisions are made within the regulations set.

## **9. Risks**

- 9.1 The deliverability of the 2023-24 Budget is monitored by Budget Managers and Assistant Directors. Where any variances or emerging pressures are identified during the year, then mitigating actions have been sought and management interventions undertaken.
- 9.2 Details of pressures, risks and mitigating actions implemented are provided as part of the finance monitoring reports. The main risks identified include an increase in demand on placement numbers and costs within the High Needs Block.

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DSG Summary		Budget 2023/24				Actuals 2023/24				Forecast Outturn 2023/24			Variance			Reason for Variance
Description		To Capture Any Budget Movement and Ensure correct Governance Process has been followed														
		Original Budget	P8	P7	Movement	P8 Actuals	P8	P7 Actuals	P7	P8 Forecast Outturn	P7 Forecast Outturn	Movement	P8 Forecast Variance	P7 Forecast Variance	Movement	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Schools Block		270,284	270,284	270,284	0	180,392	66.74	157,921	58.43	270,284	270,284	0	0	0	0	Forecasted to come within Budget
Central Schools Block		3,286	3,286	3,286	0	2,538	77.24	2,202	67.00	3,286	3,286	0	0	0	0	Forecasted to come within Budget
Early Years Block		23,541	23,159	23,159	0	13,333	57.57	11,536	49.81	23,159	23,159	0	0	0	0	Forecasted to come within Budget
High Needs Block		57,851	57,925	57,925	0	48,284	83.36	46,249	79.84	67,664	67,243	(421)	9,739	9,318	(421)	The High Needs Block has faced increased pressure due to a rise in demand for EHCP (Education, Health, and Care Plan) and pupil placements. There has also been use of independent placement which have come at a higher cost - Detailed explanations are attached on the HN appendix
<b>Total</b>		<b>354,962</b>	<b>354,654</b>	<b>354,654</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>244,548</b>	<b>68.95</b>	<b>217,908</b>	<b>61.44</b>	<b>364,393</b>	<b>363,972</b>	<b>(421)</b>	<b>9,739</b>	<b>9,318</b>	<b>(421)</b>	

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School Block		Budget 2023/24				Forecast Outturn 2023/24			Variance			Reason for Variance
Description		To Capture Any Budget Movement and Ensure correct Governance Process has been followed				P8 Forecast Outturn	P7 Forecast Outturn	Movement	P8 Forecast Variance	P7 Forecast Variance	Movement	
		Original Budget	P8	P7	Movement							£'000
Academies Recoupment		221,641	221,641	221,641	0	221,641	221,641	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Maintained Primary Schools Budget Share		40,068	40,068	40,068	0	40,068	40,068	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Maintained Secondary Schools Budget Share		6,048	6,048	6,048	0	6,048	6,048	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
NNDR		1,742	1,742	1,742	0	1,742	1,742	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
De-delegation Trade Union Facility Time		34	34	34	0	34	34	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
De-delegation - School Effectiveness		116	116	116	0	116	116	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Pupil Growth Fund		635	635	635	0	635	635	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
<b>Total</b>		<b>270,284</b>	<b>270,284</b>	<b>270,284</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>270,284</b>	<b>270,284</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

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Central Schools Block		Budget 2023/24				Forecast Outturn 2023/24			Variance			Reason for Variance
Description		To Capture Any Budget Movement and Ensure correct Governance Process has been followed				P8 Forecast Outturn	P7 Forecast Outturn	Movement	P8 Forecast Variance	P7 Forecast Variance	Movement	
		Original Budget	P8	P7	Movement							
<b>Historical Commitments</b>												
<b>Contribution to Combined Services:</b>												
School Standards & Effectiveness (Combined DSG LA Services)		466	466	466	0	466	466	0	0	0	0	
Moderation (Combined DSG LA Services)		15	15	15	0	15	15	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board (Combined DSG LA Services)		33	33	33	0	33	33	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Educational Entitlement		125	125	125	0	125	125	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Redundancy/Premature Retirement Costs		800	800	800	0	800	800	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
<b>Total Historical Commitments</b>		<b>1,439</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Ongoing Responsibilities</b>												
School Admissions		499	499	499	0	499	499	0	0	0	0	
Schools Forum		11	11	11	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
National Copyright Licences		321	321	321	0	321	321	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Statutory and Regulatory Duties		1,010	1,010	1,010	0	1,010	1,010	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Teacher's Pay and Pension		6	6	6	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
<b>Total Ongoing Responsibilities</b>		<b>1,847</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,286</b>	<b>3,286</b>	<b>3,286</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,286</b>	<b>3,286</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

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Early Years Block

Description	Budget 2023/24				Forecast Outturn 2023/24			Variance			Reason for Variance
	To Capture Any Budget Movement and Ensure correct Governance Process has been followed				P8 Forecast Outturn	P7 Forecast Outturn	Movement	P8 Forecast Variance	P7 Forecast Variance	Movement	
	Original Budget	P8	P7	Movement							
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
3 & 4 Year Old Universal Entitlement	12,226	12,226	12,226	0	12,226	12,226	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
3 & 4 Year Old Additional Entitlement	5,510	5,510	5,510	0	5,510	5,510	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
3 & 4 Year Old Deprivation	500	500	500	0	500	500	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
3 & 4 Year Old SEN Inclusion	300	300	300	0	300	300	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Early Years Contingency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
3 and 4 Year Old Centrally Retained	991	991	991	0	991	991	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
2 Year Old Funding	2,318	1,936	1,936	0	1,936	1,936	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Maintained Nursery School Funding	1,017	1,017	1,017	0	1,017	1,017	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Early Years Pupil Premium	253	253	253	0	253	253	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Disability Access Fund	126	126	126	0	126	126	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Quality Supplement (TPPG)	300	300	300	0	300	300	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,541</b>	<b>23,159</b>	<b>23,159</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,159</b>	<b>23,159</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	



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High Needs Block		Budget 2023/24				Forecast Outturn 2023/24			Variance			Reason for Variance
Description		To Capture Any Budget Movement and Ensure correct Governance Process has been followed				P8 Forecast Outturn	P7 Forecast Outturn	Movement	P8 Forecast Variance	P7 Forecast Variance	Movement	
		Original Budget	P8	P7	Movement							
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
SENDIF Plus (Transfer to Early Years Block)		250	250	250	0	245	854	609	(5)	604	609	Includes estimate for new EHCP/SENIFF Plus for Sept onwards and also expenses relating to the new Croyland Unit.
NNC Special School Place Funding		12,171	12,171	12,171	0	12,392	12,388	(4)	221	217	(4)	This cost centre includes the Place funding for special schools as per budgets there is also costs for additional place funding where the numbers are over commissioned places.
NNC Special School Top Ups		12,912	12,912	12,912	0	15,233	15,160	(73)	2,321	2,248	(73)	This includes RAS Funding and Special Arrangements. Phase Transfers are also part of this, and the overspend accounts for students who have been reassigned to higher bands, as well as additional special arrangements that have been necessary, expenditure on this line also relates to backdated costs relating back to 2021 and 2022
NNC Special School Special Arrangements		966	966	966	0	122	122	0	(844)	(844)	0	Expenditure Includes Split Site and Satellite Classes
NNC Special School Top Up Protection		193	193	193	0	194	194	0	1	1	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
NNC Special School TPG&TPECG		806	806	806	0	806	806	0	0	0	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
NNC Special School 3.4% Additional Grant		853	853	853	0	854	854	0	1	1	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
NNC SEN Units Occupied Place Funding		1,695	1,695	1,695	0	1,670	1,375	(295)	(25)	(320)	(295)	SEN Units Place funding is showing as a underspend but further work needs to take place to ascertain if this forecast needs to be adjusted.
NNC SEN Units Vacant Place Funding		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
NNC SEN Units Top Ups		1,098	1,098	1,098	0	1,412	1,631	219	314	533	219	Overspend accounts for additional students require Top Ups plus students being rebanded and higher needs.
AP Free Schools Place Funding		190	190	190	0	190	190	0	0	0	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
AP Free Schools TPG&TPECG		13	13	13	0	0	0	0	(13)	(13)	0	Budget set aside but this will not be spent.
Post 16 Top Ups in FE Colleges		1,953	1,953	1,953	0	1,700	1,700	0	(253)	(253)	0	Inline with actual spend in 22/23, Further work is taking place with the service to ascertain final year end forecast
Hospital Education Services		100	100	100	0	0	0	0	(100)	(100)	0	Budget was allocated for Hospital Education Services forecasted not to use full budget and will result in a 100k underspend
Non Maintained & Independent SEN Unit Top Up & other funding		190	190	190	0	137	104	(33)	(53)	(86)	(33)	Forecasted to come in under budget.
Out of County Special Top-ups		1,621	1,621	1,621	0	1,523	1,523	0	(98)	(98)	0	Expenditure relates to top ups paid for students in out of county placements these placements are at a higher cost per pupil for NNC there is a small underspend on this line against the budget for 2023-24
Non Maintained & Independent Special Top Up & Other Funding		8,915	8,915	8,915	0	12,673	12,954	281	3,758	4,039	281	Due to NNC Special Schools having reached their maximum capacity, students are being accommodated in Independent Special Schools, which incur a higher cost per pupil for NNC. As a consequence, there is a projected budgetary overspend for 2023-24. This forecast encompasses the Education contribution to residential expenses as well
Non Maintained & Independent Mainstream Top Up & Other Funding		441	441	441	0	386	370	(16)	(55)	(71)	(16)	The budget allocated for Independent Mainstream Schools comes with a higher per-pupil cost for NNC. However, as of the current forecast at period 5, there is a slight underspend compared to the budget
Out of County Mainstream Top Ups		313	313	313	0	524	524	0	211	211	0	This budget is for NNC pupils that are placed in Out of County Mainstream Schools these placements are at a higher cost per pupil for NNC this has resulted in a forecasted overspend.
Mainstream Top Ups		7,538	7,538	7,538	0	9,790	8,954	(836)	2,252	1,416	(836)	There is further work taking place by the HN Team to work through Phase Transfers and a EHC Team Audit. This forecast includes a estimate for new EHCP/EHLF from Sept onwards this may need to be adjusted going forward.
Alternative Provision		2,650	2,650	2,650	0	4,342	4,056	(286)	1,692	1,406	(286)	More work is taking place on the Alternative Provision budget by the HN Team, as at period 5 the forecast is expecting to be a minor underspend.
Educational Entitlement Team		543	543	543	0	543	543	0	0	0	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
Specialist Support Service		650	650	650	0	650	650	0	0	0	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
NPPS (Northamptonshire Parent Partnership Service)		30	30	30	0	30	30	0	0	0	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
Sensory Impairment Provision		971	971	971	0	971	1,003	32	0	32	32	Expenditure to come within Budget
Direct payments		190	190	190	0	425	368	(57)	235	178	(57)	Expenditure relates to Personal Budget payments, there is also backdated costs in this forecast.
Therapies		40	40	40	0	126	65	(61)	86	25	(61)	Expenses associated with therapies for 2023/24 have been segregated to ensure a clear and transparent view of the associated costs. This is showing as overspend for 23/24
Support For Inclusion		105	105	105	0	0	105	105	(105)	0	105	Expenditure to come within Budget
Outreach Services		454	454	454	0	726	720	(6)	272	266	(6)	Outreach SLA's these are currently being coded to Special Schools they will be moved to this cost centre so they can be clearly identified
Import Export adjustment		0	(102)	(102)	0	0	0	0	102	102	0	HN decrease as part of the import export Adjustment. More students are exported out of the county
Additional Funding for special free schools		0	176	176	0	0	0	0	(176)	(176)	0	Additional Funding allocated to HN Block
<b>Total</b>		<b>57,851</b>	<b>57,925</b>	<b>57,925</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67,664</b>	<b>67,243</b>	<b>(421)</b>	<b>9,739</b>	<b>9,318</b>	<b>(421)</b>	

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# Agenda Item 5



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2024-25 Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement

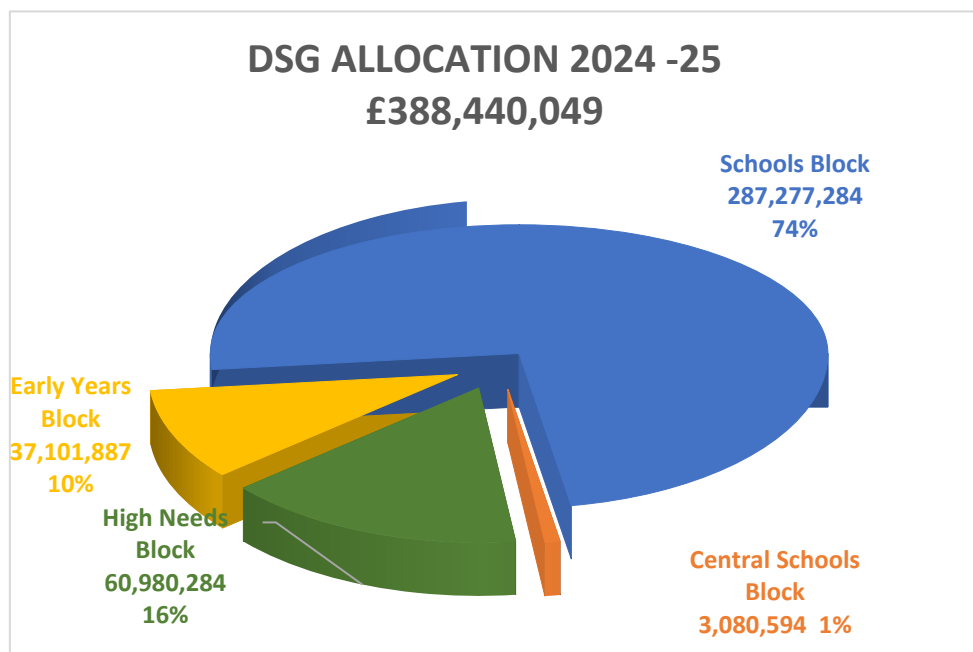
## 1 Background

1.1 This report sets out:

- Details of 2024-25 Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement

## 2 2024-25 Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement

2.1 The Department for Education (DfE) on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 published North Northamptonshire Council's DSG Settlement for 2024-25. Much of this was anticipated from announcements in July 2023 and the updated corrections in October 2023 following the technical error by the DfE. Final differences in the Dedicated Schools Grant announcements were attributed to using October 2023 pupil numbers. Details can be found on [Dedicated schools grant \(DSG\) 2024 to 2025 \(skillsfunding.service.gov.uk\)](https://skillsfunding.service.gov.uk)



2.2 Table A sets out the 2024-25 DSG settlement received against the 2024-25 Provisional National Funding Formula and the latest adjusted 2023-24 DSG Allocation.

**Table A – 2024-25 Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement**

Block	2023-24 DSG Allocation	%	Estimated 2024-25 DSG	%	Estimated 2024-25 DSG Change from 2023-24 DSG	%	2024-25 DSG Settlement	%	2024-25 DSG Settlement Change from 2023-24 DSG	% Change	2024-25 DSG Settlement Change from Estimated 2024-25 DSG	% Change
Schools Block (inc. Mainstream School Additional Grant)	£279,334,092	76.80%	£287,566,590	74.09%	£8,232,498	2.95%	£287,277,284	73.96%	£7,943,192	2.84%	-£289,306	-0.10%
Central School Services Block	£3,286,931	0.90%	£3,081,192	0.79%	-£205,739	-6.26%	£3,080,594	0.79%	-£206,337	-6.28%	-£598	-0.02%
High Needs Block	£57,919,150	15.93%	£60,564,715	15.61%	£2,645,565	4.57%	£60,980,284	15.70%	£3,061,134	5.29%	£415,569	0.69%
Indicative Early Years Block	£23,159,118	6.37%	£36,895,262	9.51%	£13,736,144	59.31%	£37,101,887	9.55%	£13,942,769	60.20%	£206,625	0.56%
<b>Total DSG</b>	<b>£363,699,291</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>£388,107,759</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>£24,408,468</b>	<b>60.57%</b>	<b>£388,440,049</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>£24,740,758</b>	<b>62.06%</b>	<b>£332,290</b>	<b>1.13%</b>

2.3 The Mainstream Schools Additional Grant has been rolled into the 2024-25 School Budgets by the DfE.

### 3 2024-25 Schools Block DSG

3.1 Table B sets out 2024-25 Schools Block DSG compared against 2023-24 Schools Block DSG.

**Table B – Schools Block DSG**

Component	Final Schools Block composition 2023-24			Available Funding 2024-25			Difference		
	Pupil Nos	PUF / SUF*	Total 2023/24	Pupil Nos	PUF / SUF*	Total 2024/25	Pupil Nos	PUF / SUF*	Total Funding
			£m			£m			£m
Primary NFF	29,554	£4,735.55	139,954,444.70	29,540	£5,007.20	147,910,184.40	-14.50	£271.65	7,955,739.70
Secondary NFF	20,494	£6,190.29	126,860,708.12	20,888	£6,491.89	135,602,598.32	394.50	£301.60	8,741,890.21
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Primary & Secondary MSAG			9,050,422.00			-			- 9,050,422.00
Growth Fund including Falling Pupil Roll Fund			1,645,539.00			1,659,334.00			13,795.00
<b>Total Schools Block DSG</b>			<b>279,334,090.82</b>			<b>287,277,282.72</b>			<b>7,943,191.90</b>

3.2 The DfE have rolled the Primary and Secondary MSAG into the Schools Block in 2024-25, the 2023-24 DSG allocation is shown for comparison purposes.

3.3 **Table B** reflect a headline increase of £271.65 (5.74%) increase per primary pupil unit of funding and £301.60 (4.87%) increase per secondary pupil unit of funding, but most of this increase is through the Mainstream Schools Additional Grant from 2023-24 which has been rolled into the main formula. **Table C** illustrates the impact of the primary and secondary unit funding increase.

**Table C – Impact of Unit Funding Rate Increase**

Component	Nov 2023 Schools Block DSG 2023-24			Oct 2023 2024-25 Schools Block DSG Settlement			Difference from 2023-24 DSG			
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Secondary NFF	20,888.00	£6,190.29	£129,302,777.52	20,888.00	£6,491.89	£135,602,598.32	0.00	£301.60	£6,299,820.80	4.87%
									Increase in funding due to rate increase	£14,324,225.98

3.4 Pupil numbers fell in primary by 14.5 pupils (-0.05%) and in secondary increased by 394.50 pupils (1.93%), a net increase of 380 pupils overall. **Table D** illustrates the impact of falling pupil roll in primary schools and growth pupil roll in secondary schools.

**Table D – Impact of Falling Pupil Roll in Primary Schools and Growing Roll in Secondary Schools**

Component	Nov 2023 Schools Block DSG 2023-24			Oct 2023 2024-25 Schools Block DSG Settlement			Difference from 2023-24 DSG			
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									Increase in funding due to pupil no. increase	£2,373,403.93

3.5 For the first time in 2024-25 local authorities will be required to provide growth funding where a school or academy has agreed with the local authority to provide an extra class to meet basic need in the area (either as a bulge class or as an ongoing commitment). As a minimum local authorities will have to provide funding to a level which is compliant with the following formula: **Primary growth factor value (£1,550) × number of pupils × ACA.**

3.6 The DFE have for the first time funded falling pupil roll as part of Growth Fund. North Northamptonshire’s Schools Forum can decide whether to operate a Falling Pupil Roll Fund. Local authorities that choose to operate a Falling Pupil Roll Fund will only be able to provide funding where **school capacity data 2022 (SCAP) shows that school places will be required in the subsequent three to five years (mandatory requirement).**

3.7 Schools Forum can decide to transfer up to 0.5% of Schools Block DSG to High Needs Block DSG without Secretary of State approval. Any transfers more than 0.5% from Schools Block DSG will need the approval of the Secretary of State.

3.8 Growth Fund can be set aside from Schools Block DSG to address growth in schools.

- 3.5 Falling Pupil Fund can also be set aside falling rolls using Schools Block DSG.
- 3.6 Schools Block DSG is used to finance Individual School Budgets.
- 3.7 Detailed schools operational guidance can be found at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-16-schools-funding-local-authority-guidance-for-2024-to-2025/schools-operational-guide-2024-to-2025>

**4 2024-25 Central School Services Block DSG**

- 4.1 The central services school block provides funding to local authorities to carry out central functions on behalf of maintained schools and academies.
- 4.2 The block comprises of two elements: ongoing responsibilities and historic commitments.
- 4.3 Table C sets out DFE’s confirmed CSSB DSG Allocation for 2024-25.

**Table C – Central School Services Block DSG**

Central Schools Block	2023-24 DSG Allocation	2024-25 DSG Settlement	Change	% Change
CSSB unit of Funding	£36.91	£38.25	£1.34	3.63%
CSSB Pupil Count	50047.5	50427.5	380	0.76%
Funding for Ongoing Responsibilities	£1,847,253	£1,928,852	£81,599	4.42%
Funding for Historic Commitments	£1,439,677	£1,151,742	<b>-£287,935</b>	<b>-20.00%</b>
<b>Total Central Schools Block</b>	<b>£3,286,930</b>	<b>£3,080,594</b>	<b>-£206,336</b>	

- 4.4 Details of the proposed 2024-25 Central School Services Block Budget are set out in Agenda Item 7.

## 5 2023-24 High Needs Block DSG

5.1 Table F sets out 2024-25 High Needs Block DSG compared against 2023-24 High Needs Block DSG.

**Table F – High Needs Block DSG**

High Needs Block	2023-24 Allocation as at Nov 23	2024-25 Allocation	Change	% Change
Total High Needs elements in the funding floor and gains calculation	£50,530,962	£55,556,821	£5,025,859	9.95%
Basic entitlement factor (ACA) unit of funding	£4,684	£4,684	£0.00	0.00%
Number of pupils in special schools and academies	1313	1403	90	6.85%
Import/export adjustment (based on January 2023 school census and February R06 2022 to 2023 individualised learner record)	-£1,650,000	-£1,650,000	£0	0.00%
Additional for Special Free Schools	£546,986	£480,995	-£65,991	-12.06%
Hospital education, alternative provision teachers pay/pension and supplementary funding factor	£20,900	£20,900	£0	0.00%
High needs NFF for historical spend, proxy factors, and funding floor allocation	£50,530,962	£0	-£50,530,962	-100.00%
Total additional high needs funding	£2,320,052	£0	-£2,320,052	-100.00%
<b>Total High Needs Block before deductions</b>	<b>£57,919,150</b>	<b>£60,980,284</b>	<b>£3,061,134</b>	<b>5.29%</b>

5.2 Maintained special schools and PRUs, special and AP academies (including free schools) and maintained and academy hospital schools will continue to receive a separate allocation equivalent to the additional funding allocations in 2023-24. These allocations gave maintained special schools and special academies 3.4% of their total place and top-up funding income and gave PRUs and AP academies and free schools 3.4% of their total income.

5.3 Any differential adjustments to the top-up funding bands or re-organisation of the top-up funding by local authorities will be subject to the special schools' MFG in the normal way. The special schools' MFG to be operated by local authorities for 2024-25 must be at least 0% and the local authority should consider setting the minimum increase within a range of 0% to 0.5%. This is equivalent to the MFG for mainstream schools. The local authority can set a higher percentage increase but must have a disapplication request approved to use a lower percentage. The additional 3.4% funding allocations referred to above must be excluded from the MFG calculations.

5.4 As per 2023- 24 local authorities will continue to receive in 2024-2025 a separate Teachers Pay Additional Grant (TPAG) which they will have received for the period September 2023 to March 2024. The TPAG for 2024-25 will be calculated by using twelve-sevenths of the 2023-24 per-place TPAG funding rates and will be passed on to eligible special and AP schools, to help with the costs of the 2023 teachers' pay increase. Local authorities will also receive a specific amount of funding to be passed on to their hospital schools. Further information on the TPAG for 2024 to 2025 can be found at [Teachers' pay additional grant 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/teachers-pay-additional-grant-2024-to-2025).

5.5 There will be an additional grant for 2024-25 to reflect the additional costs of the increase of 5 percentage points, to 28.6%, to the employer contribution rates to the teachers' pensions scheme from April 2024. We will take a similar approach to the 2024-25 TPAG to distribute the funding – but with the difference that local authorities will be allocated funding for pupils with EHC plans whom the authority has placed in independent schools. This methodology allocates funding at a flat rate such that all special and AP schools will benefit, but with the opportunity for local authorities to take account of schools' actual teachers' pensions costs, subject to local consultation. Further details will be announced by the DFE in due course.

5.5 Detailed proposals for the 2024-25 High Needs Block expenditure are set out in the 2024-25 High Needs Block Budget Agenda Item 8.

## 6 2024-25 Early Years Block DSG

6.1 Table G sets out the DFE's Indicative Early Years Block Allocation for 2023-24 and 2024-25 based on January 2023 census for North Northamptonshire Council. The final Early Years Block allocation is only confirmed by the DFE in July after the end of the Financial Year based on the two previous January census. Further details will be presented in agenda Item 9 2024-25 Early Years Block Budgets.

**Table G – Indicative Early Years Block DSG**

Early Years Block	2023-24 DSG Allocation Jan 2023 Census	Indicative 2024-25 Allocation Jan 2023 Census	Change
Indicative funding allocation for under 2 year old entitlement (£s)	£0.00	£4,349,410.00	£4,349,410.00
Indicative funding allocation for 2 year old disadvantaged entitlement (£s)	£1,889,479.00	£2,576,264.00	£686,785.00
Indicative funding allocation for 2 year old entitlement for working parents (£s)	£0.00	£6,307,667.00	£6,307,667.00
Indicative funding allocation for universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds (£s)	£13,415,305.00	£14,884,730.00	£1,469,425.00
Indicative funding allocation for additional 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of 3 and 4 year olds (£s)	£6,494,816.00	£7,206,216.00	£711,400.00
Indicative funding allocation for 3 & 4 year old early years pupil premium (£s)	£192,840.00	£211,502.00	£18,662.00
Indicative funding allocation for 2 year old early years pupil premium (£s)	£0.00	£117,052.00	£117,052.00
Indicative funding allocation for under 2 year old early years pupil premium (£s)	£0.00	£5,853.00	£5,853.00
Funding allocation for 3 & 4 year old disability access fund (£s)	£125,856.00	£156,520.00	£30,664.00
Funding allocation for 2 year old disability access fund (£s)	£0.00	£50,050.00	£50,050.00
Funding allocation for under 2 year old disability access fund (£s)	£0.00	£15,470.00	£15,470.00
Indicative supplementary funding allocation for maintained nursery schools (£s)	£1,040,822.00	£1,221,153.00	£180,331.00
<b>Total early years block (£s)</b>	<b>£23,159,118.00</b>	<b>£37,101,887.00</b>	<b>£13,942,769.00</b>

## 7 Pupil Premium

7.1 Funding rates for the pupil premium in the financial year 2024-25 will increase by 1.9%. Rates for 2024-25 will be:

- Primary FSM6 pupils: £1,480
- Secondary FSM6 pupils: £1,050
- Looked-after children: £2,570.



- Children who have ceased to be looked after: £2,570.
- Service children: £340

7.2 Pupil premium allocations and conditions of grant for 2024-25 will be published by the DFE in spring 2024.

## **8 Other Grants**

8.1 Information about other grants for 2024-25 will be issued during 2024.

## **9 Recommendations for Schools Forum**

9.1 Schools Forum is asked to note the 2024-25 DSG Settlement figures for North Northamptonshire Council.

## **10 Next steps**

10.1 The LA will set the 2024-25 DSG Budgets based on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 DSG settlement.

## **11 Financial implications**

11.1 Schools need to be aware of all the latest funding allocated by the DFE so that they can make timely decisions with Schools Forum and their Governing Body.

## **12 Legal implications**

12.1 Schools funding is governed by The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2023. It is important to ensure decisions are made within the regulations set.

## **13 Risks**

13.1 There is the risk that Schools Forum may make financial decisions and recommendations that contravenes statutory regulations if Schools Forum is not kept up to date with all the developments and mandatory requirements surrounding DSG funding.

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# Agenda Item 6



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North Northamptonshire Schools Forum: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Agenda Item 6

2024-25 Schools Block Budgets

## Attachments:

**Appendix A - North Northamptonshire Area Cost Adjusted NFF funding factor values.**

**Appendix B – Comparison of 2024-25 with 2023-24 NFF Factor Values using Oct 2023 Census.**

**Appendix C – NNC's Draft 2024-25 Mainstream Schools Funding Formula Allocations Pending ESFA Validation and NNC Approval.**

## 1 Introduction

1.1 This report sets out the:

- 2024-25 Schools Block DSG Allocation for Schools Forum to note.
- Proposed 2024-25 Mainstream Primary and Secondary School Budgets for Schools Forum to agree to recommend to North Northamptonshire's Executive and Council for approval.
- Proposed Growth Fund Budget for Schools Forum to agree to recommend to North Northamptonshire's Executive and Council for approval.

## 2 Background

2.1 The October 2023 revised Provisional North Northamptonshire's Schools Block NFF funding for 2024-25 using the October 2022 census data estimated NNC's Schools Block DSG (Dedicated Schools Grant) total excluding growth at £283.129M.

2.2 NNC finance communicated to members the National Funding Formula updates on the Schools Block and the proposed funding formula during the School Forum Meeting in November 2023. Subsequently, a consultation was initiated with all schools in November 2023 to collect their feedback and opinions.

2.3 Pending the release of North Northamptonshire Council's 2024-25 DSG Settlement, Schools Forum at the December 2023 meeting have agreed the following proposals to run the mainstream schools funding formula:

- The adoption of the 2024-25 ACA adjusted National Funding Formula values to set the 2024-25 mainstream funding formula for schools and academies.
- The Minimum Funding Guarantee to be set at 0.5% (the maximum allowed), gains capped at 0.5% and scaled to 100%.

- To transfer 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2024-25.
- After which all remaining funding in the Schools Block will be allocated to the Growth Fund.
- The de-delegation of £3.79 per pupil for Trade Union Facilities Time and £12.78 per pupil for School Effectiveness and £22.48 for Insurance for Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools.

2.4 This report sets out the proposed budget plan and formula for 2024-25 in the context of the decisions already made by Schools Forum and the available funding.

2.5 Final decisions on the funding formula for schools are for the Executive and Council to determine in February 2024, but the proposals they will consider are the ones which Schools Forum have developed over the last few meetings. This report seeks Schools Forum's views on the final proposals before they are considered by the Executive and Council.

### **3 2024-25 Schools Block DSG Allocation**

3.1 The DfE announced the 2024-25 DSG Funding Settlement on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The LA also received an Authority Proforma Tool (APT) (the mechanism for calculating and reporting mainstream formula budgets for 2024-25), which reflected October 2023 pupil and other data. The LA must submit a completed APT by 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024, subject to political ratification to the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

3.2 **Table A** sets out the 2024-25 Schools Block DSG allocation compared against the 2023-24 DSG. There has been a decrease in the number of primary school pupils which has reduced by 14.5 pupils and an increase in secondary school pupils which has increased by 394.5 pupils in North Northamptonshire which is based on the October 2023 census.

3.3 Funding for premise costs including funding for National Non-Domestic Rates have increased by £282,189.

3.4 Funding for Pupil Growth has increased by £13,795.

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									Increase in funding due to pupil no. increase	£2,373,403.93

3.8 For the first time in 2024-25 local authorities will be required to provide growth funding where a school or academy has agreed with the local authority to provide an extra class to meet basic need in the area (either as a bulge class or as an ongoing commitment). As a minimum local authorities will have to provide funding to a level which is compliant with the following formula: **Primary growth factor value (£1,550) × number of pupils × ACA.**

3.9 The DFE have for the first time funded falling pupil roll as part of Growth Fund. North Northamptonshire’s Schools Forum can decide whether to operate a Falling Pupil Roll Fund. Local authorities that choose to operate a Falling Pupil Roll Fund will only be able to provide funding where **school capacity data 2022 (SCAP) shows that school places will be required in the subsequent three to five years (mandatory requirement)**. However as North Northamptonshire did not receive any Falling Pupil Roll Funding as part of Growth Fund in 2024-25 we are not recommending that a Falling Pupil Roll Fund is established in 2024-25.

3.10 **Table D** sets out the DFE’s calculation for the Growth Funding.

**Table D: Composition of the Growth Factor in the Schools Block 2024-25**

Sector	Eligible Growth	ACA	Rate (including ACA of 1.00341)	Allocation 2024-25
			£	£
Primary	318	1.003	£1,555.29	£494,580.71
Secondary	467.5	1.003	£2,327.91	£1,088,298.32
New school allocation				£76,454.81
<b>Total Growth Allocation 2024-25</b>				<b>£1,659,333.85</b>

#### **4 Setting the 2024-25 Primary and Secondary Schools Budget**

- 4.1 The National Funding Formula (NFF) factor values adjusted for North Northamptonshire Area Cost Adjustment of 1.00341 were used. The North Northamptonshire Area Cost Adjusted NFF funding factor values used are illustrated in **Appendix A** attached.
- 4.1 The recent opened Stanton Cross Primary Academy in September 2022 and Weldon Village Academy (new secondary academy) in September 2023 means the planned growth for 2024-25 is as follows:
- Stanton Cross Primary – 2 x Class of 30 pupils in Year R
  - Weldon Village Academy – 5 x Class of 30 pupils in Year 7
- 4.2 As the pupils for these schools have yet to arrive when October 2023 Census was collected, North Northamptonshire did not receive any funding in the Schools Block for these new pupils in the 2024-25 Schools Block DSG allocation. However, the ESFA expects NNC to build these two schools into NNC's Local Authority's Proforma Tool when setting the 2024-25 mainstream school budgets.
- 4.3 Applying Schools Forum December 2023 decisions to building the mainstream school's funding formula, Schools Forum is asked to:
- **Adopt the 2024-25 ACA adjusted National Funding Formula values in setting the 2024-25 mainstream funding formula for schools and academies for NNC.**
  - **Approve that the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) is set at 0.50% (the maximum allowed) with all increases capped at 0.50% and scaled at 100%.**
  - **Transfer 0.5% to the High Needs Block from the Schools Block.**
  - **Allocate the remainder to Growth Fund to address the growth and sufficiency issues in North Northamptonshire.**
- 4.4 The Minimum Funding Guarantee of 0.5% ensures every North Northamptonshire school and academy receives at least a 0.5% increase.
- 4.5 The proposed allocation of Schools Block funding for 2024-25 is in Table E below:

**Table E – Summary of Proposed Allocation of Schools Block Funding 2024-25**

Component	North Northamptonshire's Schools Block 2024/25
	£M
Basic Entitlement	216.715
Pupil Led Factors	47.896
School Led Factors	20.660
Additional funding to meet per pupil level funding	1.333
MFG Adjustment	-3.045
Total for distribution through funding formula	283.559
Amount set aside for Growth Fund	2.270
0.5% transferred to High Needs Block	1.436
Tennyson Road Infant School NNDR	0.012
<b>Total Schools Block 2024-25</b>	<b>287.277</b>

4.6 **Appendix B** shows the comparison of 2024-25 with 2023-24 NFF Factor Values using October 2023 census.

4.7 **Appendix C** is the proposed NNC's Draft 2024-25 Mainstream Schools Funding Formula allocations pending ESFA validation and North Northamptonshire Council's approval.

## 5 **Recommendations for Schools Forum**

5.1 Schools Forum is asked to note the contents of the report.

5.2 **Schools Forum is asked to:**

- a) **approve that the Minimum Funding Guarantee to be set at 0.5% (the maximum allowed) for 2024-25, all gains capped at 0.5% and scaled to 100%.**
- b) **approve the transfer of 0.5% to High Needs Block from the Schools Block which amounts to £1,436,386.**
- c) **approve the remainder of £2,269,846 to Growth Fund to address the growth and sufficiency issues in North Northamptonshire.**
- d) **approve the de-delegation of £3.79 per pupil for Trade Union Facilities Time, £12.78 per pupil for School Effectiveness and £22.48 for Insurance for Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools.**
- e) **identify any points they may wish to convey to Executive and Council as part of the 2024-25 DSG Budget setting process.**

## 6 **Next steps**

6.1 Decisions made by Schools Forum will be used to set North Northamptonshire's 2024-25 Mainstream Schools Funding Formula. This will then form the recommendation by



Schools Forum to North Northamptonshire’s Executive and Full Council. The ultimate decision of how North Northamptonshire’s 2024-25 Mainstream Schools Funding Formula is set is decided by North Northamptonshire’s Council at the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

## **7 Financial implications**

7.1 Schools need to be aware of the decisions made by Schools Forum so that they can advise the respective Governing Body in setting their Individual School Budgets.

## **8 Legal implications**

8.1 Schools funding is governed by The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2023. It is important to ensure decisions are made within the regulations set.

## **9 Risks**

9.1 Whilst there is the risk that the financial decision made by Schools Forum may be detrimental to a group of schools, the final decision would be in the interest of North Northamptonshire pupils overall.

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**NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA (NFF) AREA COST ADJUSTED (ACA) FACTOR VALUES**

NFF Funding Factors	North Northamptonshire's 2023-24 rates ACA adjusted 1.00329	North Northamptonshire's 2024-25 rates ACA adjusted 1.00341	Change	% Change
Minimum Per Pupil Funding Levels - Primary	£4,405.00	£4,610.00	£205.00	4.65%
Minimum Per Pupil Funding Levels - KS3	£5,503.00	£5,771.00	£268.00	4.87%
Minimum Per Pupil Funding Levels - KS4	£6,033.00	£6,331.00	£298.00	4.94%
Minimum Per Pupil Funding Levels - Secondary	£5,715.00	£5,995.00	£280.00	4.90%
<b>Basic Entitlement Funding</b>				
Primary basic entitlement	£3,405.17	£3,574.15	£168.98	4.96%
KS3 basic entitlement	£4,800.74	£5,039.13	£238.38	4.97%
KS4 basic entitlement	£5,410.74	£5,680.30	£269.56	4.98%
<b>Additional Needs Funding</b>				
Primary FSM	£481.58	£491.67	£10.09	2.10%
Secondary FSM	£481.58	£491.67	£10.09	2.10%
Primary FSM6	£707.32	£822.80	£115.48	16.33%
Secondary FSM6	£1,033.39	£1,204.09	£170.70	16.52%
Primary IDACI F	£230.76	£235.80	£5.04	2.19%
Primary IDACI E	£280.92	£285.97	£5.05	1.80%
Primary IDACI D	£441.45	£446.52	£5.07	1.15%
Primary IDACI C	£481.58	£486.65	£5.07	1.05%
Primary IDACI B	£511.68	£516.76	£5.08	0.99%
Primary IDACI A	£672.20	£682.32	£10.11	1.50%
Secondary IDACI F	£336.10	£341.16	£5.06	1.50%
Secondary IDACI E	£446.46	£451.53	£5.07	1.14%
Secondary IDACI D	£622.04	£632.15	£10.11	1.63%
Secondary IDACI C	£682.24	£692.35	£10.12	1.48%
Secondary IDACI B	£732.40	£742.52	£10.12	1.38%
Secondary IDACI A	£933.06	£948.22	£15.16	1.63%
Primary EAL	£581.91	£592.01	£10.10	1.74%
Secondary EAL	£1,570.15	£1,590.40	£20.26	1.29%
Primary LPA	£1,158.80	£1,173.99	£15.19	1.31%
Secondary LPA	£1,755.76	£1,781.05	£25.30	1.44%
Primary mobility	£948.11	£963.27	£15.16	1.60%
Secondary mobility	£1,364.47	£1,384.71	£20.23	1.48%
<b>School Led Funding</b>				
Primary lump sum	£128,421.12	£134,858.30	£6,437.18	5.01%
Secondary lump sum	£128,421.12	£134,858.30	£6,437.18	5.01%
Primary sparsity	£56,485.23	£57,294.71	£809.48	1.43%
Secondary sparsity	£82,169.45	£83,283.03	£1,113.58	1.36%
Middle-school sparsity	£82,169.45	£83,283.03	£1,113.58	1.36%
All-through sparsity	£82,169.45	£83,283.03	£1,113.58	1.36%
Split sites basic eligibility funding		£53,883.12	£53,883.12	
Split sites distance funding		£26,991.73	£26,991.73	
London fringe	1.0000	1.0000		
PFI (RPIX) %	11.20%	10.40%		
<b>MFG</b>	<b>0% - 0.5%</b>	<b>0% - 0.5%</b>		

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Comparison of 2024-25 NFF values with October 2023 pupil numbers and pupil characteristics with 2023-24 NF values with October 2023 pupil numbers and pupil characteristics

Area Cost Adjustment for North Northamptonshire

ACA 1.00341

Factor type	Factor	2024-25 NFF Value Primary	2024-25 NFF Value Secondary	2024-25 Units Primary	2024-25 Units Secondary	NNC's Local Formula 2024-25 £'000
Age-Weighted Pupil Unit	Primary (Years R-6)	£3,574.15		29,582.00		£105,730
Age-Weighted Pupil Unit	Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)		£5,039.13		12,810.50	£64,554
Age-Weighted Pupil Unit	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)		£5,680.30		8,174.00	£46,431
Deprivation	FSM	£491.67	£491.67	5,896.12	4,453.64	£5,089
Deprivation	FSM6	£822.80	£1,204.09	6,033.63	4,749.46	£10,683
Deprivation	IDACI Band F	£235.80	£341.16	1,985.43	1,453.60	£964
Deprivation	IDACI Band E	£285.97	£451.53	4,287.07	2,904.58	£2,537
Deprivation	IDACI Band D	£446.52	£632.15	1,745.45	1,191.69	£1,533
Deprivation	IDACI Band C	£474.49	£692.35	1,119.21	839.25	£1,112
Deprivation	IDACI Band B	£503.84	£742.52	1,264.76	950.05	£1,343
Deprivation	IDACI Band A	£665.26	£948.22	626.64	483.29	£875
English as an Additional Language	EAL 3 Primary	£592.01		3,417.86		£2,023
English as an Additional Language	EAL 3 Secondary		£1,590.40		609.47	£969
Mobility	Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£963.27	£1,384.71	424.78	104.51	£554
Prior Attainment	Primary Low Attainment		£1,173.99	32.17%	9,516.37	£11,172
Prior Attainment	Secondary low attainment (year 7)	55.77%		23.80%		
Prior Attainment	Secondary low attainment (year 8)	54.47%		23.15%		
Prior Attainment	Secondary low attainment (year 9)	54.47%	£1,781.05	23.08%	5,076.19	£9,041
Prior Attainment	Secondary low attainment (year 10)	64.53%		25.46%		
Prior Attainment	Secondary low attainment (year 11)	64.53%		25.56%		
<b>Sub-total pupil driven funding</b>						<b>£264,611</b>

2023-24 Value Primary	2023-24 Value Secondary	Comparison if 2023-24 local formula values are used to distribute the same amount £'000	Difference £'000
£3,405.17		£100,732	£4,999
	£4,800.74	£61,500	£3,054
	£5,410.74	£44,227	£2,203
£481.58	£481.58	£4,984	£104
£707.32	£1,033.39	£9,176	£1,507
£230.76	£336.10	£947	£17
£280.92	£446.46	£2,501	£36
£441.45	£622.04	£1,512	£21
£481.58	£682.24	£1,112	£1
£511.68	£732.40	£1,343	(£)
£672.20	£933.06	£872	£3
£581.91		£1,989	£35
	£1,570.15	£957	£12
£948.11	£1,364.47	£545	£9
	£1,158.80	£11,028	£145
54.47%			
64.53%			
64.53%	£1,755.76	£8,913	£128
64.53%			
63.59%			
		<b>£252,337</b>	<b>£12,274</b>

Premises	Lump Sum	£134,858.30	£134,858.30	£17,801
Premises	Sparsity	£57,294.71	£83,283.03	£766
Premises	Split Sites			£81
Premises	Rates			£2,012
<b>Sub-total school factors driven funding</b>				<b>£20,660</b>

£128,421.12	£128,421.12	£17,027	£775
£56,485.23	£82,169.45	£682	£84
		£75	£6
		£1,742	£270
		<b>£19,525</b>	<b>£1,135</b>

Set MFG is 0.5%, transfer 0.5% to High Needs Block and leave the remainder in Growth Fund			
Additional funding to meet per pupil level funding			£1,333
Budget with Minimum Funding Guarantee	MFG at 0.5%		£49
Capped at 0.5% and Scaled 100%			(£3,094)
Growth Fund	£2,269,846.17		£2,270
Transfer to High Needs Block (0.5%)	£1,436,386		£1,436
Tennyson Road Infant School NNDR			£12
<b>GRAND TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET with £1,160m transferred to High Needs Block</b>			<b>£287,277</b>

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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S DRAFT 2024-25 MAINTREAM SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA ALLOCATIONS PENDING ESFA VALIDATION CHECKS AND NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL APPROVAL

LAESTAB	School Name	Phase	Type	Total Number On Roll for 2024-25	Number On Roll in Primary for 2024-25	Number On Roll in Secondary for 2024-25	Basic Entitlement Total	AEN Total	School Factors Total	Total Allocation	Minimum per pupil funding: additional funding to meet the primary minimum funding level	Minimum per pupil funding: additional funding to meet the secondary minimum funding level	MFG % change	MFG Value adjustment	24-25 MFG Adjustment	24-25 Post MFG Budget	24-25 Post MFG per pupil Budget	De-delegation
<b>2024-25 Total</b>				<b>50,567</b>	<b>29,582</b>	<b>20,985</b>	<b>£216,714,915</b>	<b>£47,895,799</b>	<b>£20,659,679</b>	<b>£285,270,392</b>	<b>£1,152,402</b>	<b>£180,481</b>			<b>-£3,044,699</b>	<b>£283,558,576</b>		<b>-£355,980</b>
9402082	Alfred Lord Tennyson School-2 sites (Tennyson Rd and Alfred St)	Primary	Maintained School	125.00	125.00	0.00	£446,768.30	£157,627.65	£148,830.30	£753,226.26	£0.00	£0.00	1.05%	-0.55%	-£3,270.72	£749,955.54	£5,999.64	-£4,881.25
9403070	All Saints CEVA Primary School and Nursery	Primary	Maintained School	212.00	212.00	0.00	£757,719.04	£186,936.37	£138,043.10	£1,082,698.51	£0.00	£0.00	3.26%	-2.76%	-£25,289.87	£1,057,408.63	£4,987.78	-£8,278.60
9402217	Barton Seagrave Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	630.00	630.00	0.00	£2,251,712.23	£269,178.00	£191,895.30	£2,712,785.53	£248,551.47	£0.00	1.59%	-1.09%	£0.00	£2,961,337.00	£4,700.53	-£24,601.50
9402030	Beanfield Primary School	Primary	Academy	675.00	675.00	0.00	£2,412,548.82	£791,956.79	£141,938.10	£3,346,443.71	£0.00	£0.00	2.44%	-1.94%	-£60,787.94	£3,285,655.77	£4,867.64	£0.00
9404601	Bishop Stopford School	Secondary	Academy	1,084.00	0.00	1,084.00	£5,738,759.65	£444,480.79	£170,954.30	£6,354,194.74	£0.00	£180,481.26	1.54%	-1.04%	£0.00	£6,534,676.00	£6,028.30	£0.00
9402004	Bozeat Community Primary School	Primary	Academy	116.00	116.00	0.00	£414,600.98	£61,233.55	£162,909.19	£638,743.73	£0.00	£0.00	2.14%	-1.64%	-£7,647.64	£631,096.09	£5,440.48	£0.00
9402222	Brambleside Primary School	Primary	Academy	413.00	413.00	0.00	£1,476,122.46	£213,449.83	£144,520.30	£1,834,092.60	£79,499.40	£0.00	1.57%	-1.07%	£0.00	£1,913,592.00	£4,633.39	£0.00
9403200	Brigstock Latham's Church of England Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	88.00	88.00	0.00	£314,524.88	£45,154.55	£189,860.18	£549,539.61	£0.00	£0.00	1.00%	-0.50%	-£1,765.27	£547,774.34	£6,224.71	-£3,436.40
9406907	Brooke Weston Academy	Secondary	Academy	929.00	0.00	929.00	£4,920,506.89	£757,931.86	£188,618.30	£5,867,057.06	£0.00	£0.00	2.54%	-2.04%	-£113,123.03	£5,753,934.03	£6,193.69	£0.00
9402007	Broughton Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	206.00	206.00	0.00	£736,274.16	£125,442.65	£154,656.30	£1,016,373.11	£0.00	£0.00	1.59%	-1.09%	-£9,233.97	£1,007,139.14	£4,889.02	-£8,044.30
9402201	Compass Primary Academy	Primary	Academy	388.00	388.00	0.00	£1,386,768.80	£497,427.35	£145,507.90	£2,029,704.06	£0.00	£0.00	2.72%	-2.22%	-£40,678.77	£1,989,025.29	£5,126.35	£0.00
9406906	Corby Business Academy	Secondary	Academy	1,041.00	0.00	1,041.00	£5,504,765.44	£1,072,563.66	£209,610.30	£6,786,939.41	£0.00	£0.00	1.94%	-1.44%	-£92,974.91	£6,693,964.50	£6,430.32	£0.00
9402019	Corby Old Village Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	206.00	206.00	0.00	£736,274.16	£230,846.37	£137,297.10	£1,104,417.64	£0.00	£0.00	4.66%	-4.16%	-£38,457.31	£1,065,960.33	£5,174.56	-£8,044.30
9402111	Corby Primary Academy	Primary	Academy	420.00	420.00	0.00	£1,501,141.49	£253,790.30	£149,034.50	£1,903,966.29	£46,409.91	£0.00	1.49%	-0.99%	£0.00	£1,950,376.20	£4,643.75	£0.00
9404003	Corby Technical School	Secondary	Academy	905.00	0.00	905.00	£4,797,644.36	£979,678.37	£174,872.30	£5,952,195.03	£0.00	£0.00	1.93%	-1.43%	-£81,121.23	£5,871,073.80	£6,487.37	£0.00
9403017	Cottingham CofE Primary School Academy Trust	Primary	Academy	137.00	137.00	0.00	£489,658.06	£69,470.25	£143,889.55	£703,017.86	£0.00	£0.00	2.32%	-1.82%	-£9,927.71	£693,090.16	£5,059.05	£0.00
9403018	Cranford CofE Primary School	Primary	Academy	99.00	99.00	0.00	£353,840.49	£35,418.72	£176,099.13	£565,358.35	£0.00	£0.00	3.96%	-3.46%	-£12,952.58	£552,405.77	£5,579.86	£0.00
9402231	Croyland Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	416.00	416.00	0.00	£1,486,844.90	£575,768.47	£168,001.30	£2,230,614.67	£0.00	£0.00	1.88%	-1.38%	-£27,869.10	£2,202,745.57	£5,295.06	-£16,244.80
9402194	Danesholme Infant Academy	Primary	Academy	206.00	206.00	0.00	£736,274.16	£272,948.57	£139,696.50	£1,148,919.23	£0.00	£0.00	2.82%	-2.32%	-£22,727.02	£1,126,192.22	£5,466.95	£0.00
9402178	Danesholme Junior Academy	Primary	Academy	353.00	353.00	0.00	£1,261,673.68	£404,149.96	£141,719.10	£1,807,542.74	£0.00	£0.00	1.66%	-1.16%	-£19,064.98	£1,788,477.77	£5,066.51	£0.00
9402206	Denfield Park Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	400.00	400.00	0.00	£1,429,658.56	£377,603.24	£187,082.30	£1,994,344.10	£0.00	£0.00	3.06%	-2.56%	-£44,863.29	£1,949,480.81	£4,873.70	-£15,620.00
9402145	Earls Barton Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	450.00	450.00	0.00	£1,608,365.88	£243,777.19	£175,818.30	£2,027,961.38	£87,498.62	£0.00	1.15%	-0.65%	£0.00	£2,115,460.00	£4,701.02	-£17,572.50
9402200	Ecton Village Primary School	Primary	Academy	58.00	58.00	0.00	£207,300.49	£66,199.46	£137,028.90	£410,528.85	£0.00	£0.00	3.00%	-2.50%	-£6,629.82	£403,899.03	£6,963.78	£0.00
9402144	Exeter A Learning Community Academy	Primary	Academy	428.00	428.00	0.00	£1,529,734.66	£668,871.37	£146,584.90	£2,345,190.94	£0.00	£0.00	3.33%	-2.83%	-£60,130.91	£2,285,060.02	£5,338.93	£0.00
9402097	Finedon Infant School	Primary	Academy	144.00	144.00	0.00	£514,677.08	£135,176.77	£137,985.70	£787,839.55	£0.00	£0.00	1.89%	-1.39%	-£8,858.02	£778,981.53	£5,409.59	£0.00
9403346	Finedon Mulso Church of England Junior School	Primary	Academy	195.00	195.00	0.00	£696,958.55	£179,543.98	£137,698.90	£1,014,201.43	£0.00	£0.00	1.87%	-1.37%	-£11,777.05	£1,002,424.38	£5,140.64	£0.00
9403073	Freemans Endowed Church of England Junior Academy	Primary	Academy	237.00	237.00	0.00	£847,072.70	£188,690.60	£138,186.70	£1,173,950.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.57%	-0.07%	-£678.59	£1,173,271.41	£4,950.51	£0.00
9403030	Geddington Church of England Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	194.00	194.00	0.00	£693,384.40	£86,818.10	£153,078.30	£933,280.81	£0.00	£0.00	2.15%	-1.65%	-£12,618.26	£920,662.55	£4,745.68	-£7,575.70
9403031	Glapthorn Church of England Primary School	Primary	Academy	74.00	74.00	0.00	£264,486.83	£24,162.71	£194,362.42	£483,011.96	£0.00	£0.00	1.61%	-1.11%	-£3,150.09	£479,861.87	£6,484.62	£0.00
9402103	Grange Primary Academy	Primary	Academy	207.00	207.00	0.00	£739,848.30	£326,797.91	£138,525.90	£1,205,172.12	£0.00	£0.00	3.17%	-2.67%	-£27,592.46	£1,177,579.66	£5,688.79	£0.00
9403316	Great Addington CofE Primary School	Primary	Academy	87.00	87.00	0.00	£310,950.74	£47,622.31	£183,399.14	£541,972.19	£0.00	£0.00	5.39%	-4.89%	-£16,642.35	£525,329.84	£6,038.27	£0.00
9402041	Great Doddington Primary	Primary	Maintained School	130.00	130.00	0.00	£464,639.03	£85,774.50	£144,661.93	£695,075.46	£0.00	£0.00	2.72%	-2.22%	-£11,903.38	£683,172.08	£5,255.17	-£5,076.50
9402139	Greenfields Primary School and Nursery	Primary	Academy	403.00	403.00	0.00	£1,440,381.00	£435,579.87	£141,885.90	£2,017,846.77	£0.00	£0.00	-0.16%	0.66%	£12,388.64	£2,030,235.42	£5,037.81	£0.00
9403033	Grendon Church of England Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	105.00	105.00	0.00	£375,285.37	£38,939.91	£177,118.04	£591,343.32	£0.00	£0.00	2.39%	-1.89%	-£7,656.34	£583,686.99	£5,558.92	-£4,100.25
9402043	Gretton Primary Academy	Primary	Academy	140.00	140.00	0.00	£500,380.50	£50,171.03	£145,338.81	£695,890.33	£0.00	£0.00	2.19%	-1.69%	-£9,095.30	£686,795.04	£4,905.68	£0.00
9402227	Hall Meadow Primary School	Primary	Academy	208.00	208.00	0.00	£743,422.45	£108,320.23	£140,750.10	£992,492.78	£0.00	£0.00	3.15%	-2.65%	-£21,855.64	£970,637.14	£4,666.52	£0.00
9402028	Havelock Infant School	Primary	Academy	220.00	220.00	0.00	£786,312.21	£139,436.90	£138,215.30	£1,063,964.41	£0.00	£0.00	2.00%	-1.50%	-£13,600.97	£1,050,363.44	£4,774.38	£0.00
9402027	Havelock Junior School	Primary	Academy	332.00	332.00	0.00	£1,186,616.60	£189,183.79	£140,293.70	£1,516,094.10	£19,861.30	£0.00	1.15%	-0.65%	£0.00	£1,535,955.40	£4,626.37	£0.00
9402057	Hawthorn Community Primary School	Primary	Academy	307.00	307.00	0.00	£1,097,262.94	£260,610.00	£139,334.30	£1,497,207.25	£0.00	£0.00	2.40%	-1.90%	-£25,224.39	£1,471,982.86	£4,794.73	£0.00
9402180	Hayfield Cross CofE School	Primary	Maintained School	416.00	416.00	0.00	£1,486,844.90	£179,020.37	£136,533.90	£1,802,399.18	£117,036.42	£0.00	1.70%	-1.20%	£0.00	£1,919,435.60	£4,614.03	-£16,244.80
9402173	Hazel Leys Academy	Primary	Academy	208.00	208.00	0.00	£743,422.45	£263,024.73	£139,506.10	£1,145,953.28	£0.00	£0.00	1.50%	-1.00%	-£9,903.16	£1,136,050.12	£5,461.78	£0.00
9402230	Henry Chichele Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	402.00	402.00	0.00	£1,436,806.85	£239,907.45	£193,226.30	£1,869,940.61	£41,647.39	£0.00	1.47%	-0.97%	£0.00	£1,911,588.00	£4,755.19	-£15,698.10
9402048	Higham Ferrers Junior School	Primary	Maintained School	320.00	320.00	0.00	£1,143,726.85	£230,127.90	£171,392.30	£1,545,247.05	£0.00	£0.00	1.78%	-1.28%	-£17,260.46	£1,527,986.59	£4,774.96	-£12,496.00
9402140	Higham Ferrers Nursery and Infant School	Primary	Maintained School	230.00	230.00	0.00	£822,053.67	£168,373.52	£148,830.30	£1,139,257.49	£0.00	£0.00	1.72%	-1.22%	-£11,902.77	£1,127,354.72	£4,901.54	-£8,981.50
9404000	Huxlow Academy	Secondary	Academy	768.00	0.00	768.00	£4,081,637.07	£852,629.57	£156,771.90	£5,091,038.55	£0.00	£0.00	0.82%	-0.32%	-£15,652.49	£5,075,386.06	£6,608.58	£0.00
9402232	Irchester Community Primary School	Primary	Academy	352.00	352.00	0.00	£1,258,099.53	£294,002.10										

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9403042	Loddington CofE (VA) Primary School	Primary	Academy	92.00	92.00	0.00	£328,821.47	£55,318.10	£179,847.78	£563,987.35	£0.00	£0.00	-0.49%	0.99%	£3,819.74	£567,807.09	£6,171.82	£0.00
9404009	Lodge Park Academy	Secondary	Academy	923.00	0.00	923.00	£4,890,272.14	£1,573,603.20	£164,042.30	£6,627,917.64	£0.00	£0.00	2.59%	-2.09%	£-131,966.22	£6,495,951.42	£7,037.87	£0.00
9405406	Manor School	Secondary	Academy	870.00	0.00	870.00	£4,611,657.30	£756,764.77	£162,506.30	£5,530,928.37	£0.00	£0.00	2.31%	-1.81%	£-94,826.54	£5,436,101.83	£6,248.39	£0.00
9402029	Mawsley Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	278.00	278.00	0.00	£993,612.70	£168,627.00	£190,666.30	£1,352,906.01	£0.00	£0.00	1.20%	-0.70%	£-8,003.86	£1,344,902.15	£4,837.78	£-10,855.90
9402144	Meadowside Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	390.00	390.00	0.00	£1,393,917.10	£290,059.38	£158,810.30	£1,842,786.78	£0.00	£0.00	3.17%	-2.67%	£-20,934.78	£1,821,852.00	£4,671.42	£-15,229.50
9402207	Mears Ashby Church of England Primary School	Primary	Academy	82.00	82.00	0.00	£293,080.00	£66,012.50	£171,571.84	£530,664.34	£0.00	£0.00	5.41%	-4.91%	£-16,717.45	£513,946.89	£6,267.65	£0.00
9405206	Millbrook Infant School	Primary	Maintained School	252.00	252.00	0.00	£900,684.89	£149,059.26	£140,439.10	£1,190,183.26	£0.00	£0.00	2.30%	-1.80%	£-18,518.78	£1,171,664.47	£4,649.46	£-9,840.60
9405207	Millbrook Junior School	Primary	Maintained School	409.00	409.00	0.00	£1,461,825.88	£196,292.62	£140,131.90	£1,798,250.41	£92,513.19	£0.00	0.64%	-0.14%	£0.00	£1,890,763.60	£4,622.89	£-15,971.45
9404015	Montsaye Academy	Secondary	Academy	992.00	0.00	992.00	£5,219,377.58	£1,059,795.75	£173,514.30	£6,452,687.63	£0.00	£0.00	2.13%	-1.63%	£-100,332.27	£6,352,355.36	£6,403.58	£0.00
9402072	Nassington Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	79.00	79.00	0.00	£282,357.57	£41,697.62	£199,489.72	£523,544.91	£0.00	£0.00	0.26%	0.24%	£779.20	£524,324.11	£6,637.01	£-3,084.95
9402236	Newton Road School	Primary	Academy	239.00	239.00	0.00	£854,220.99	£298,768.90	£138,502.30	£1,291,492.19	£0.00	£0.00	1.68%	-1.18%	£-13,340.12	£1,278,152.07	£5,347.92	£0.00
9403513	Oakley Vale Primary School	Primary	Academy	417.00	417.00	0.00	£1,490,419.05	£217,961.35	£148,588.10	£1,856,968.51	£79,131.29	£0.00	1.51%	-1.01%	£0.00	£1,936,099.80	£4,642.93	£0.00
9402163	Oakway Academy	Primary	Academy	569.00	569.00	0.00	£2,033,689.30	£818,255.89	£146,224.70	£2,998,169.90	£0.00	£0.00	1.59%	-1.09%	£-30,533.60	£2,967,636.30	£5,215.53	£0.00
9402242	Olympic Primary	Primary	Academy	355.00	355.00	0.00	£1,268,821.97	£506,230.03	£144,752.50	£1,919,804.51	£0.00	£0.00	2.14%	-1.64%	£-28,562.33	£1,891,242.18	£5,327.44	£0.00
9403048	Oundle Church of England Primary School	Primary	Academy	342.00	342.00	0.00	£1,222,358.07	£208,950.94	£141,588.70	£1,572,897.71	£10,452.69	£0.00	0.41%	0.09%	£1,239.21	£1,584,589.61	£4,633.30	£0.00
9403509	Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Primary School	Primary	Academy	383.00	383.00	0.00	£1,368,898.07	£409,635.28	£139,800.70	£1,918,334.06	£0.00	£0.00	-0.41%	0.91%	£16,230.93	£1,934,564.98	£5,051.08	£0.00
9402246	Our Lady's Catholic Primary School	Primary	Academy	346.00	346.00	0.00	£1,236,654.65	£375,461.29	£140,131.90	£1,752,247.85	£0.00	£0.00	2.99%	-2.49%	£-38,928.07	£1,713,319.79	£4,951.79	£0.00
9402099	Park Junior School, Wellingborough	Primary	Academy	242.00	242.00	0.00	£864,943.43	£234,934.54	£152,504.30	£1,252,382.27	£0.00	£0.00	0.27%	0.23%	£2,554.73	£1,254,937.00	£5,185.69	£0.00
9403051	Polebrook Church of England Primary School	Primary	Academy	80.00	80.00	0.00	£285,931.71	£57,413.53	£189,399.57	£532,744.81	£0.00	£0.00	7.79%	-7.29%	£-23,220.05	£509,524.76	£6,369.06	£0.00
9404016	Prince William School	Secondary	Academy	1,139.00	0.00	1,139.00	£6,002,446.77	£763,420.19	£174,282.30	£6,940,149.26	£0.00	£0.00	1.36%	-0.86%	£-57,213.12	£6,882,936.14	£6,042.96	£0.00
9404003	Priors Hall - A Learning Community	Primary	Academy	415.00	415.00	0.00	£1,483,270.76	£264,469.81	£159,030.30	£1,906,770.87	£30,551.13	£0.00	2.02%	-1.52%	£0.00	£1,937,322.00	£4,686.25	£0.00
9403333	Pytchley Endowed Church of England Primary School	Primary	Academy	73.00	73.00	0.00	£260,912.69	£64,742.86	£193,331.82	£518,987.36	£0.00	£0.00	5.48%	-4.98%	£-15,381.81	£503,605.55	£6,898.71	£0.00
9404077	Raunds Park Infant School	Primary	Academy	164.00	164.00	0.00	£586,160.01	£110,899.87	£137,067.70	£834,127.59	£0.00	£0.00	3.40%	-2.90%	£-19,537.51	£814,590.08	£4,967.01	£0.00
9402215	Redwell Primary School	Primary	Academy	626.00	626.00	0.00	£2,237,415.65	£378,314.30	£146,940.30	£2,762,670.25	£135,271.75	£0.00	1.54%	-1.04%	£0.00	£2,897,942.00	£4,629.30	£0.00
9403053	Ringstead Church of England Primary School	Primary	Academy	126.00	126.00	0.00	£450,342.45	£99,682.47	£152,506.66	£702,531.57	£0.00	£0.00	3.07%	-2.57%	£-13,692.84	£688,838.73	£5,466.97	£0.00
9402109	Rockingham Primary School	Primary	Academy	381.00	381.00	0.00	£1,361,749.78	£403,335.99	£139,812.50	£1,904,898.27	£0.00	£0.00	1.91%	-1.41%	£-24,361.36	£1,880,536.92	£4,935.79	£0.00
9402080	Rothwell Junior School	Primary	Academy	350.00	350.00	0.00	£1,250,951.24	£319,436.44	£141,888.70	£1,712,276.39	£0.00	£0.00	1.72%	-1.22%	£-18,877.20	£1,693,399.18	£4,838.28	£0.00
9402081	Rothwell Victoria Infant School	Primary	Academy	237.00	237.00	0.00	£847,072.70	£240,906.22	£140,160.70	£1,228,139.62	£0.00	£0.00	4.10%	-3.60%	£-37,641.27	£1,190,498.35	£5,023.20	£0.00
9404027	Rushden Academy	Secondary	Academy	797.00	0.00	797.00	£4,216,871.65	£858,444.78	£158,103.10	£5,233,419.53	£0.00	£0.00	0.82%	-0.32%	£-16,220.92	£5,217,198.61	£6,546.05	£0.00
9402167	Rushden Primary Academy	Primary	Academy	389.00	389.00	0.00	£1,390,342.95	£230,016.86	£141,634.10	£1,761,993.92	£38,071.88	£0.00	1.69%	-1.19%	£0.00	£1,800,065.80	£4,627.42	£0.00
9402088	Rushton Primary School	Primary	Academy	97.00	97.00	0.00	£346,692.20	£55,779.28	£178,231.63	£580,703.11	£0.00	£0.00	2.65%	-2.15%	£-8,420.23	£572,282.89	£5,899.82	£0.00
9402241	Ruskin Academy	Primary	Academy	267.00	267.00	0.00	£954,297.09	£399,407.85	£141,087.90	£1,494,792.84	£0.00	£0.00	3.34%	-2.84%	£-37,266.07	£1,457,526.77	£5,458.90	£0.00
9402128	Ruskin Infant School	Primary	Academy	137.00	137.00	0.00	£489,658.06	£180,758.14	£139,449.10	£809,865.30	£0.00	£0.00	3.15%	-2.65%	£-17,226.01	£792,639.29	£5,785.69	£0.00
9405409	Sir Christopher Hatton Academy	Secondary	Academy	1,253.00	0.00	1,253.00	£6,633,971.95	£1,140,212.12	£174,282.30	£7,948,466.37	£0.00	£0.00	0.97%	-0.47%	£-35,879.81	£7,912,586.57	£6,314.91	£0.00
9402086	South End Infant School	Primary	Maintained School	244.00	244.00	0.00	£872,091.72	£200,546.24	£153,695.30	£1,226,333.27	£0.00	£0.00	2.95%	-2.45%	£-25,570.42	£1,200,762.84	£4,921.16	£-9,528.20
9402130	South End Junior School	Primary	Maintained School	346.00	346.00	0.00	£1,236,654.65	£209,271.61	£170,805.30	£1,616,731.57	£14,275.43	£0.00	1.09%	-0.59%	£0.00	£1,631,007.00	£4,713.89	£-13,511.30
9405400	Southfield School for Girls	Secondary	Academy	950.00	0.00	950.00	£5,041,075.63	£858,203.67	£168,650.30	£6,067,929.61	£0.00	£0.00	3.51%	-3.01%	£-17,713.09	£5,896,216.52	£6,206.54	£0.00
9402159	St Andrew's Church of England Primary School	Primary	Academy	317.00	317.00	0.00	£1,133,004.41	£352,385.33	£140,897.50	£1,626,287.25	£0.00	£0.00	2.09%	-1.59%	£-23,162.30	£1,603,124.94	£5,057.18	£0.00
9402168	St Barnabas Church of England School	Primary	Academy	166.00	166.00	0.00	£593,308.30	£196,720.12	£137,328.30	£927,356.72	£0.00	£0.00	3.21%	-2.71%	£-20,752.18	£906,604.54	£5,461.47	£0.00
9402179	St Brendan's Catholic Primary School	Primary	Academy	299.00	299.00	0.00	£1,068,669.77	£279,027.29	£143,025.70	£1,490,722.77	£0.00	£0.00	2.30%	-1.80%	£-23,662.59	£1,467,060.18	£4,906.56	£0.00
9403408	St Edward's Catholic Primary School	Primary	Academy	192.00	192.00	0.00	£686,236.11	£176,661.88	£138,301.50	£1,001,199.49	£0.00	£0.00	1.18%	-0.68%	£-5,780.58	£995,418.91	£5,184.47	£0.00
9403322	St Mary's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School	Primary	Academy	263.00	263.00	0.00	£940,000.50	£370,557.62	£141,529.90	£1,452,088.02	£0.00	£0.00	2.69%	-2.19%	£-27,965.70	£1,424,122.33	£5,414.91	£0.00
9403406	St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corby	Primary	Maintained School	208.00	208.00	0.00	£743,422.45	£169,090.34	£138,775.50	£1,051,288.30	£0.00	£0.00	1.21%	-0.71%	£-6,414.29	£1,044,874.01	£5,023.43	£-8,122.40
9402120	St Peter's Church of England Academy	Primary	Academy	218.00	218.00	0.00	£779,163.92	£172,730.14	£140,336.70	£1,092,230.76	£0.00	£0.00	4.23%	-3.73%	£-34,049.33	£1,058,181.43	£4,854.04	£0.00
9403502	St Thomas More Catholic Primary School	Primary	Academy	218.00	218.00	0.00	£779,163.92	£117,119.43	£138,358.70	£1,034,642.05	£0.00	£0.00	2.07%	-1.57%	£-13,756.99	£1,020,885.06	£4,629.02	£0.00
9402243	St. Marys CofE Primary School	Primary	Academy	279.00	279.00	0.00	£997,186.85	£262,746.51	£138,276.50	£1,398,209.86	£0.00	£0.00	2.40%	-1.90%	£-23,356.34	£1,374,853.52	£4,927.79	£0.00
9405210	Stanion Church of England (Aided) Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	107.00	107.00	0.00	£382,433.66	£31										



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9402240	Warwick Academy	Primary	Academy	262.00	262.00	0.00	£936,426.36	£373,542.26	£140,160.70	£1,450,129.32	£0.00	£0.00	4.47%	-3.97%	-£49,779.83	£1,400,349.49	£5,344.85	£0.00
9404012	Weavers Academy	Secondary	Academy	1,168.00	0.00	1,168.00	£6,188,334.49	£1,712,179.61	£162,053.30	£8,062,567.40	£0.00	£0.00	0.52%	-0.02%	-£1,779.98	£8,060,787.42	£6,901.36	£0.00
9403068	Weldon Church of England Primary School	Primary	Academy	203.00	203.00	0.00	£725,551.72	£87,752.52	£138,301.50	£951,605.74	£0.00	£0.00	0.61%	-0.11%	-£863.46	£950,742.28	£4,683.46	£0.00
9404001	Weldon Village Academy	Secondary	Academy	193.50	0.00	193.50	£975,070.69	£188,616.04	£167,130.48	£1,330,817.20	£0.00	£0.00	7.32%	0.00%	£0.00	£1,330,817.20	£6,877.61	£0.00
9402155	Whitefriars Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	408.00	408.00	0.00	£1,458,251.73	£322,018.87	£169,930.30	£1,950,200.90	£0.00	£0.00	2.21%	-1.71%	-£29,743.52	£1,920,457.38	£4,707.00	-£15,932.40
9403082	Wilbarston Church of England Primary School	Primary	Academy	80.00	80.00	0.00	£285,931.71	£28,681.72	£190,260.17	£504,873.60	£0.00	£0.00	1.54%	-1.04%	-£3,212.28	£501,661.32	£6,270.77	£0.00
9403345	Wilby Church of England Primary School	Primary	Maintained School	87.00	87.00	0.00	£310,950.74	£66,053.22	£136,403.90	£513,407.86	£0.00	£0.00	1.44%	-0.94%	-£3,482.67	£509,925.19	£5,861.21	-£3,397.35
9402098	Windmill Primary School	Primary	Academy	384.00	384.00	0.00	£1,372,472.22	£282,292.69	£140,382.30	£1,795,147.21	£0.00	£0.00	2.13%	-1.63%	-£19,383.21	£1,775,764.00	£4,624.39	£0.00
9402104	Wollaston Primary School	Primary	Academy	264.00	264.00	0.00	£943,574.65	£166,170.44	£143,165.30	£1,252,910.40	£0.00	£0.00	1.12%	-0.62%	-£6,777.21	£1,246,133.18	£4,720.20	£0.00
9404038	Wollaston School	Secondary	Academy	1,198.00	0.00	1,198.00	£6,340,149.42	£928,982.33	£171,978.30	£7,441,110.05	£0.00	£0.00	2.17%	-1.67%	-£118,866.61	£7,322,243.45	£6,112.06	£0.00
9403084	Woodford Church of England Primary School	Primary	Academy	91.00	91.00	0.00	£325,247.32	£36,423.09	£153,783.59	£515,454.00	£0.00	£0.00	-1.31%	1.81%	£6,616.22	£522,070.22	£5,737.04	£0.00
9405208	Woodnewton- A Learning Community	Primary	Academy	727.00	727.00	0.00	£2,598,404.43	£735,842.43	£147,043.90	£3,481,290.77	£0.00	£0.00	2.90%	-2.40%	-£77,825.12	£3,403,465.65	£4,681.52	£0.00
9404014	Wrenn School	Secondary	Academy	1,294.00	0.00	1,294.00	£6,850,834.94	£1,870,524.58	£252,579.75	£8,973,939.27	£0.00	£0.00	1.10%	-0.60%	-£52,328.94	£8,921,610.32	£6,894.60	£0.00

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## North Northamptonshire Schools Forum: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Agenda Item 7

#### 2024-25 Central School Services Block Budgets

## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report aims to provide Schools Forum the Local Authority's proposals for central expenditure on education functions for the fiscal year 2024-25.
- 1.2 There is an overall estimated reduction of £206K in the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB). This is due to the 20% reduction in the historical element of the CSSB.

## 2. Central School Services Block (CSSB)

- 2.1 CSSB covers funding allocated to LAs to conduct central education functions on behalf of pupils in maintained schools and academies in England.
- 2.2 The CSSB is split into two elements:
  - a) funding for ongoing responsibilities is a formula-based calculation (nationally distributed via a per pupil rate currently multiplied by October 2023 pupil census data).
  - b) funding for historic commitments allocated at levels carried forward from previous years. The DfE has been reducing the historic commitments funding since 2020-21 by 20% per annum. This reduction has been applied to the provisional 2024-25 CSSB funding.
- 2.3 NNC have received a provisional allocation of £3,080,594 in 2024-25 compared to £3,286,930 in 2023-24 which is a reduction of £206k.
- 2.4 Table 1 shows the change in CSSB funding between 2024-25 and 2023-24.

**Table 1 – CSSB Funding**

Central School Services Block Funding	2023-24	2024-25	Change	Percentage Change
Final CSSB unit of funding	£36.91	£38.25	£1.34	3.63%
2021 to 2022 CSSB pupil count	50,048	50,428	380	0.76%
Funding for On-going Duties	£1,847,253	£1,928,852	£81,599	4.42%
Funding for Historic Commitments	£1,439,677	£1,151,742	£-287,935	-20.00%
<b>Total Central School Services Block Funding</b>	<b>£3,286,930</b>	<b>£3,080,594</b>	<b>£-206,336</b>	<b>-6.28%</b>

Note: +ve increase in income -ve reduction in income

- 2.5 The change between unprotected NFF per-pupil funding and per-pupil baseline for

ongoing responsibilities for North Northamptonshire Council is 3.63%. However, as there was an increase of 380 pupils, North Northamptonshire received a 4.42% increase for ongoing responsibilities – which amounts to £81,599.

- 2.6 Table 2 summarised NNC’s current use of the CSSB funding in 2023-24, together with proposals for its use in 2024-25 and show the changes between 2023-24 and 2024-25.

**Table 2 – NNC Proposed CSSB Expenditure for 2024-25**

Central School Services Block	2023-24	2024-25	Change
	£	£	£
<b>Historical Commitments</b>			
Contribution to Combined Services (see Table 3)	639,677	244,742	- 394,935
Pre-2013 Premature Retirement / Redundancy Costs	800,000	907,000	107,000
<b>Total Historical Commitments</b>	<b>1,439,677</b>	<b>1,151,742</b>	<b>- 287,935</b>
<b>Ongoing Responsibilities</b>			
Admissions	499,208	507,517	8,309
Schools Forum	11,300	11,300	-
National Copyright Licences	321,279	394,568	73,289
Statutory and Regulatory Duties	1,010,000	1,010,000	-
Teacher's Pay and Pension Grant	5,467	5,467	-
<b>Total Ongoing Responsibilities</b>	<b>1,847,253</b>	<b>1,928,852</b>	<b>81,599</b>
<b>Total CSSB</b>	<b>3,286,930</b>	<b>3,080,594</b>	<b>- 206,336</b>

Note: +ve increase in expenditure -ve reduction in expenditure

- 2.7 Table 3 provides a breakdown of NNC’s proposals for the use of the CSSB on Combined Services in 2024-25 and changes from 2023-24.

**Table 3 - NNC Proposed Combined Services Expenditure Budget**

CSSB DSG Contribution to Combined Service	2023-24	2024-25	Change
	£	£	£
School Standards & Effectiveness	466,150	71,215	(394,935)
Moderation	15,000	15,000	0
Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board	33,247	33,247	0
Educational Entitlement	125,280	125,280	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>639,677</b>	<b>244,742</b>	<b>(394,935)</b>

Note: +ve increase in expenditure -ve reduction in expenditure

### 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The 20% year on year reduction funding on historical commitments leaves a funding gap of £288k against the historical commitment’s expenditure requirement in 2024 -25

3.2 This funding gap will need to be met by reducing the funding for Contribution to Combined Services by £395k. It is proposed that a further de-delegation for Education Functions is requested from maintained Primary, Secondary and Special Schools to meet this shortfall in funding for School Effectiveness going forward in future years.

3.3 The ongoing 20% reductions on Historic Commitments Funding on CSSB will continue year on year i.e., a further reduction of £230K in 2025-26 and £184K in 2026-27.

#### **4. Legal implications**

4.1 There are no legal implications arising from the proposals.

#### **5. Risks**

5.1 The main risks arising should Schools Forum not agree with the recommendations is to find alternative sources of funding to support the existing commitments. DSG Historical Commitments CSSB for Contribution to Combined Functions will cease as the DFE continues to reduce 20% year on year reduction and NNC's General Fund will not be able to continue to bridge the shortfall in funding. The criteria of what DSG CSSB can be spent on is set out in [The School and Early Years Finance \(England\) Regulations 2023](#)

#### **6. Recommendations for Schools Forum**

6.1 Schools Forum members are asked to agree the Central Expenditure for the proposed 2024-25 Education Functions to be funded from the CSSB as per Table 2 and 3.

#### **7. Next Steps**

7.1 Once agreed by Schools Forum, the Central School Services Block budget will form part of NNC's 2024-25 DSG Budget Proposal for Executive and full Council approval in February 2024.

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# Agenda Item 8



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## North Northamptonshire Schools Forum: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Agenda Item 8

#### High Needs Block Update 2023-24 and Proposed High Needs Block Budget 2024-25

#### 1 Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update School's Forum on the forecast outturn position for the High Needs Block element of the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2023 - 24, and the proposed draft budget for the HNB 2024-25.

#### 2 High Needs Block Forecasted Outturn 2023-24

- 2.1 The North Northamptonshire HNB allocation for 2023 – 24 is £57.919m. This is before recoupment of funding for academies and free schools of £11.152m. Adjusting for this leaves the total HNB resources of £46.768m that will be received by the LA through the DSG. Monitoring undertaken throughout the year and whilst setting the budget for 2024-25, shows a budget pressure on HNB of £9.019m as at Period 8.

Table A below shows spend against budget.

Service	2023-24 Budget	2023-24 Forecast Spend	Variance
Total SENIF Plus	£250,000	£280,804	£30,804
Total Mainstream Top Up	£7,301,174	£9,760,174	£2,459,000
Total Mainstream Units	£2,809,355	£3,082,416	£273,061
Total Special Schools	£28,469,296	£30,326,800	£1,857,504
Total Out of Area	£1,934,048	£2,063,027	£128,979
Total Independent	£9,999,990	£13,229,346	£3,229,356
Total Alternative Provision	£2,650,000	£4,837,612	£2,187,612
Post 16 Top Up	£1,953,207	£1,700,000	£(253,207)
AP Free Schools	£190,000	£190,000	£0
Hospital Education Services	£100,000	£0	£(100,000)
Support Services	£2,194,080	£2,194,080	£0
ESFA July 23 DSG Adjustment	£74,000		£(74,000)
<b>Total High Needs Block</b>	<b>£57,925,150</b>	<b>£67,664,259</b>	<b>£9,739,109</b>
<b>DSG Reserves B/F</b>			<b>£(720,000)</b>
<b>Total High Needs Deficit at Period 8</b>			<b>£9,019,109</b>

- 2.2 As a result of the pressure in the HNB, it is clear that DSG Grant will end the 2023-24 financial year with a deficit. As a result, the DFE will require a detailed DSG Management Plan to be developed for their approval.

### 3 High Needs Block 2024-25

3.1 The DFE announced the 2024-25 DSG Funding Settlement on 19th December 2023. **Table B** illustrates the composition of High Needs Block DSG Funding, comparing it to the allocation for 2023-24.

**Table B – Composition of High Needs Block Funding**

High Needs Block	2023-24 DSG Allocation	2024-25 DSG Settlement	Change	% Change
Total high needs elements in the funding floor and gains calculation	£50,530,962	£55,556,821	£5,025,859	9.95%
Basic entitlement factor (area cost adjusted) unit of funding	£4,684	£4,684	-£0	0.00%
Number of pupils in special schools and academies	1313.00	1403.00	90.00	6.85%
Basic entitlement factor (area cost adjusted)	£6,150,250	£6,571,568	£421,318	6.85%
Import/export adjustment (based on January 2023 school census and February R06 2022 to 23 individualised learner record)	-£1,650,000	-£1,650,000	£0	0.00%
Additional Funding for Special Free Schools	£546,986	£480,995	-£65,991	-12.06%
Hospital education, alternative provision teachers pay/pension and supplementary funding factor	£20,900	£20,900	£0	0.00%
Additional high needs allocation	£2,320,052	£0	-£2,320,052	-100.00%
<b>Total High Needs Block before deductions</b>	<b>£57,919,150</b>	<b>£60,980,284</b>	<b>£3,061,134</b>	<b>5.29%</b>

3.2 The total increase in HNB funding from 2023-24 to 2024-25 is £3.061m prior to recoupment this is an increase of 5.29%.

3.3 The main changes to the HNB Funding for 2024-25 are:

- special schools, PRUs, and AP's will continue to receive a separate allocation, mirroring the 3.4% additional funding from 2023-24.
- MFG to be set between 0% to 0.5% for Special Schools.
- Additional High Needs allocation has been rolled into the High Needs Block.

3.4 **Table C** below shows the Draft budget for HNB for 2024-25 compared against the forecasted outturn for 2023-24.



	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Forecast Spend	Variance	Total DRAFT 2024/25 Budget
Total SENIF Plus	£250,000	£280,804	£30,804	£286,038
Total Mainstream Top Up	£7,301,174	£9,760,174	£2,459,000	£10,247,263
Total Mainstream Units	£2,809,355	£3,082,416	£273,061	£3,596,687
Total Special Schools	£28,469,296	£30,326,800	£1,857,504	£31,735,481
Total Out of Area	£1,934,048	£2,063,027	£128,979	£1,760,513
Total Independent	£9,999,990	£13,229,346	£3,229,356	£13,717,536
Total Alternative Provision	£2,650,000	£4,837,612	£2,187,612	£4,379,333
Post 16 Top up	£1,953,207	£1,700,000	£(253,207)	£1,775,000
AP Free Schools	£190,000	£190,000	£0	£140,000
Hospital Education Services	£100,000	£0	£(100,000)	£0
Support Services	£2,194,080	£2,194,080	£0	£2,194,080
Notional SEN Formula Top Up	£0		£0	£50,000
SALT Contribution			£0	£240,000
ESFA July 23 DSG Adjustment	£74,000		£(74,000)	£0
<b>TOTAL HIGH NEEDS BLOCK AT P8</b>	<b>£ 57,925,150</b>	<b>£ 67,664,259</b>	<b>£ 9,739,109</b>	<b>£ 70,121,931</b>
ESFA November 23 DSG Adjustment	£(6,000)		£6,000	
<b>TOTAL HIGH NEEDS BLOCK</b>	<b>£ 57,919,150</b>	<b>£ 67,664,259</b>	<b>£ 9,745,109</b>	<b>£ 70,121,931</b>

HNB Allocation 24-25				£60,980,284
Transfer From Schools Block 0.5%				£1,436,386
Total HNB Funding 2024-25				£62,416,670
<b>2024-25 Budgeted Deficit</b>				<b>£ 7,705,261</b>
Forecasted Deficit Brought Forward at Period 8				£9,739,109
ESFA November 23 DSG Adjustment				£6,000
DSG Reserves B/F				£(720,000)
<b>Cumulative Deficit</b>				<b>£ 16,724,370</b>

- 3.5 The 2024-25 High Needs Block Budget remains under strain, and is projecting an overspend of £7.705m, this is after taking into account a transfer from the school's block amounting to £1.436m. The projected cumulative deficit is forecasted to be £16.724m.
- 3.6 Work is ongoing with services and the ESFA to help mitigate this spend and these mitigations will be brought to the March 2024 School Forum meeting as part of the DSG Management Plan.

#### **4 Recommendations for Schools Forum**

4.1 School Forum is asked to note the High Needs forecasted Outturn for 2023-24 and the draft budget for 2024-25.

#### **5 Financial implications**

5.1 The financial implications are set out in this report. The forecasted cumulative deficit position is an overspend of £16.724m at the end of 2024-25.

#### **6. Legal Implications**

6.1 Schools funding is governed by The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2023. It is important to ensure decisions are made within the regulations set. North Northamptonshire is required to submit a DSG Management Plan as a requirement of DSG Term and Conditions of Grant.

#### **7 Risks**

7.1 This is an information paper to update school forum on the High Needs Block. It is Important school Forum Members understand the pressures and risks within the High Needs Block.

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# Agenda Item 9



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Agenda Item 9

**2024-25 EARLY YEARS BUDGETS - INDICATIVE ALLOCATION**

1. This report provides information on initial 2024/25 proposed early years budgets announced in November 2023 by the DFE and the methodology for allocating funding to providers.
2. Approve the funding rates for each of the funding streams for providers.
3. Approve North Northamptonshire retention of 5% funding to meet Government Statutory and Operational Duties.

**FOR DECISION**

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) is required to consult with Schools Forum on the proposed arrangements for the Early Years Funding Formula for Private, Voluntary, and independent settings (PVI), Childminders and Maintained Nursery Sector (MNS) funded providers.
- 1.2 The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) published initial proposed 2024-25 early years budgets in November 2023. These budgets are currently based on the January 2023 census.
- 1.3 Budgets for 2024-25 will be further updated during 2024-25 to take account of more recent census data once this is available.
- 1.4 By April 2024, working parents will be able to claim 15 hours of free childcare a week, over 38 weeks of the year, for eligible 2-year-old children. This increases to include eligible children from 9 months old from September 2024. From September 2025 this increases to 30 hours of free childcare a week, over 38 weeks of the year for eligible children from 9 months old to school age.
- 1.5 North Northamptonshire Council received the updated settlement on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2023, including an updated Operational Guidance and Technical note. The proposed rates in **Table 1** have been amended to reflect the statutory changes to the way funding is allocated.
- 1.6 The 2024-2025 proposed budget has been updated once more by the ESFA and the Department of Education (DfE) to reflect the two additional cohorts of funded children. Table 1 also reflects changes to funding allocation to include additional supplements for Disadvantaged 2-Year-old Funded children and the streamline of the two funding rates for children aged 2 years old regardless of eligibility type as detailed in **Table 1**.

## **2. 2024-25 Indicative Early Years Block Funding**

- 2.1 The Department for Education (DFE) published the 2024-25 Indicative Early Years Block Funding Allocation in December 2023 and is set out in **Appendix A**.
- 2.4 **Appendix A** illustrates the change between 2023-24 and 2024-25.

### 3. North Northamptonshire Council's Early Years National Funding Formula Consultation

- 3.1 In December 2023 and early 2024 North Northamptonshire Council consulted with the Early Years Sector on the proposed changes to the EYNFF funding formula upon which the DfE consulted nationally.
- 3.2 The main purpose of the consultation was to seek the views of providers in setting the 2024-25 funding rates as well as determining acceptance of the new funding offer for children aged 9 months and above and 30 hours extended entitlement funding for eligible 2-year-olds.
- 3.3 The outcome of the consultation with LA comments are in **Appendix D**.

### 4. North Northamptonshire Proposed 2024-25 Early Years Block Budget

- 4.1 **Appendix B** sets out the updated Proposed 2024-25 Early Years Block Budget for North Northamptonshire Council.
- 4.2 The updated proposed rates for the different funding streams are shown in Table 1 below.

**Table 1 – North Northamptonshire Proposed 2024-25 Early Years Funding Rates**

Funding Stream Description	2024-25 Funding	2023-24 Funding	Change
EYNFF Under 2-Year-old Working Parents Base Rate per hour	£9.60	NA	£9.60
EYNFF Under 2-Year-old Working Parents Deprivation Supplement Rate per hour	£0.31	NA	£0.31
EYNFF Under 2-Year-old Working Parents TPPG for Schools and Academies only	£0.05	NA	£0.05
Early Years Pupil Premium Under 2-Year-old per hour	£0.68	NA	£0.68
Disability Access Fund per Under 2-Year-Old per child per year	£910.00	NA	£910.00
EYNFF 2-Year-old Disadvantaged Base Rate per hour	£6.86	£5.75	£1.11
EYNFF 2-Year-old Disadvantaged Deprivation Supplement Rate per hour	£0.31	NA	£0.31
EYNFF 2-Year-old Disadvantaged TPPG for Schools and Academies only	£0.05	NA	£0.05

Early Years Pupil Premium Disadvantaged 2-Year-old per hour	£0.68	NA	£0.68
Disability Access Fund per 2Year Old child per year	£910.00	NA	£910.00
EYNFF 2-Year-old Working Parents Base Rate per hour	£6.86	NA	£6.86
EYNFF 2-Year-old Working Parents Deprivation Supplement Rate per hour	£0.31	NA	£0.31
EYNFF 2-Year-old Working Parents TPPG for Schools and Academies only	£0.05	NA	£0.05
Early Years Pupil Premium 2-Year-old per hour	£0.68	NA	£0.68
Disability Access Fund per 2-Year-old per child per year	£910.00	NA	£910.00
EYNFF (3- & 4-year-old) Universal Entitlement Base Rate per hour	£4.85	£4.22	£0.63
EYNFF (3- & 4-year-old Extended Entitlement) Additional Entitlement Base Rate per hour	£4.85	£4.22	£0.63
EYNFF (3- & 4-year-old) Notional SEN Rate per hour	£0.00	£0.03	-£0.03
EYNFF (3- & 4-year-old) Deprivation Supplement Rate per hour	£0.31	£0.31	£0.00
EYNFF (3- & 4-year-old) TPPG for Schools and Academies only	£0.05	£0.05	£0.00
Early Years Pupil Premium 3- & 4-Year-old per hour	£0.68	£0.66	£0.02
Disability Access Fund per 3- & 4-Year-old per child per year	£910.00	£881.00	£29.00
Maintained Nursery Schools Supplementary Funding including TPPG	£6.23	£5.31	£0.92

### **3- & 4-Year-old Funding**

- 4.4 The DFE confirmed that North Northamptonshire Council's Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) for 3- & 4-year-olds funding rate will increase from £4.93 to £5.47 in 2024-25. The EYNFF rate is multiplied by the total number of children expected to access 15 or 30-hours free childcare across the local authority area to produce the universal and working family entitlement budgets.
- 4.5 Local authorities are required to pass at least 95% of their funding from Government to early years providers to deliver the funding entitlements. This is referred to as the hourly 'pass-through' rate.
- 4.6 Local authorities can retain 5% of their funding from the Government to support the provision of central early years related services and undertaking Statutory function in line with Government guidance. The remaining 5% expenditure could include the following:
- centrally retained funding (for central services or services in-kind, including special educational needs and disability (SEND) services)
  - transfer of funding to any of the other early years entitlements
  - any extra hours that local authorities choose to fund in addition to the government's entitlement hours.
  - any funding movement out of the early years block
- 4.7 The remaining 95% funding budgets are then set aside for:
- EYNFF (3- & 4-year-old) Universal Entitlement Base Rate per hour
  - EYNFF (3- & 4-year-old) Additional Entitlement Base Rate per hour
  - EYNFF (3- & 4-year-old) Deprivation Supplement Rate per hour
  - EYNFF (3- & 4-year-old) TPPG for Schools and Academies only
  - EYNFF (Disadvantaged 2-Year-old) Base Rate per hour.
  - EYNFF (Disadvantaged 2-Year-old) Deprivation Supplement Rate per hour.
  - EYNFF (Disadvantaged 2-Year-old) TPPG for Schools and Academies only.
  - EYNFF (2-Year-old Working Parents) Universal Entitlement Base Rate per hour.
  - EYNFF (2-Year-old Working Parents) Deprivation Supplement Rate per hour.
  - EYNFF (2-Year-old Working Parents) TPPG for Schools and Academies only.
  - EYNFF (Under 2-Year-old Working Parents) Universal Entitlement Base Rate per hour.
  - EYNFF (Under 2-Year-Old Working Parents) Deprivation Supplement per hour.
  - EYNFF (Under 2-Year-Old Working Parents) TPPG for Schools and Academies only.

### **2-year-old funding**

- 4.8 The proposed 2024-25 budget for Disadvantaged 2-year-olds has changed from a flat rate to forming part of the National Funding Formula in line with the DFE's national rate rise from £5.75 to £6.86. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 Disadvantaged 2-year-old funding will include the Deprivation, EYPP and TPPG (for a School or an Academy setting only) supplement rates in addition to the base rate.

### **Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Fund**

- 4.9 Budgets for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP), Disability Access Fund (DAF) shown in **Table 1** above are ringfenced and therefore excluded from the above hourly rate calculations. EYPP has increased by £0.06p per hour and DAF has increased by £82.00 per child per year for 2024-25. From 1<sup>st</sup> April

2024 these supplements will support all funded children across the 2-, 3- & 4-year-old funding streams, with the 4<sup>th</sup> funding stream, under 2-Year-Old Working Parents from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

#### **Maintained Nursery School Supplement (MNSS)**

- 4.10 There has been an increase in MNSS funding for NNC as detailed in **Table 1**. This increase will be reflected in payments to Maintained Nurseries only. Teachers Pay and Pension Grant is part of the Maintained Nursery School Supplement funding rate. **Appendix C** sets out what each of the four maintained nursery school will receive.

#### **5. Special Educational Needs Inclusion Fund (SENIF)**

- 5.1 Given the anticipated increase in emerging needs for children born during the pandemic and to ensure that needs are identified as early as possible we will continue to use these funds to support funded 2-year-olds with SEND. From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 this will also include funded children from 9 months old. The SENIF budget will be funded from the respective SENIF budget allocation in each of the funding streams.
- 5.2 SENIF funding is intended as a contribution towards supporting providers to address the needs of individual and groups of children with low level and emerging We propose to remove the remaining 3p notional SEND payment from the 3- & 4-year-old supplement to make a total of £300,000 as the overall amount available for SENIF funding in 2024-25. This will enable settings to apply for funding for more children ensuring their needs are met at the earliest opportunity. SENIF detail forms part of the 2024-25 Early Years Consultation with a view to expanding current criteria required.
- 5.3 The current High Needs Block Funding support and processes will remain for severe/complex and long-term need, for example children with an EHCP who require additional resources including targeted adult support we will be introducing SENIF Plus for funded children whose needs are not currently met by SENIF or EHCP funding.

#### **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 Schools Forum is asked to note the funding and methodology used to arrive at the budgets and indicative hourly rates of the Early Years Block budgets in 2024-25 as set out in **Appendix A and B**.
- 6.2 Schools Forum is asked to take note of the additional funding supplements which will be added to the Disadvantaged 2-Year-old base rate from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.
- 6.3 Schools Forum is asked to note and approve the budget set aside for SENIF and acknowledge the removal of Notional SEND to support settings to receive a swift response and access to funds ensuring children with low and emerging needs are supported quickly and that more children can be supported appropriately.
- 6.4 Schools Forum is asked to note and approve the change in NNC's EYNFF to include the two additional cohorts of funded children. Detailed in **Table 1**.
- 6.5 **Schools Forum is asked to approve for 5% to be Centrally Retained by the LA to support the provision of central early years related services and in the discharge of its undertaking in providing Statutory functions in each of the funding streams.**
- 6.6 **Schools Forum is asked to approve the following funding rates and levels of funding for 2024-25 as detailed in Appendix B.**
- 6.7 **Schools Forum is asked to approve the Maintained Nursery School Supplement to be split on participation basis as detailed in Appendix C.**

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**Background Papers:**

**Appendix A:** DFE 2024-25 Early Years Block Initial Allocation – **29 November 2023**

**Appendix B:** NNC 2024-2025 Indicative Early Years Block Budget

**Appendix C:** NNC Consultation Results – **To Follow, closes 12 January 2024**



## DFE 2024/25 Early Years Block Initial Funding Allocation – 19 December 2023

Early Years Block	2023-24 DSG Allocation Jan 2023 Census	Indicative 2024-25 Allocation Jan 2023 Census	Change
Hourly rate for under 2 year old entitlement (£ / hr)	£0.00	£10.67	£10.67
Number for under 2 year old entitlement funding (part-time equivalent)	0.00	715.14	715.14
Indicative funding allocation for under 2 year old entitlement (£s)	£0.00	£4,349,410.00	£4,349,410.00
Hourly rate for 2 year old disadvantaged entitlement (£ / hr)	£5.75	£7.84	£2.09
Number for 2 year old disadvantaged entitlement funding (part-time equivalent)	576.50	576.50	0.00
Indicative funding allocation for 2 year old disadvantaged entitlement (£s)	£1,889,479.00	£2,576,264.00	£686,785.00
Hourly rate for 2 year old entitlement for working parents (£ / hr)	£0.00	£7.84	£7.84
Number for 2 year old entitlement for working parents funding (part-time equivalent)	0.00	1411.49	1411.49
Indicative funding allocation for 2 year old entitlement for working parents (£s)	£0.00	£6,307,667.00	£6,307,667.00
Hourly rate for 3 and 4 year olds from early years national funding formula inc TPPG (£ / hr)	£4.93	£5.47	£0.54
Number for 3 and 4 year old universal entitlement funding (part-time equivalent)	4773.96	4773.96	0.00
Indicative funding allocation for universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds (£s)	£13,415,305.00	£14,884,730.00	£1,469,425.00
Number for 3 and 4 year old additional 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents (part-time equivalent)	2311.24	2311.24	0.00
Indicative funding allocation for additional 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of 3 and 4 year olds (£s)	£6,494,816.00	£7,206,216.00	£711,400.00
Hourly rate for EYPP (£ / hr)	£0.62	£0.68	£0.06
Number for 3 & 4 year old EYPP funding (part-time equivalent)	545.67	545.67	0.00
Indicative funding allocation for 3 & 4 year old early years pupil premium (£s)	£192,840.00	£211,502.00	£18,662.00
Number for 2 year old EYPP funding (part-time equivalent)	0.00	301.99	301.99
Indicative funding allocation for 2 year old early years pupil premium (£s)	£0.00	£117,052.00	£117,052.00
Number for under 2 year old EYPP funding (part-time equivalent)	0.00	15.10	15.10
Indicative funding allocation for under 2 year old early years pupil premium (£s)	£0.00	£5,853.00	£5,853.00
Rate for DAF (£ / year)	£828.00	£910.00	£82.00
Number for 3 & 4 year old DAF funding (part-time equivalent)	152.00	172.00	20.00
Funding allocation for 3 & 4 year old disability access fund (£s)	£125,856.00	£156,520.00	£30,664.00
Number for 2 year old DAF funding (part-time equivalent)	0.00	55.00	55.00
Funding allocation for 2 year old disability access fund (£s)	£0.00	£50,050.00	£50,050.00
Number for under 2 year old DAF funding (part-time equivalent)	0.00	17.00	17.00
Funding allocation for under 2 year old disability access fund (£s)	£0.00	£15,470.00	£15,470.00
Hourly rate for supplementary funding for maintained nursery schools inc TPPG (£ / hr)	£5.31	£6.23	£0.92
Number for supplementary funding for maintained nursery schools (part-time equivalent)	343.88	343.88	£0.00
Indicative supplementary funding allocation for maintained nursery schools (£s)	£1,040,822.00	£1,221,153.00	£180,331.00
<b>Total early years block (£s)</b>	<b>£23,159,118.00</b>	<b>£37,101,887.00</b>	<b>£13,942,769.00</b>

## NNC 2024-2025 Early Years Funding Rates to Providers

Description	2024-25 Rate	2024-25 Indicative Budget	% allocated
EYNFF (3 & 4 year olds) Universal Entitlement Base Rate per hour	£4.85	£13,197,612.42	59.74%
EYNFF (3 & 4 year olds) Additional Entitlement Base Rate per hour	£4.85	£6,389,422.98	28.92%
EYNFF (3 & 4 year olds) Notional SEN Rate per hour	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
EYNFF (3 & 4 year olds) Deprivation Supplement Rate per hour	£0.31	£799,363.30	3.62%
EYNFF (3 & 4 year olds) TPPG for Schools and Academies only	£0.05	£300,000.00	1.36%
SEN Inclusion Fund - 3 & 4 Year Olds - Funding allocated from EY Block		£300,000.00	1.36%
<b>95% EYNFF (3 &amp; 4 year olds) paid to Providers</b>		<b>£20,986,398.70</b>	<b>95.00%</b>
<b>5% EYNFF (3 &amp; 4 year olds) Centrally Retained by NNC</b>		<b>£1,104,547.30</b>	<b>5.00%</b>
<b>Total 3 &amp; 4 year old Funding</b>		<b>£22,090,946.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
EYNFF 2 Year Old Disadvantaged Base Rate per hour	£6.86	£2,254,230.30	87.50%
EYNFF 2 Year Old Disadvantaged Deprivation Supplement Rate per hour	£0.31	£101,867.55	3.95%
EYNFF 2 Year Old Disadvantaged TPPG for Schools and Academies only	£0.05	£16,430.25	0.64%
SEN Inclusion Fund - 2 Year Old Disadvantaged - Funding allocated from EY Block		£75,000.00	2.91%
<b>95% EYNFF 2 Year Old Disadvantaged paid to Providers</b>		<b>£2,447,450.80</b>	<b>95.00%</b>
<b>5% EYNFF 2 Year Old Disadvantaged Centrally Retained by NNC</b>		<b>£128,813.20</b>	<b>5.00%</b>
<b>Total 2 Year Old Disadvantaged Funding</b>		<b>£2,576,264.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
EYNFF 2 Year Old Working Parents Base Rate per hour	£6.86	£5,632,055.20	89.29%
EYNFF 2 Year Old Working Parents Deprivation Supplement Rate per hour	£0.31	£245,000.00	3.88%
EYNFF 2 Year Old Working Parents TPPG for Schools and Academies only	£0.05	£40,227.47	0.64%
SEN Inclusion Fund - 2 Year Old Working Parents - Funding allocated from EY Block		£75,000.00	1.19%
<b>95% EYNFF 2 Year Old Working Parents paid to Providers</b>		<b>£5,992,283.65</b>	<b>95.00%</b>
<b>5% EYNFF 2 Year Old Working Parents Centrally Retained by NNC</b>		<b>£315,383.35</b>	<b>5.00%</b>
<b>Total 2 Year Old Working Parents Funding</b>		<b>£6,307,667.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
EYNFF Under 2 Year Old Working Parents Base Rate per hour	£9.60	£3,913,246.08	89.97%
EYNFF Under 2 Year Old Working Parents Deprivation Supplement Rate per hour	£0.31	£123,200.00	2.83%
EYNFF Under 2 Year Old Working Parents TPPG for Schools and Academies only	£0.05	£20,381.49	0.47%
SEN Inclusion Fund - Under 2 Year Old Working Parents - Funding allocated from EY Block		£75,000.00	1.72%
<b>95% EYNFF Under 2 Year Old Working Parents paid to Providers</b>		<b>£4,131,939.50</b>	<b>95.00%</b>
<b>5% EYNFF Under 2 Year Old Working Parents Centrally Retained by NNC</b>		<b>£217,470.50</b>	<b>5.00%</b>
<b>Total Under 2 Year Old Working Parents Funding</b>		<b>£4,349,410.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Early Years Pupil Premium 3 & 4 Year Old per hour	£0.68	£211,501.94	
Early Years Pupil Premium 2 Year Old per hour	£0.68	£117,052.00	
Early Years Pupil Premium Under 2 Year Old per hour	£0.68	£5,853.00	
Disability Access Fund per 3 & 4 Year Old per child per year	£910.00	£156,520.00	
Disability Access Fund per 2 Year Old per child per year	£910.00	£50,050.00	
Disability Access Fund per Under 2 Year Old per child per year	£910.00	£15,470.00	
Maintained Nursery Schools Supplementary Funding including TPPG	£6.23	£1,221,153.00	
<b>2024-25 Indicative Early Years Block Budget</b>		<b>£37,101,886.94</b>	

## North Northamptonshire's 2024-25 Maintained Nursery School Supplement

## January 2023 Census - Early Years Funding - Universal entitlement

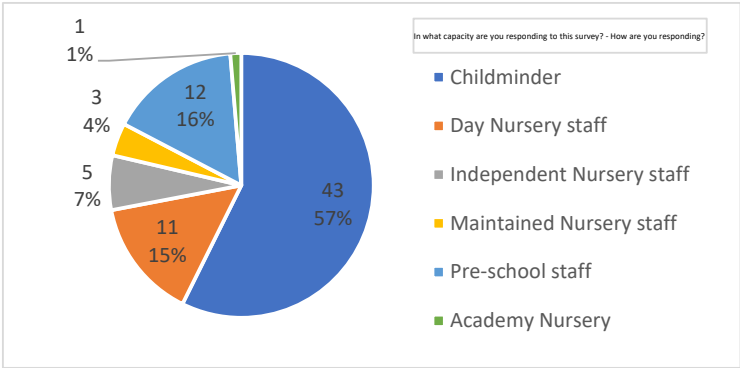
	Croyland Children's Centre		Highfield Nursery School		Pen Green Centre		Ronald Tree Nursery		Total	
	Funded Hours	PTE	Funded Hours	PTE	Funded Hours	PTE	Funded Hours	PTE	PTE	
b. pupils aged 3 at 31st December 2022 (born between 01/01/19 and 31/12/19) in all year groups (PTE) based on funded hours	861.0	57.40	840.0	56.00	1,262.5	84.17	930.0	62.00	259.57	
c. pupils aged 3 at 31 August 2022, but 4 by 31 December 2022 (rising 4s) (born between 01/09/18 and 31/12/18) in all year groups (PTE) based on funded hours	231.0	15.40	240.0	16.00	392.5	26.17	326.3	21.75	79.32	
d. pupils aged 4 as at 31 August 2022 (born between 01/01/18 and 31/08/18) in National Curriculum Year Group E1, E2, N1 and N2 at the time of the census (PTE) based on funded hours		0.00	30.0	2.00	45.0	3.00	0.0	0.00	5.00	
<b>Total of 3 &amp; 4 year olds Part Time Equivalent (PTE) Universal Entitlement Participation</b>	<b>1,092.0</b>	<b>72.80</b>	<b>1,110.0</b>	<b>74.00</b>	<b>1,700.0</b>	<b>113.33</b>	<b>1,256.3</b>	<b>83.75</b>	<b>343.89</b>	
<b>Total % of 3 &amp; 4 year olds Part Time Equivalent (PTE) Universal Entitlement Participation</b>		<b>21.17%</b>		<b>21.52%</b>		<b>32.96%</b>		<b>24.35%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	
<b>Indicative 2023-24 Budget based on Indicative LA allocation for MNS supplementary funding for 2023-24 published</b>		<b>£258,515.07</b>		<b>£262,776.31</b>		<b>£402,450.20</b>		<b>£297,410.70</b>	<b>£1,221,152.27</b>	

## Consultation Responses – Appendix D To Follow



In what capacity are you responding to this survey? - How are you responding?

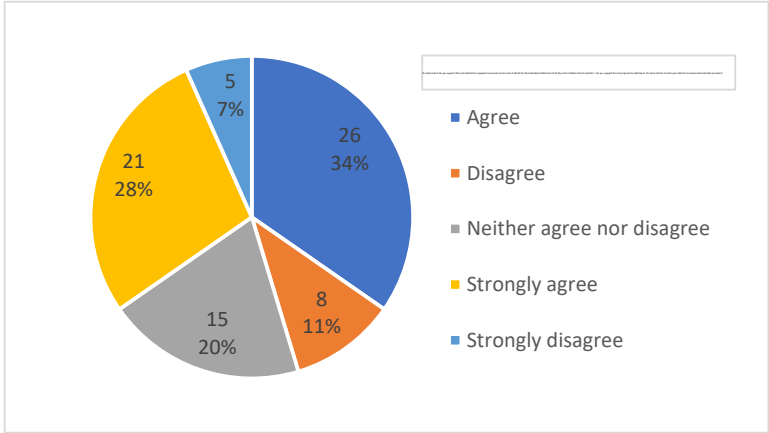
Row Labels	Count of In what capacity are you responding to this survey? - How are you responding?
Childminder	43
Day Nursery staff	11
Independent Nursery staff	5
Maintained Nursery staff	3
Pre-school staff	12
Academy Nursery	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>



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To what extent do you support the Local Authority's proposal to provide a base rate of £9.62 for the Extended entitlement of 15 hours for children from 9 months? - Do you support the LAs proposal to add 16p to the base rate for 3 and 4 year olds for Universal and extended provision?

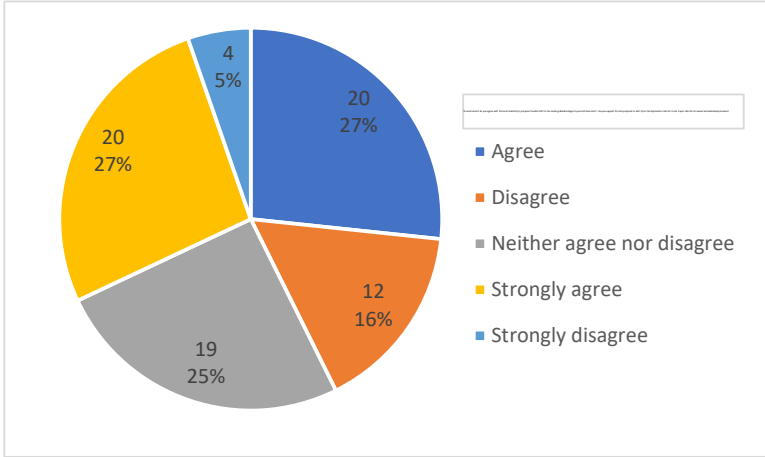
Row Labels	Count of To what extent do you support the Local Authority's proposal to provide a base rate of £9.62 for the Extended entitlement of 15 hours for children from 9 months? - Do you support the LAs proposal to add 16p to the base rate for 3 and 4 year olds
Agree	26
Disagree	8
Neither agree nor disagree	15
Strongly agree	21
Strongly disagree	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>





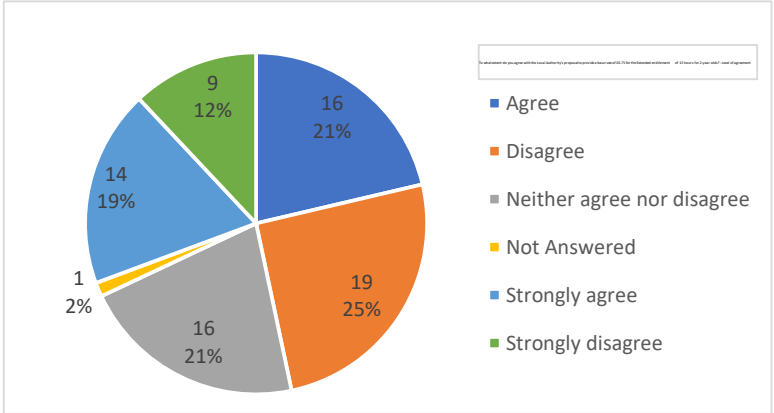
To what extent do you agree with the Local Authority's proposal to add £1.87 to the existing disadvantages 2-year-old base rate? - Do you support the LAs proposal to add: 2p to the deprivation rate for 3 and 4 year olds for Universal and extended provision?

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Row Labels	
Agree	20
Disagree	12
Neither agree nor disagree	19
Strongly agree	20
Strongly disagree	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>



To what extent do you agree with the Local Authority's proposal to provide a base rate of £6.75 for the Extended entitlement of 15 hours for 2-year-olds? - Level of agreement

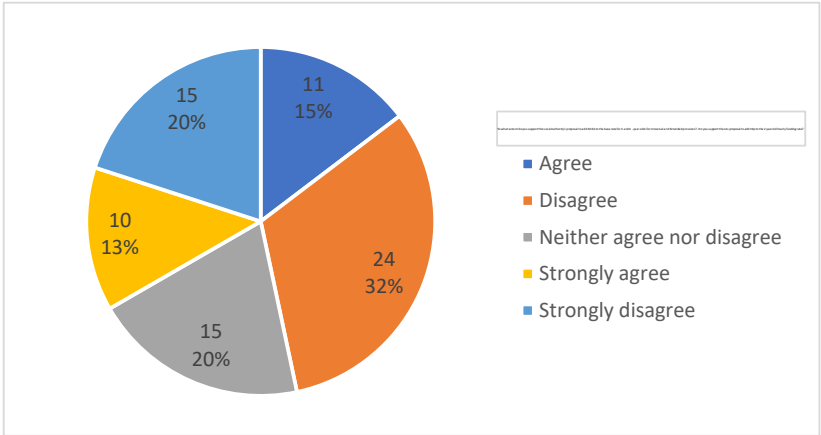
Count of To what extent do you agree with the Local Authority's proposal to provide a base rate of £6.75 for the Extended entitlement of 15 hours for 2-year-olds? - Level of agreement	
Row Labels	
Agree	16
Disagree	19
Neither agree nor disagree	16
Not Answered	1
Strongly agree	14
Strongly disagree	9
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>





To what extent do you support the Local Authority’s proposal to add £0.63 to the base rate for 3 and 4-year-olds for Universal and Extended provision? - Do you support the LAs proposal to add 19p to the 2 year old hourly funding rate?

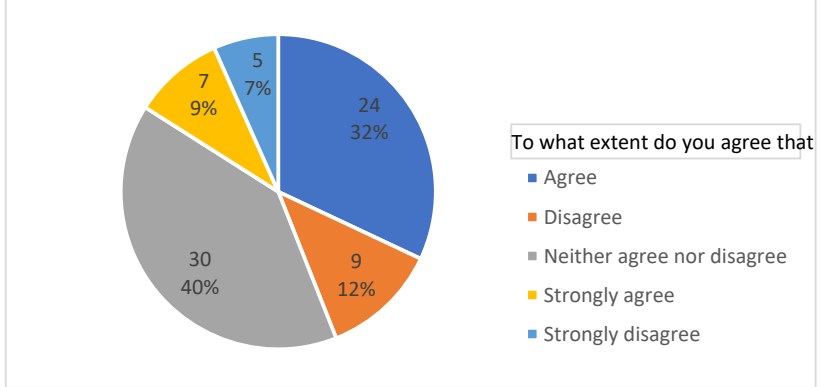
Count of To what extent do you support the Local Authority’s proposal to add £0.63 to the base rate for 3 and 4-year-olds for Universal and Extended provision? - Do you support the LAs proposal to add 19p to the 2 year old hourly funding rate?	
Row Labels	
Agree	11
Disagree	24
Neither agree nor disagree	15
Strongly agree	10
Strongly disagree	15
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>



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To what extent do you agree that the Local Authority keep the deprivation rate at £0.31 for 3 and 4-year-olds and include the same deprivation rate for the new funding entitlements for 2-year-olds and 9 months old? (Not disadvantaged 2-year-olds) - Do you agree with the proposals regards freezing the Notional SEND at 8p

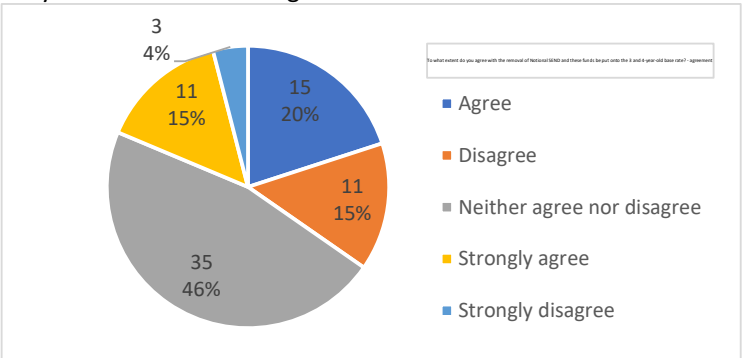
Count of To what extent do you agree that the Local Authority keep the deprivation rate at £0.31 for 3 and 4-year-olds and include the same deprivation rate for the new funding entitlements for 2-year-olds and 9 months old? (Not disadvantaged 2-year-olds)	
Row Labels	
Agree	24
Disagree	9
Neither agree nor disagree	30
Strongly agree	7
Strongly disagree	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>





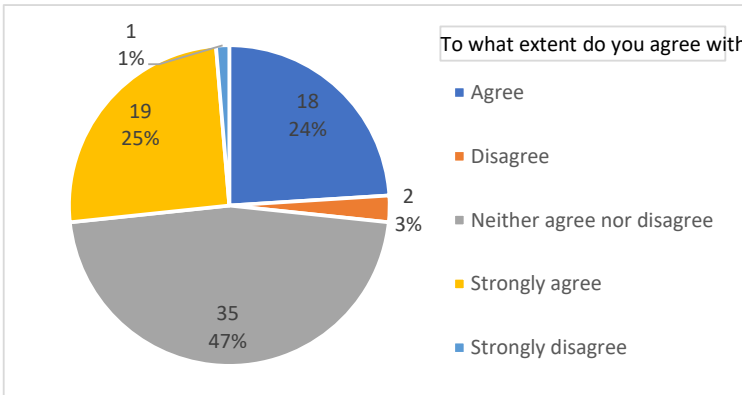
To what extent do you agree with the removal of Notional SEND and these funds be put onto the 3 and 4-year-old base rate? - agreement

Row Labels	Count of To what extent do you agree with the removal of Notional SEND and these funds be put onto the 3 and 4-year-old base rate? - agreement
Agree	15
Disagree	11
Neither agree nor disagree	35
Strongly agree	11
Strongly disagree	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>



To what extent do you agree with the proposal to review the current Special Educational Needs Inclusion Fund (SENIF) criteria to include a contribution towards Targeted Adult Support? - Do you support LA's proposals of a more targeted Inclusion Fund in line with the offer made to schools

Row Labels	Count of To what extent do you agree with the proposal to review the current Special Educational Needs Inclusion Fund (SENIF) criteria to include a contribution towards Targeted Adult Support? - Do you support LA's proposals of a more targeted Inclusion
Agree	18
Disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	35
Strongly agree	19
Strongly disagree	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>







## North Northamptonshire Schools Forum: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Agenda Item 10

#### Growth Fund and Falling Rolls NFF 2024 -25

## 1 Background

- 1.1 The Pupil Growth Fund (PGF) provides the mechanism by which the Local Authority (LA) provides revenue funding to schools to employ the necessary staff to allow for the provision of new school places. The PGF is a key factor in ensuring that the LA can fulfil its statutory obligation of providing a sufficiency of school places in all areas of North Northamptonshire.
- 1.2 This report updates school forum members of the Growth Fund spend to date and the NFF Growth Fund and Falling Roll Pupils formula update for 2024-25.

## 2 Growth Fund Update 2023-24

- 2.1 The table presented below details the cumulative expenditure for Growth Fund in North Northamptonshire, categorised by region:

	Primary	Secondary
Corby	£ 66,116.00	£ 106,091.00
Kettering	£ 23,268.00	£ 189,625.00
Wellingborough	£ 79,859.00	£ 161,248.00
	<u>£ 169,243.00</u>	<u>£ 456,964.00</u>

The total spend to date is £626,207.

## 3 NFF Growth Fund 2024–25 Grant Determination

- 3.1 The growth allocation for each local authority will be **£1,550** per new primary pupil and **£2,320** per new secondary pupil. plus, a lump sum of **£76,195** for each brand-new school (these are new schools identified from the latest census data). Allocations are subject to an area cost adjustment (ACA). North Northamptonshire ACA for 2024-25 is 1.00341.

These values have increased by 2% compared to last year. calculation will result in a negative number for any Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOA) experiencing a reduction in pupil numbers between the two censuses.

- 3.2 It is proposed that **£2,269,846.17** is set aside for 2024-2025 Growth Fund in Schools Block.

### How we can use Growth Fund

- 3.3 The growth fund can only be used to:

- support growth in pre-16 pupil numbers meeting basic need,

- support additional classes needed to meet infant class size regulation.
- support demographic change: meet revenue costs for schools of removing or repurposing surplus places.
- meet the revenue costs of necessary new schools, including lead-in costs, pre and post start-up, and diseconomy of scale costs.

3.4 The growth fund **cannot** be used to support:

- schools in financial difficulty; any such support for maintained schools should be provided from a de-delegated contingency.
- General expansion resulting from increased popularity; such situations are addressed through lagged funding. This encompasses cases where academies have chosen to admit students beyond their designated pupil admission numbers (PAN).

## 4 Agreed Criteria

4.1 The criteria for funding from NNC for the growth fund are outlined as follows:

- Expansion of school places in existing schools to address localised demand arising from demographics or housing developments, referred to as "basic need."
- Establishment of new schools to address localised demand stemming from demographics or housing developments, also termed "basic need."
- Requirement for an additional class to meet the fundamental educational needs of the area. This could manifest as a bulge class or an ongoing commitment between the school or academy and the local authority to temporarily increase the Pupil Admission Number (PAN).
- Instances where the pupil count surpasses a specified threshold.
- Additional support in cases where a school has extended its age range.

## 5 Growth Funding Methodology

5.1 The PGF rates were last updated for the 22/23 financial year and are based upon average teacher costs.

5.2 These rates are identified below:

<b>Pupil Growth Fund rates</b>			
£ per 30 additional places added or prorated by Number of pupils i.e. 15 pupils or 10 pupils			
<b>Secondary</b>		<b>Primary</b>	
Teacher	£52,587	Teacher	£41,648.25
LSA	£26,752	LSA	£14,194.90
Resources	£3,000	Resource	£1,000
<b>Total 30 pupils</b>	<b>£82,339</b>	<b>Total 30 pupils</b>	<b>£56,843.15</b>
<b>Total 15 pupils</b>	<b>£41,169.50</b>	<b>Total 15 pupils</b>	<b>£28,421.58</b>
<b>Total 10 Pupils</b>	<b>£27,446.33</b>	<b>Total 10 Pupils</b>	<b>£18,947.72</b>

3.2 Since the LA operates on the 1st of April – 31st March financial year and schools operate on an academic year, any school that receives PGF funding will receive the funding in two tranches. One payment of 5/12ths to cover the period 1st April – 31st August each year and a second payment of 7/12ths to cover the period 1st September – 31st March.

3.3 The LA retains the authority to reclaim any PGF funding disbursed to an academy by the DfE within the period of 1st April to 31st August annually, owing to the unique funding structure of academies.

## **6. Falling Rolls 2024-25 Update**

6.1 For the first time the DfE will allocate falling pupil roll funding in the Schools Block to local authorities for falling rolls in 2024-25. Previously, all falling rolls fund spending was required to be met through a top slice from other Schools' Block funding.

6.2 Local authorities will continue to have discretion over whether to operate a falling rolls fund. Where local authorities operate a fund, they will only be able to provide funding where school capacity data 2022 (SCAP) shows that school places will be required in the subsequent three to five years.

6.3 The falling rolls allocation for each local authority will be £140,000 per MSOA which sees a 10% or greater reduction in the number of pupils on roll between the two census years. This allocation will be subject to an ACA.

6.4 The outcome of the consultation on the falling rolls fund was 44 % against to 55% in favour. On this basis, we are recommending that NNC **do not implement** a Falling Rolls Fund at this time with a view to revisiting this next year.

## 7 Recommendations for Schools Forum

- 7.1 School Forum is asked to approve the Growth Fund of £2,269,846.17 for 2024-25.
- 7.2 School Forum is asked to refrain from approving a falling roll fund for 2024-25 with the intention of revisiting this topic for 2025-26.

## 8 Financial implications

- 8.1 All the Falling Rolls Fund is contained within the Growth Fund of Schools Block DSG.

## 9 Legal implications

- 9.1 The legislation governing the Schools Forum powers and responsibilities is available at the link below. This outlines that deductions that require a vote by all Schools Forum members. [Stat guidance template \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- 9.2 For further information on the legislature for deductions please see [The School and Early Years Finance \(England\) Regulations 2023 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk)

## 10. Risks

- 10.1 If Pupil Growth Fund is not established for 2024-25, NNC will not be able to fund previously agreed growth across the primary and secondary phases of education in North Northamptonshire and 'new and growing' schools will not receive budgeted for growth funding. This is likely to result in severe budget issues at several schools listed above, incur significant reputational damage and possible legal action against NNC by the schools involved.
- 10.2 Should a Pupil Growth Fund for 2024-25 be established but with insufficient budget to fund all required growth in North Northamptonshire, NNC may fail to fulfil its statutory obligations of providing a sufficiency of school places.

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