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Meeting: North Northamptonshire Schools Forum

Date: Thursday 14th March, 2024

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Remote Meeting via Zoom

***Vote required**

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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 18th January, 2024 as a Remote Meeting via Zoom

Present:-

Members

Annabel Moore (Acting Chair)	Sandra Appleby
Lisa Bowyer	Victoria Bull
Laura Clarke	Rob Hardcastle
Nikki Lamond	Nina Pek
Angela Prodger	James Sherlock
Robert Tite	

Officers

Sariya Bi	Senior Finance Business Partner
Neil Goddard	Assistant Director – Education
Salik Khan	Finance Business Partner
Kelly Mills	Early Education and Childcare Lead
Yoke O'Brien	Strategic Finance Business Partner
Raj Sohal	Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance – Councillor Scott Edwards

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

Apologies were received from James Birkett, Kathryn Murphy and Paul Wheeler.

150 **Minutes of meeting held on 14th December and points arising/officer feedback**

RESOLVED that: The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December be agreed as an accurate record.

151 **2023-24 Schools Monitoring as at Period 8**

The Forum considered a report by the Finance Business Partner, which outlined 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.

RESOLVED that: The report be noted.

152 **2023-24 DSG Budget Update as at Period 8**

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

RESOLVED that: The report be noted.

153 2024-25 Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement

The Forum considered a report by the Senior Finance Business Partner, which outlined the details of the 2024/25 DSG settlement.

RESOLVED that: The report be noted.

154 2024-25 Schools Block Budgets

The Forum considered a report by the Senior Finance Business Partner, which outlined 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.

RESOLVED that: The Forum:

a) Approves that the Minimum Funding Guarantee be set at 0.5% (the maximum allowed) for 2024/25, all gains capped at 0.5% and scaled to 100%.

b) Approves the transfer of 0.5% to the High Needs Block from the Schools Block, which amounts to £1,436,386.

c) Approves the remainder of £2,269,846 to Growth Fund to address the growth and sufficiency issues in North Northamptonshire.

d) Approves 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 and Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools.

155 2024-25 Central School Services Block Budgets

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

RESOLVED that: The Forum agrees the Central Expenditure for the proposed 2024/25 Education Functions to be funded from the Central Schools Services Block of the DSG.

156 2024-25 High Needs Block Budgets

The Forum considered a report by the Assistant Director for Education, which outlined the forecast outturn position for the High Needs Block of the DSG for 2023/24, and the proposed draft budget for the High Needs Block 2024/25.

RESOLVED that: The report be noted.

157 2024-25 Early Years Block Budgets

The Forum considered a report by the the Early Education and Childcare Lead, which outlined the initial 2024/25 proposed Early Years budgets, announced in November 2023 by the DfE and the methodology for allocating funding to providers.

RESOLVED that: The Forum:

a) Approves 5% to be centrally retained by the local authority 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.

b) Approves the funding rates and levels of funding for 2024/25.

c) Approves the Maintained Nursery School Supplement to be split on participation basis.

158 2024-25 Growth Fund and Falling Pupil Roll Fund

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

RESOLVED that: The Forum:

a) Approves the Growth Fund of £2,269,846.17 for 2024/25.

b) Refrains from approving a Falling Roll Fund for 2024/25, with the intention of revisiting this topic for 2025/26.

159 Urgent Business

There was none.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

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Agenda Item 3

DSG Update 2023-24 Period 10

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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:

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)			
Schools Block	Central Schools Services Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block
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 Schools Block and High Needs Block. The DSG was further adjusted in the November allocation with a reduction of £6k to the High Needs Block as part of the import export allocation. The revised net DSG budget for the Council is £120.587m. The forecast outturn is a pressure of £9.115m, this is summarised in the following Table:

Dedicated Schools Grants Forecast Outturn 2023/24								
Block	Gross Budget	July DSG Allocation Adjustment	Nov DSG Allocation Adjustment	Revised Budget	Recoupment	Net Budget	Forecast Net Spend	Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Schools Block	270,284	0	0	270,284	222,910	47,374	47,374	0
Central Schools Block	3,287	0	0	3,287	0	3,287	3,666	379
High Needs Block	57,851	74	(6)	57,919	11,152	46,767	55,503	8,736
Early Year Block	23,541	(382)	0	23,159	0	23,159	23,159	0
Total	354,963	(308)	(6)	354,649	234,062	120,587	129,702	9,115

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 10, is a forecast pressure of £9.115m the Net Spend is forecast to be £129.702m against the approved budget of £120.587m. 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	Nov DSG Allocation Adjustment £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Recoupment £'000	Forecasted Net Budget £'000	Forecasted Net Spend £'000	Variance £'000
Schools Block	270,284	0	0	270,284	222,910	47,374	47,374	0
Central Schools Block	3,287	0	0	3,287	0	3,287	3,666	379
High Needs Block	57,851	74	(6)	57,919	11,152	46,767	56,223	9,456
Early Year Block	23,541	(382)	0	23,159	0	23,159	23,159	0
Total	354,963	(308)	(6)	354,649	234,062	120,587	130,422	9,835
Early Years Adjustment 2022/23								220
DSG Reserves 2023/24								(940)
DSG Forecasted Overspend								9,115

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 and an Early Years Adjustment of 110k relating to 21/22, 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 an 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 £9.456m. The remaining reserves of £720k have been used to partly mitigate this. There's also a projected overspend in the central school's block, primarily attributed to the Schools Admissions services and School standards and effectiveness. The strain in these services is primarily related to staffing costs. 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 £2.695m.
- Sufficiency issues in local SEND placements meaning greater use of Independent Providers at significantly higher cost, this pressure is forecast to be around £3.037m.
- 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 £2.287m
- Further analysis has been conducted on the Alternative Provision budget, the pressure is forecasted to be around £1.005m. 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 soon.

- 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 £68k increase.
- The Central Schools Block covers funding allocated to LAs to conduct central education functions on behalf of pupils in maintained schools and academies in England. The School Standards and Effectiveness and School Admissions Services are both forecasting a pressure primarily relating to their staffing costs. The pressure is forecasted to be £379k.

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 In 2024/25 work will continue to mitigate these pressures, the Schools Forum agreed to a transfer of funding from the Schools Block (SB) of the DSG to HNB, this amounts to circa £1.5m additional funding for the HNB. Forum will 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.
 - 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.
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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 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. Work is underway by colleagues in the High Needs Team with Finance to complete the DFE's DSG Management Plan with the possibility of setting 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 £9.115m.

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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Appendix A

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	P9	P10	Movement	P9 Actuals	P9	P10 Actuals	P10	P9 Forecast Outturn	P10 Forecast Outturn	Movement	P9 Forecast Variance	P10 Forecast Variance	Movement	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Schools Block		270,284	270,284	270,284	0	202,862	75.06	225,334	83.37	270,284	270,284	0	0	0	0	Forecasted to come within Budget
Central Schools Block		3,286	3,286	3,286	0	2,678	81.50	2,973	90.46	3,665	3,665	0	379	379	0	Mainly due to Salaries
Early Years Block		23,541	23,159	23,159	0	14,526	62.72	16,333	70.53	23,159	23,159	0	0	0	0	Forecasted to come within Budget
High Needs Block		57,851	57,919	57,919	0	52,782	91.13	62,004	107.05	67,360	67,375	15	9,441	9,456	15	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
Total		354,962	354,648	354,648	0	272,848	76.93	306,643	86.46	364,468	364,483	15	9,820	9,835	15	

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School Block	Budget 2023/24				Actuals 2023/24				Forecast Outturn 2023/24			Variance			Reason for Variance
	To Capture Any Budget Movement and Ensure correct Governance Process has been followed				P9 Actuals	P9	P10 Actuals	P10	P9 Forecast Outturn	P10 Forecast Outturn	Movement	P9 Forecast Variance	P10 Forecast Variance	Movement	
	Original Budget	P9	P10	Movement											
Academies Recoupment	221,641	221,641	221,641	0	166,230	75.00	184,701	83.33	221,641	221,641	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Transfer to High Needs Block	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Maintained Primary Schools Budget Share	40,068	40,068	40,068	0	30,051	75.00	33,390	83.33	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	4,536	75.00	5,040	83.33	6,048	6,048	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
NNDR	1,742	1,742	1,742	0	1,307	75.00	1,452	83.33	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	26	75.00	28	83.33	34	34	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
De-delegation - School Effectiveness	116	116	116	0	87	75.00	97	83.33	116	116	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Pupil Growth Fund	635	635	635	0	626	98.58	626	98.58	635	635	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Total	270,284	270,284	270,284	0	202,862	75.06	225,334	83.37	270,284	270,284	0	0	0	0	

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Appendix A

Central Schools Block		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	P9	P10	Movement	P9 Actuals	P9	P10 Actuals	P10	P9 Forecast Outturn	P10 Forecast Outturn	Movement	P9 Forecast Variance	P10 Forecast Variance	Movement		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
Historical Commitments																
Contribution to Combined Services:																
School Standards & Effectiveness (Combined DSG LA Services)	466	466	466	0	514	110.30	572	122.75	745	745	0	279	279	0	Increase due to salaries	
Moderation (Combined DSG LA Services)	15	15	15	0	(1)	0.00	(8)	0.00	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	25	75.00	28	83.33	33	33	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.	
Educational Entitlement	125	125	125	0	94	75.00	104	83.33	125	125	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.	
Redundancy/Premature Retirement Costs	800	800	800	0	600	75.00	667	83.33	800	800	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.	
Total Historical Commitments	1,439	1,439	1,439	0	1,232	85.58	1,362	94.67	1,718	1,718	0	279	279	0		
Ongoing Responsibilities																
School Admissions	499	499	499	0	443	88.78	495	99.20	599	599	0	100	100	0	Increase due to salaries	
Schools Forum	11	11	11	0	1	9.09	1	9.09	11	11	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.	
National Copyright Licences	321	321	321	0	241	75.00	268	83.33	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	758	75.00	842	83.33	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	5	75.00	5	83.33	6	6	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.	
Total Ongoing Responsibilities	1,847	1,847	1,847	0	1,447	78.33	1,610	87.18	1,947	1,947	0	100	100	0		
Total	3,286	3,286	3,286	0	2,678	81.50	2,973	90.46	3,665	3,665	0	379	379	0		

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Early Years Block		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				P9 Actuals	P9	P10 Actuals	P10	P9 Forecast Outturn	P10 Forecast Outturn	Movement	P9 Forecast Variance	P10 Forecast Variance	Movement	
		Original Budget	P9	P10	Movement											
3 & 4 Year Old Universal Entitlement		12,226	12,226	12,226	0	8,730	71.41	9,866	80.70	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	3,966	71.98	4,468	81.09	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	134	26.80	168	33.60	500	500	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
3 & 4 Year Old SEN Inclusion		300	300	300	0	110	36.67	23	7.67	300	300	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Early Years Contingency		0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	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	167	16.85	194	19.58	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	1,192	61.57	1,357	70.09	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	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,017	1,017	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Early Years Pupil Premium		253	253	253	0	188	74.31	208	82.21	253	253	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Disability Access Fund		126	126	126	0	39	30.95	46	36.51	126	126	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Quality Supplement (TPPG)		300	300	300	0	0	0.00	3	1.00	300	300	0	0	0	0	The expenditure has remained within the allocated budget.
Total		23,541	23,159	23,159	0	14,526	62.72	16,333	70.53	23,159	23,159	0	0	0	0	

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High Needs Block		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				Actuals 2023/24				Forecast Outturn 2023/24			Variance			
		Original Budget	P9	P10	Movement	P9 Actuals	P9	P10 Actuals	P10	P9 Forecast Outturn	P10 Forecast Outturn	Movement	P9 Forecast Variance	P10 Forecast Variance	Movement	
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
SENDIF Plus (Transfer to Early Years Block)		250	250	250	0	614	245.53	614	245.60	281	272	(9)	31	22	(9)	Includes estimate for new EHCP/SENIF 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	9,191	75.52	10,201	83.81	12,392	12,220	(172)	221	49	(172)	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	12,957	100.35	15,688	121.50	15,233	15,529	296	2,321	2,617	296	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	103	10.66	141	14.60	122	726	604	(844)	(240)	604	Expenditure Includes Split Site and Satellite Classes
NNC Special School Top Up Protection		193	193	193	0	194	100.52	194	100.52	194	194	0	1	1	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
NNC Special School TPG&TPECG		806	806	806	0	806	100.00	806	100.00	806	806	0	0	0	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
NNC Special School 3.4% Additional Grant		853	853	853	0	854	100.12	854	100.12	854	854	0	1	1	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
NNC SEN Units Occupied Place Funding		1,695	1,695	1,695	0	1,012	59.71	1,129	66.61	1,670	1,646	(24)	(25)	(49)	(24)	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	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
NNC SEN Units Top Ups		1,098	1,098	1,098	0	1,231	112.11	1,718	156.47	1,412	1,434	22	314	336	22	Overspend accounts for additional students require Top Ups plus students being rebanded and higher needs.
AP Free Schools Place Funding		190	190	190	0	121	63.68	134	70.53	190	161	(29)	0	(29)	(29)	Expenditure to come within Budget
AP Free Schools TPG&TPECG		13	13	13	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	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	1,250	64.00	1,384	70.87	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	0.00	0	0.00	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	93	48.95	93	48.95	137	137	0	(53)	(53)	0	Forecasted to come in under budget.
Out of County Special Top-ups		1,621	1,621	1,621	0	1,087	67.06	1,163	71.75	1,589	1,580	(9)	(32)	(41)	(9)	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	11,492	128.91	12,976	145.55	12,697	12,758	61	3,782	3,843	61	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	315	71.43	353	80.05	395	362	(33)	(46)	(79)	(33)	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	294	93.93	346	110.54	473	533	60	160	220	60	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	6,252	82.94	9,241	122.59	9,758	9,825	67	2,220	2,287	67	There is further work taking place by the HN Team to work through Phase Transfers and a EHC Team Audit. This forecast includes an 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	3,414	128.83	3,694	139.40	3,968	3,019	(949)	1,318	369	(949)	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	0	0.00	0	0.00	543	543	0	0	0	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
Specialist Support Service		650	650	650	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	650	650	0	0	0	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
NPPS (Northamptonshire Parent Partnership Service)		30	30	30	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	30	30	0	0	0	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
Sensory Impairment Provision		971	971	971	0	1,502	154.69	1,275	131.31	971	971	0	0	0	0	Expenditure to come within Budget
Direct payments		190	190	190	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	440	457	17	250	267	17	Expenditure relates to Personal Budget payments, there is also backdated costs in this forecast.
Therapies		40	40	40	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	129	137	8	89	97	8	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	0.00	0	0.00	0	105	105	(105)	0	105	Expenditure to come within Budget
Outreach Services		454	454	454	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	726	726	0	272	272	0	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	(108)	(108)	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	108	108	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	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	(176)	(176)	0	Additional Funding allocated to HN Block
Total		57,851	57,919	57,919	0	52,782	91.13	62,004	107.05	67,360	67,375	15	9,441	9,456	15	

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Agenda Item 4



North Northamptonshire Schools Forum: 14th March 2024

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School's Period 10 Monitoring 2023-24

1 Background

- 1.1 This report informs schools forum of the current year's budget position based on the third quarter representing April 2023 to January 2024 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 10.

Table 2 – School P10 Monitoring

DFE Number	School Name	School Type	Opening Revenue Balance 2023/24	P10 Income	Pay	Premises	Supplies and Services	P10 Expenditure	In year Variance based on P10	In Year 2023/24 Variances including balance brought forward	23/24 Year end forecast as of January submitted by School
1000	Ronald Tree Nursery School	Nursery	-£60,802	-£532,996	£515,537	£28,995	£39,888	£584,419	£51,424	-£9,378	-£79,394
1001	Croyland Early Years Centre	Nursery	£75,357	-£838,889	£819,121	£180,307	£68,361	£1,067,790	£228,901	£304,258	£198,323
1003	Highfield Nursery School	Nursery	£3,432	-£429,152	£347,709	£41,693	£154,451	£543,852	£114,700	£118,133	£70,563
1011	Pen Green Centre	Nursery	-£206,039	-£30,830	£2,057,765	£7,857	-£6,994	£2,058,629	£2,027,798	£1,821,759	No Submission
	Total Maintained Nursery Schools		-£188,052	-£1,831,867	£3,740,132	£258,852	£255,706	£4,254,690	£2,422,823	£2,234,771	£189,492
2007	Broughton Primary	Primary	-£144,534	-£1,030,287	£745,953	£45,098	£119,116	£910,167	-£120,120	-£264,655	-£122,206
2019	Corby Old Village Primary School	Primary	-£148,987	-£1,083,110	£864,171	£37,846	£162,431	£1,064,449	-£18,661	-£167,648	-£150,017
2029	Mawsley Community Primary School	Primary	-£89,722	-£1,680,283	£1,200,321	£123,951	£305,691	£1,629,964	-£50,319	-£140,041	-£78,614
2041	Great Doddington Primary	Primary	-£148,516	-£807,096	£526,847	£117,598	£242,000	£886,446	£79,350	-£69,166	£38,756
2048	HIGHAM FERRERS JUNIOR SCHOOL	Primary	-£240,862	-£1,650,757	£1,264,510	£76,707	£249,207	£1,590,423	-£60,333	-£301,195	-£169,435
2072	Nassington School	Primary	-£164,528	-£527,994	£355,576	£56,929	£114,974	£527,479	-£516	-£165,044	-£123,653
2082	Lord Alfred Tennyson	Primary	£101,611	-£1,018,039	£624,021	£256,182	£103,064	£983,267	-£34,772	£66,838	£100,000
2086	South End Infant School	Primary	-£54,944	-£1,333,361	£1,001,866	£61,158	£198,033	£1,261,058	-£72,303	-£127,247	-£80,074
2091	Warmington School	Primary	-£127,800	-£567,105	£352,838	£42,172	£120,322	£515,333	-£51,772	-£179,572	-£66,565
2100	The Avenue Infant School	Primary	-£144,706	-£1,052,287	£801,337	£63,154	£125,861	£990,352	-£61,936	-£206,641	-£143,862

2130	South End Junior School	Primary	-£244,642	-£1,579,610	£1,273,113	£85,789	£232,395	£1,591,297	£11,687	-£232,955	-£128,014
2140	HIGHAM FERRERS INFANT SCHOOL	Primary	-£223,220	-£1,214,801	£1,067,296	£52,740	£132,321	£1,252,357	£37,556	-£185,664	-£120,390
2144	Meadowside Primary School	Primary	£99,489	-£1,838,089	£1,665,202	£102,217	£243,055	£2,010,473	£172,384	£271,873	£137,569
2145	EARLS BARTON PRIMARY SCH	Primary	£9,360	-£2,197,633	£1,762,641	£140,194	£246,064	£2,148,898	-£48,734	-£39,374	-£2,381
2155	Whitefriars Primary School	Primary	-£436,937	-£1,955,247	£1,479,198	£80,810	£219,016	£1,779,023	-£176,224	-£613,160	-£197,512
2180	Hayfield Cross School	Primary	-£228,623	-£1,828,289	£1,366,017	£76,889	£232,339	£1,675,245	-£153,044	-£381,667	-£239,662
2206	NCC Denfield Park Primary	Primary	-£39,945	-£2,148,771	£1,767,968	£186,307	£220,852	£2,175,127	£26,356	-£13,589	£58,842
2217	Barton Seagrave County Primary	Primary	-£363,670	-£2,833,794	£2,296,534	£133,680	£370,655	£2,800,870	-£32,924	-£396,594	-£309,132
2230	Henry Chichele Primary	Primary	-£135,237	-£1,897,961	£1,467,072	£167,988	£228,665	£1,863,724	-£34,237	-£169,475	-£50,230
2231	Croyland Primary School	Primary	£15,621	-£2,472,451	£2,034,252	£111,985	£256,490	£2,402,727	-£69,724	-£54,103	£20,400
3030	Geddington C of E Primary	Primary	-£103,661	-£929,929	£708,527	£51,086	£114,765	£874,378	-£55,551	-£159,211	-£66,732
3033	Grendon CE Primary	Primary	-£66,501	-£607,996	£451,853	£51,256	£84,452	£587,561	-£20,435	-£86,936	-£55,617
3066	TITCHMARSH C of E PRIMARY	Primary	-£145,100	-£666,354	£448,848	£70,784	£99,069	£618,701	-£47,654	-£192,754	-£99,150
3070	All Saints CE Primary School	Primary	-£78,292	-£1,109,170	£732,142	£97,449	£202,063	£1,031,655	-£77,515	-£155,806	-£119,853
3200	Brigstock Lathams CE Primary School	Primary	-£20,663	-£588,588	£440,470	£48,961	£104,175	£593,606	£5,018	-£15,645	£12,386
3201	KINGS CLIFFE ENDOWED SCHOOL	Primary	-£147,772	-£1,023,691	£729,397	£70,527	£139,828	£939,751	-£83,940	-£231,712	-£131,665
3345	Wilby CE (VA) Primary	Primary	-£7,468	-£522,533	£425,228	£19,924	£61,595	£506,748	-£15,785	-£23,253	£6,614
3406	St Patricks RC Primary	Primary	-£39,064	-£1,081,603	£864,115	£76,441	£136,121	£1,076,676	-£4,927	-£43,991	-£25,738
3514	Little Stanion Primary School	Primary	-£62,355	-£1,147,774	£910,500	£70,606	£154,832	£1,135,938	-£11,836	-£74,191	-£56,886
5206	Millbrook Infant School	Primary	-£199,379	-£1,286,107	£1,066,897	£61,118	£128,796	£1,256,811	-£29,296	-£228,675	-£92,632
5207	Millbrook Junior School	Primary	-£157,899	-£1,906,618	£1,645,787	£106,140	£234,291	£1,986,218	£79,600	-£78,299	-£61,815
5210	Stanion CE Primary School	Primary	-£83,675	-£530,833	£405,790	£31,544	£70,624	£507,958	-£22,875	-£106,550	-£63,615
	Total Maintained Primary Schools		-£3,822,622	-£42,118,159	£32,746,287	£2,775,232	£5,653,160	£41,174,679	-£943,480	-£4,766,102	-£2,380,883
4055	The Latimer Arts College	Secondary	-£1,083,818	-£6,287,610	£4,987,344	£432,759	£583,909	£6,004,012	-£283,599	-£1,367,417	-£755,341
	Total Maintained Secondary School		-£1,083,818	-£6,287,610	£4,987,344	£432,759	£583,909	£6,004,012	-£283,599	-£1,367,417	-£755,341
7031	Rowan Gate Primary School	Special	-£432,906	-£6,256,599	£5,020,562	£501,939	£427,395	£5,949,896	-£306,703	-£739,609	-£173,471
	Total Maintained Special School		-£432,906	-£6,256,599	£5,020,562	£501,939	£427,395	£5,949,896	-£306,703	-£739,609	-£173,471
	Total Maintained Schools		-£5,527,399	-£56,494,235	£46,494,325	£3,968,782	£6,920,170	£57,383,277	£889,042	-£4,638,356	-£3,120,203

* 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 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 10 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 Support for Schools in financial difficulty

- 3.1 To assist schools facing financial challenges, they can request services from the schools traded team, which provides support directly to schools. The North Northampton Council has established a panel specifically for schools experiencing financial difficulties. Currently, schools that have not requested a licensed deficit or submitted a school budget plan are operating outside the scheme for financing schools.
- 3.2 The panel for financially challenged schools will convene in March to finalise memberships and Terms of Reference (TOR). Following this, schools in deficit will receive a formal request to submit licensed deficit applications and recovery plans in accordance with the licensed deficit policy approved for 2024/25.

4 Recommendations for Schools Forum

- 4.1 Schools forum is asked to note the current year's budget position based on Period 10 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.

5 Next steps

- 5.1 The Outturn position will be brought to July 2024 school forum

6 Financial implications

6.1 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.

7 Legal implications

7.1 There are no legal implications arising from the report.

8. Risks

8.1 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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High Needs Block Challenges, Pressures, Mitigations and Requirements

14th March 2024





Pressures

2023/24 HNB Outturn and 2024/25 DRAFT High Needs Block Budget

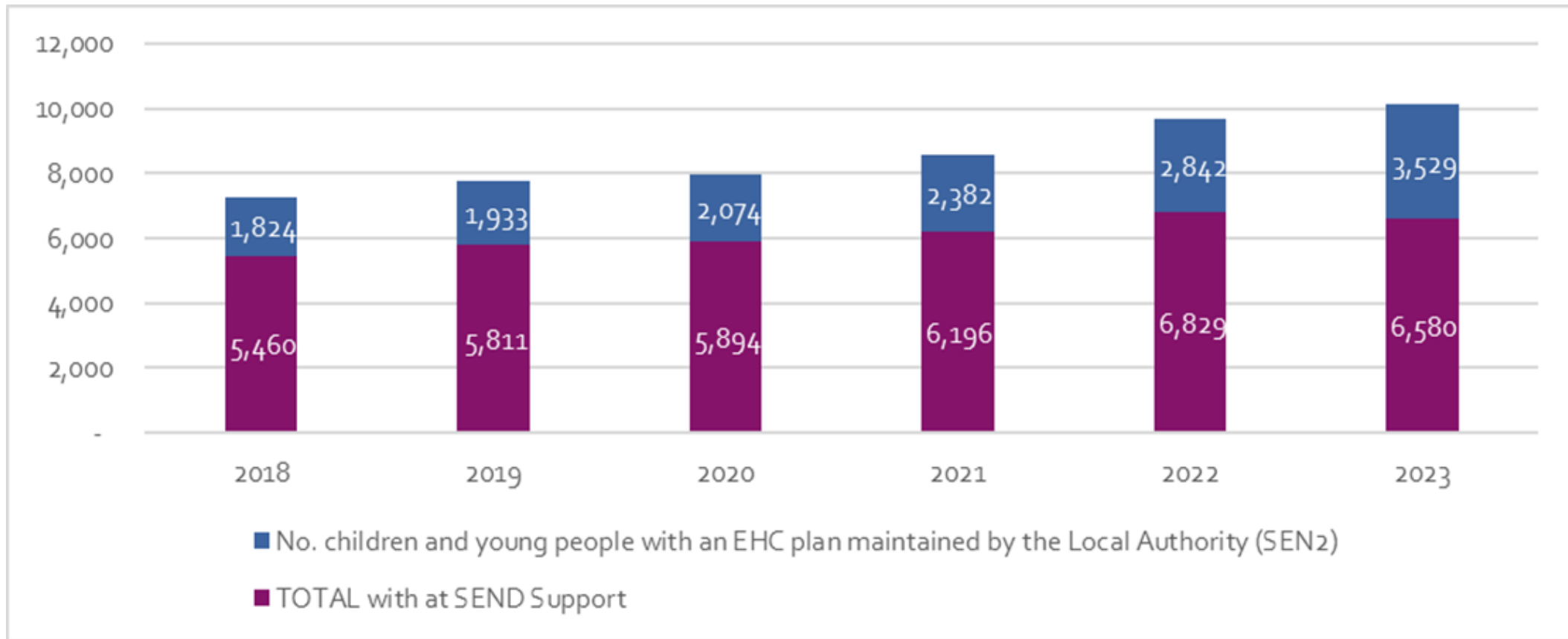
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	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Forecast Spend	Variance	Total DRAFT 2024/25 Budget	
TOTAL SENIF PLUS	£250,000	£340,354	-£90,354	£246,457	
TOTAL MAINSTREAM TOP UP	£7,301,174	£9,895,574	-£2,594,400	£9,966,345	
TOTAL MAINSTREAM UNITS	£2,809,355	£3,079,163	-£269,808	£3,513,566	
TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS	£28,469,277	£30,326,483	-£1,857,206	£31,225,522	
TOTAL OUT OF AREA	£1,934,048	£2,170,459	-£236,411	£1,760,513	
TOTAL INDEPENDENT	£9,999,990	£13,247,341	-£3,247,351	£13,717,536	
TOTAL ALTERNATIVE PROVISION	£2,650,000	£4,666,626	-£2,016,626	£4,849,333	
Post 16 Top up	£1,953,207	£1,700,000	£253,207	£1,700,000	
AP Free Schools	£190,000	£160,833	£29,167	£190,000	
Support Services	£2,294,080	£2,194,080	£100,000	£2,194,080	
To be allocated	£68,019	£0	£68,019	£0	
TOTAL HIGH NEEDS BLOCK	£57,919,150	£67,780,913	-£9,861,763	£69,363,352	
HNB Allocation	£57,919,150			£60,980,284	
2024-25 In Year Deficit				-£8,383,068	-£18,244,831
Transfer from SB (0.5%) *	£0			£1,436,386	
Total HNB Funding inc transfer from SB	£57,919,150			£62,416,670	
Budgeted Deficit (inc 0.5% transfer)	£0			-£6,946,682	-£16,808,445

* Assumes 0.5% MFG, 100% Scaling

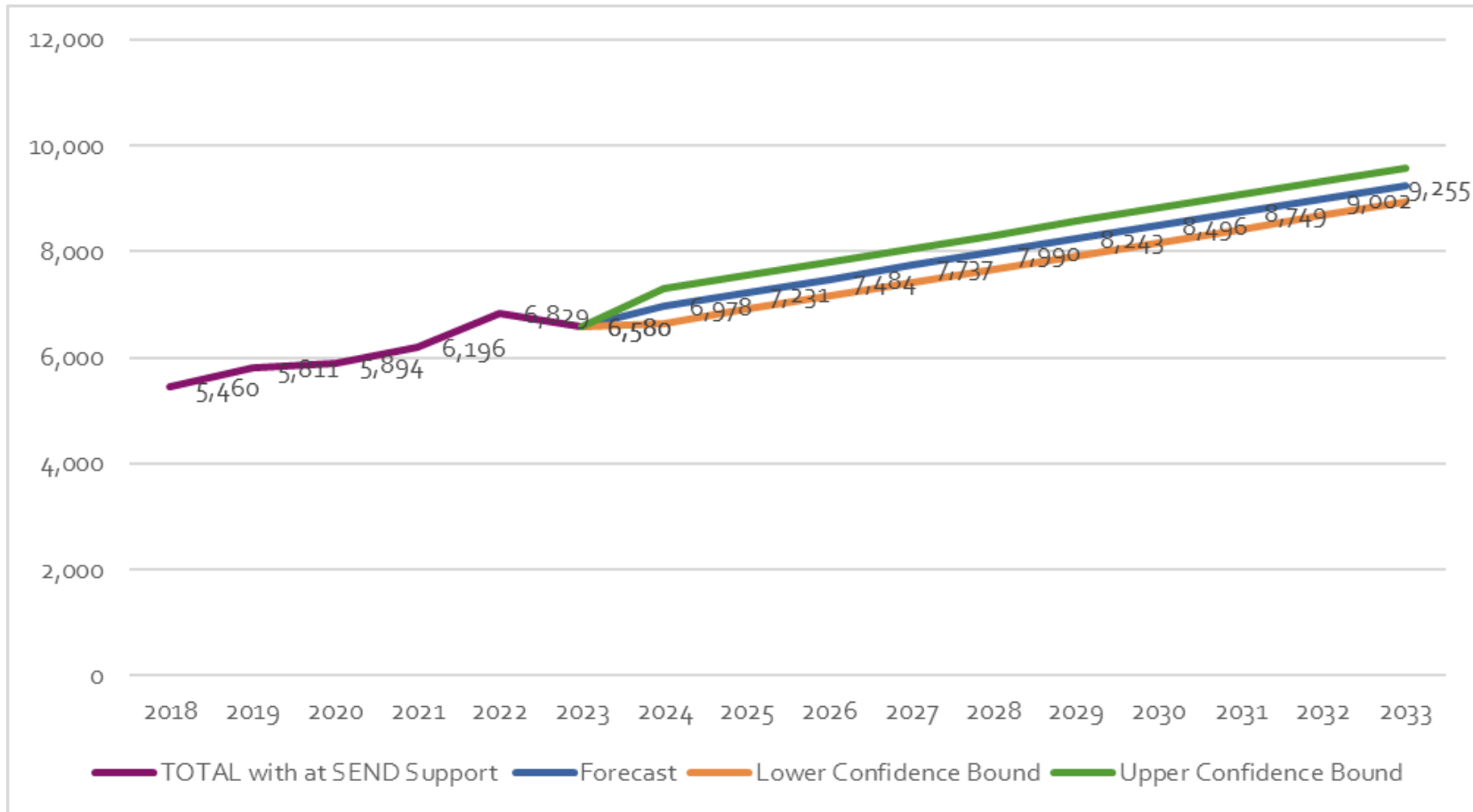


Increasing Levels of SEND 2018 - 2023



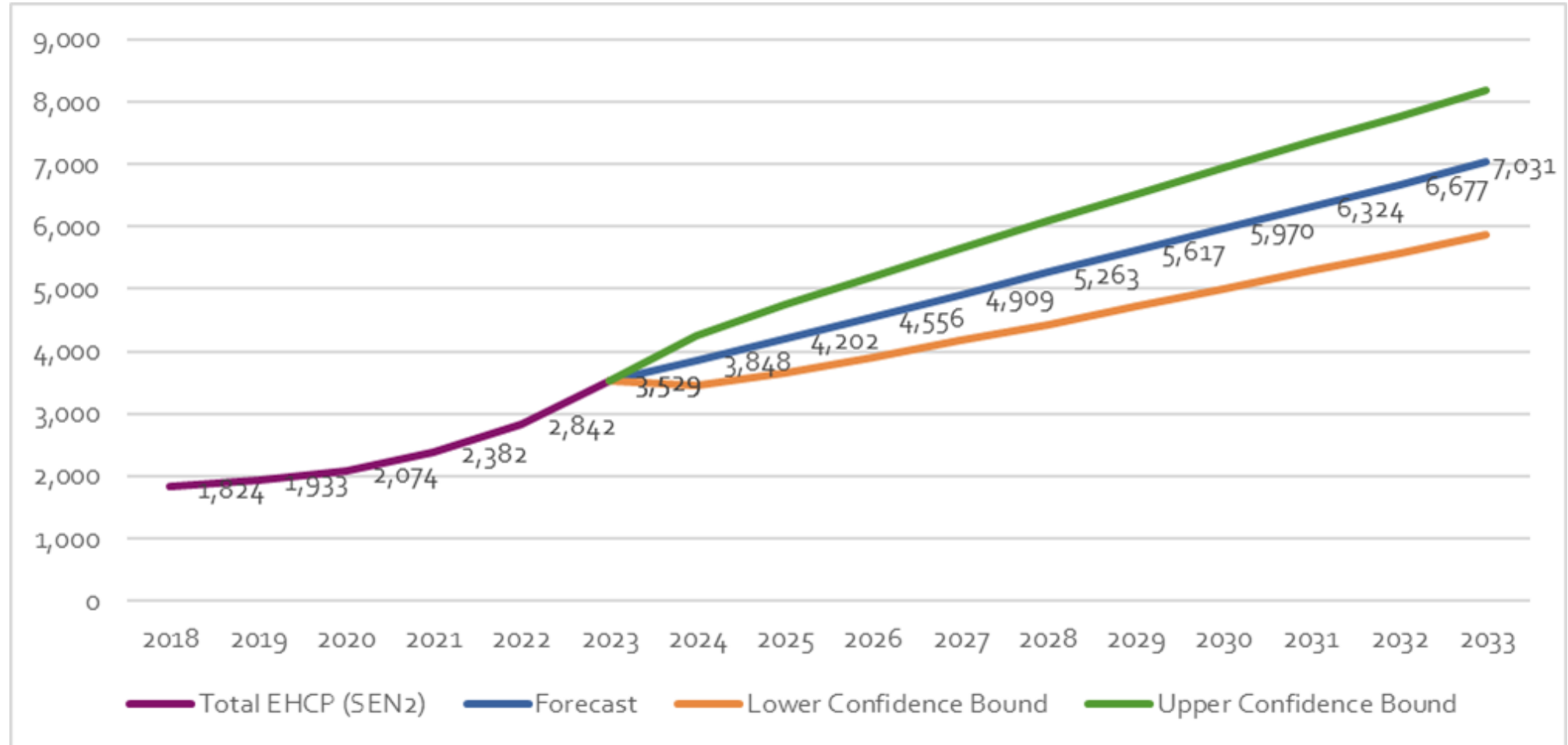


Increasing Levels of SEND Support 2018 - 2033





Increasing Levels of EHCP 2018 - 2033





Pressures

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- Based on Forecast, increase 1,734 EHCP in next five years, assume average £8k, total pressure would be £13.872m
- Funding does not reflect increased needs
- Investment and resources required to improve outcome in line with SEND Ofsted inspection
- Development of effective partnership working / joint commissioning whilst addressing individual organisational other pressures
- Lack of capacity leading to further increased use of expensive independent provision / tutoring where places unavailable
- Ongoing lack of AP in NNC
- Investment to maintain and expand Early Help offer
- Pressure on mainstream secondary school spaces / impact on inclusion



Requirements

Revenue

- Recognition that post LGR DSG / HNB does not reflect needs in NNC
- Agreement to transfer more than 0.5% of SB to HNB
- Access to additional revenue resources to deliver focussed developments around inclusion and SEND

Capital

- Successful outcome of bid to DfE for new AP School in NNC
- Opportunity to bid for new Special School provision in NNC – SEMH highest priority
- Additional capital resources to continue creation and expansion of new SEND provision to meet needs

Schools

- Focus, support and challenge on inclusion in all schools and academies
- School funding reviewed and increased to reflect expectations and demands



Requirements

Local Authority

- Sharing of best practice around all aspects of SEND and identification of Peer to Peer support opportunities
- Effective SEND support from DfE advisors focussed on pragmatic solutions to immediate and medium term challenges
- Clarity around expectations in relation to management of budget position
- Confirmation that arrangements for managing DSG deficit within Council accounts will be maintained in the medium term – Statutory Override beyond March 2026
- Medium term funding allocations that allow more accurate forecasting of available resources to support strategic planning

OfSTED

- Focus on inclusion and identification of poor practice as part of school inspection process
- Targeted inspections where schools are seen not to be acting in an inclusive way
- SEND inspection outcomes that reflect increasing need and pressures



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Agenda Item 6



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Agenda Item 6

EHCP Funding Band Review

1 Background

1.1 EHCP funding comes from the Higher Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant. This financial year it has totalled:

NNC Mainstream Schools (EHCP Top Up)	£7,227,214
Out of Area Mainstream Schools (EHCP Top Up)	£533,424
NNC Special Schools (RAS Top Up)	£15,222,696
Out of Area Special Schools (RAS / LA Set Top Up)	£1,636,971
TOTAL BAND FUNDING	£24,620,305

1.2 EHCP funding is based on a banding system. The banding of funding attached to an EHCP is decided by a multi-agency decision making group who will consider the content the EHCP. EHCP Top Up Level's 1A to 5A in mainstream schools and the RAS Level system – Band 1 – 10 in special schools.

1.3 The Schools Forum ratified a decision to move away from historic 'special arrangements' with schools and to stick to a banded system.

1.3 The local authority is regularly contacted by schools who state that the current funding they receive is not sufficient to deliver section F of the EHCP. Particularly when a 1:1 Teaching assistant is required.

1.4 The local authority, by law, are required to fund the provision outlined in section F of the EHCP.

1.4 The High Needs block is looking to be almost £10mil overspent this year, with a working estimate of £8mil next year.

2 Main report section or sections

2.1 The local authority recognises that the funding bands have not been reviewed for some time, and that the decisions that led to the current levels are now historic and not well understood.

2.2 The local authority would like to propose a subgroup of the school's forum, to review the current banding and look at potential impact.

3 Future options

3.1 Should the school's forum wish to progress with new banding modelling then a forum subcommittee would be established to complete this.

4 Recommendations for Schools Forum

4.1 Schools forum to decide on whether now an appropriate time would be to review EHCP funding bands.

5 Next steps

- 5.1 Should the school's forum wish to progress with new banding modelling then a forum subcommittee would be established to complete this.

6 Financial implications

- 6.1 Reviewing the funding bands will have financial implications on the High Needs Block. Modelling would need to be completed as part of the next steps to understand what these implications were. Any recommendations would need to recognise and respond to the funding envelope available within the Dedicated Schools Grant, and the pressure that has already been identified in this area.

7 Legal implications

- 7.1 Under s.42 Children and Families Act 2014 local authorities (LAs) have a legal duty to arrange the educational provision specified in section F of an EHCP. This includes ensuring adequate funding. LAs determine their own funding bands, and many view banding to ensure fair distribution of resources. However, the s.42 duty prevails - regardless of banding, the LA must fund the provision specified in the EHCP. The same applies if the school is not able to contribute the notional £6,000. Law takes priority over policy in all circumstances, and any LA policy criteria that conflict with legal requirements will be void.

8 Risks

- 8.1 If the Schools Forum do not agree to review the funding bands the Local Authority is at risk of legal challenge of not funding all provision outlined in section F of the EHCP.
- 8.2 If the Schools Forum do agree to review the funding bands this must be limited by the scope of the available resource to deliver any recommendations that may be made..

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EHCP Band Funding Information for Mainstream Settings.



Education, Health and Care Plan – Funding Criteria

Evidence needs to be seen that Element 2 has been spent/allocated to meet the child's needs.

Band 1A	Band 2A	Band 3A	Band 4A	Band 5A	Band 6A	Band 7A – SMP only
<p>Element 2: First £6,000 (notional SEN budget) Equates to: 10 hrs 1:1 18hrs 1:2</p>	<p>Element 2: First £6,000 (notional SEN budget) Equates to: 10 hrs 1:1 18hrs 1:2</p>	<p>Element 2: First £6,000 (notional SEN budget) Equates to: 10 hrs 1:1 18hrs 1:2</p>	<p>Element 2: First £6,000 (notional SEN budget) Equates to: 10 hrs 1:1 18hrs 1:2</p>	<p>Element 2: First £6,000 (notional SEN budget) Equates to: 10 hrs 1:1 18hrs 1:2</p>	<p>Element 2: First £6,000 (notional SEN budget) Equates to: 10 hrs 1:1 18hrs 1:2</p>	<p>Element 2: First £6,000 (notional SEN budget) Equates to: 10 hrs 1:1 18hrs 1:2</p>
<p>Element 3: ELHF £2,000 - £4,000 Can be allocated to provide 4 – 7 hrs additional 1:1.</p>	<p>Element 3: ELHF £4,000 - £6,000 Can be allocated to provide 7 – 10 hrs additional 1:1.</p>	<p>Element 3: ELHF £6,000 - £8,000 Can be allocated to provide 10 – 15 hrs additional 1:1.</p>	<p>Element 3: ELHF £11,000 Can be allocated to provide 15 – 20 hrs additional 1:1.</p>	<p>Element 3: EHLF £16,000* *£16,000 only given if external private support is needed (NHS services unable to provide support) i.e. Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language etc.</p>	<p>Element 3: EHC £20,000 Exceptional cases where a high package is needed following outreach advice.</p>	<p>SMP use only – for specific high cost packages. If ACSW is needed and school appointing their own £14,000 of funding is given.</p>
<p>Maximum hrs support 17hrs 1:1</p>	<p>Maximum hrs support 20hrs 1:1</p>	<p>Maximum hrs support 25hrs 1:1</p>	<p>Maximum hrs support 32hrs 1:1</p>			

Agenda Item 7



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Agenda Item 7

2024-25 De-delegation - Schools Insurance Service Update

1 Background

North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) accesses insurance cover via a procurement framework in collaboration with Solihull MBC and others called the Schools and Academies Insurance Framework (SAIF).

In December the Schools Forum voted that the schools insurance arrangements for 2024/25 are to be de-delegated for all maintained primary and secondary schools with a traded option for nursery and special school settings. For those schools not de-delegated the insurance team provide insurance quotations for acceptance prior to arranging cover.

Since the report in December further clarification in terms of the two-year contract extension has been received.

The purpose of this report is to further explain the position and seek agreement from Schools Forum for the continuation of de-delegated insurance services for schools for 2024-25 noting that schools will be contracted to a two-year agreement with the supplier.

2 The Schools Academy Insurance Framework (SAIF) Scheme offered by the Local Authority

The existing insurance arrangements have been in place since 2021 and are arranged via the Schools Academy Insurance Framework (SAIF). SAIF is operated by a group of local authorities and managed by Solihull MBC, the framework has been subject to a full procurement process and Zurich Municipal are the insurance provider to the framework.

We previously reported that Zurich Municipal had offered an extension for one year commencing on 1st April 2024 at an increased premium rate for the cover although this does remain £0.52 per pupil lower than the RPA alternative. As noted in 2.6 the contract required a two-year extension which has now been offered by the supplier.

2.1 Cover

Cover is as currently provided to NNC schools with the policy continuing to provide a comparable level of core cover as the Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA).

Whilst the RPA offers some unlimited indemnity levels on liability insurances, which we do not consider are necessary, in the main the cover provided by the SAIF scheme is comparable and there are additional benefits these are summarised below.

- Business interruption cover for loss of revenue is not provided by the RPA, cover via the SAIF scheme includes £150k of revenue protection in the event of an insured loss with a 48 month indemnity period
- Business interruption cover for loss of data is not provided by the RPA, cover via the SAIF scheme is provided at a level of £25k
- Theft cover under the SAIF scheme is for all theft whereas the RPA cover is limited to theft incidents involving forceable entry/exit.
- The sum insured for works in progress cover via the SAIF scheme is higher than that provided by the RPA at £500k (RPA is limited to £250k). The cover is also flexible and can be extended as required for an addition premium. The RPA does not allow this, and cover would need to be purchased elsewhere in the event of a contract exceeding £250k in value.
- The sum insured for employee and third party dishonesty (fraud) via the SAIF scheme is higher than that provided by the RPA at £1m (RPA £500k).
- The sum insured for legal expenses via the SAIF scheme is higher than that provided by the RPA at £250k (RPA £100k).
- Additional optional covers not included within the RPA, engineering insurance cover and statutory inspection services, motor and motor occasional business use, are available via the SAIF scheme at an additional premium. Schools do not then need to source their own policies as would be the case if cover is taken via the RPA.

NNC schools are currently receiving all the above.

2.2 Additional services

In addition to the cover set out in 2.1 the Local Authority is able to provide schools the ability to access added value services provided by Zurich at no additional cost, these include:

Zurich Risk Advisor - a digital risk self-assessment, review and management tool which provides a structured self-assessment for the review and management of risks and allows users to access guides to manage risks.

- Safer Schools App - an online platform that enables schools, pupils and parents to access a wealth of resources to support safeguarding practices.
- Fika Mental Fitness Platform - aimed at school staff. Fika helps to facilitate positive team behaviours by strengthening core mental fitness skills with training that fits into the education working day.
- Webinars specifically for school audiences on topics such as property risk management and understanding liability insurance

Additionally, schools will have access to services provided by the Lead Authority Shared Services agreement between NNC and Cambridgeshire. This enables schools to access a dedicated contact provided by the insurance service that supports the Local Authority who will be able to provide guidance and support in respect of insurance queries and issues with claims.

2.3 Overview of the Standard Package and Additional Covers

The main insurance product is provided within a standard package at a per pupil price which is inclusive of insurance premium tax. The price per school will be updated in April 2024 to reflect the actual number of pupils for each school based on the previous October census, i.e., the 2024/25 price will be based on the October 2023 census.

Schools will need to take out additional cover for engineering and motor insurance. Engineering cover is mandatory when insurance cover is taken via the Local Authority due to the link to liability insurance but cannot be included in the de-delegated budget. This charge will therefore be invoiced to schools separately and will need to be funded from school budgets.

Motor insurance is optional and will need to be funded from school budgets.

The premium charge for engineering and motor is assessed based on the extent of equipment inspected and the number of vehicles so the price varies school to school. For the Local Authority policy this will be administered by the insurance team who will advise 2024-25 prices as part of the renewal process in due course.

2.4 Market Conditions

Zurich Municipal, like the rest of the insurance market, are seeing challenging market pressures such as building sums insured and claims inflation and the impact of global weather events which have increased loss costs and are placing significant pressure on the cost of reinsurance. This has meant that they are having to increase prices for the SAIF cover, however they have stated that their aim is to remain competitive against the RPA in terms of price whilst continuing to provide an enhanced service in partnership with Local Authority Insurance Teams.

SAIF scheme insurance premiums per pupil are set out in the table below, it is worth noting that the alternative for schools via the RPA has seen increasing costs during the period that NNC schools have been insured via the SAIF scheme whilst Zurich Municipal have worked hard to hold their premium per pupil for the last two years despite the market factors mentioned above. Future RPA costs have not yet been published but the increase in cost is a trend which could continue and is likely to see the RPA rate remain higher than the SAIF offering.

Policy Period	SAIF Scheme Per Pupil Price	RPA Scheme Per Pupil Price	Difference Per Pupil
2021/22	£17.75	£19.00	-£1.25
2022/23	£18.00	£21.00	-£3.00
2023/24	£18.00	£23.00	-£5.00

2.5 2024-25 Pricing

Since our last report in December Zurich have confirmed that are offering a per pupil rate of £22.48 for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

As noted in the last report at the time of writing the rate was not yet formally set and was subject to approval by the SAIF group and senior underwriters within the insurer.

Zurich have now confirmed the price for 2024-25 and as shown in the table below this is less than the price set by the RPA which is currently £23 per pupil for the period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024.

Policy Period	SAIF Scheme Per Pupil Price	RPA Scheme Per Pupil Price	Difference Per Pupil
2024/25	£22.48	£23.00*	-£0.52*

*Note that the RPA price is only confirmed until 31st August 2024 at which point it may increase. The Zurich price is for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

The reason for the increase in price is as stated in 2.4.

2.6 Long Term Agreement

The procurement governance process at the lead authority Solihull MBC identified a contract requirement for a two-year extension to be offered by Zurich Municipal which overrides the one year extension which was previously reported to the Schools Forum and upon which the de-delegation decision for 2024-25 was made.

This means that schools purchasing insurance via the SAIF scheme in 2024-25 would be contracted to remain in the scheme for the 2025-26 policy period.

Solihull MBC have been in dialogue with Zurich Municipal who have confirmed that they are able to offer the required two-year extension. However, at this point they are unable to confirm the pricing for year two, 2025-26, due to the market conditions outlined in 2.4.

Zurich Municipal have confirmed that it is their intention that the two-year extension be honored in terms of the Long Term Agreement (LTA), i.e. that the price is maintained in year two.

They have also confirmed that if they did need to alter their price for year two then this would constitute a break in the LTA and therefore schools would be able to leave the scheme at this point without penalty.

3 Options available to schools

The decision made by the School Forum in December was to de-delegate the schools insurance arrangement.

Due to the change noted in 2.6 which effectively ties the schools into the SAIF arrangements for two years with the potential to leave in 2025-26 should the LTA be broken by the supplier the Schools Forum are able to review this decision.

Due to the limited market for school insurance schools have two options for insurance cover, either to purchase cover via the Local Authority and the SAIF scheme or join the RPA.

In addition, Schools Forum can determine that the schools insurance arrangement are either de-delegated or traded.

A de-delegated arrangement will allow schools to ensure continuity of insurance coverage and price certainty for the 2024-25 period without the need for schools to obtain quotations, complete lengthy proposal forms and provide underwriting information.

A traded option does allow schools the flexibility to join the RPA, if a traded option is selected the insurance service shall provide each school a personalised quotation for consideration. Schools will be required to formally approve the placement of their insurance and schools who select not to join or do not respond will not be insured by the SAIF scheme moving forward, in this case it is incumbent on the school to ensure they have appropriate cover in place that is no less comprehensive than the local authority scheme.

The insurance service confirms that the cost of providing insurance cover as a traded service will be maintained at the levels put forward for the de-delegated approach.

As noted above engineering and motor cover is available outside of the de-delegated arrangement as a traded service.

The local authority preference is for schools to continue to participate in the SAIF scheme and it will not allow schools to procure insurance via any other route than either SAIF or RPA schemes.

4 Recommendations for Schools Forum

The Schools Forum are asked to note the available purchasing options for insurance:

Option 1 - The Schools Forum agree the de-delegation of the service to primary and secondary schools at £22.48 per pupil with the provision available to other types of school as a traded service noting that **schools will be contracted with the current supplier for a period of two years. Schools will also need to buy in the traded elements of the insurance cover, namely Engineering, Motor and Occasional Business use.**

Option 2 - The Schools Forum refuse the de-delegation of the service to primary and secondary schools at £22.48 per pupil and the provision of insurance cover through the local authority will become a traded service for all settings noting that schools opting to use the service in 2024-25 will be contracted with the current supplier for a period of two years.

Option 3 - Schools purchase via the RPA at a premium currently £0.52 per pupil higher than the SAIF scheme offered by the Local Authority.

It is the authority's recommendation that the Schools Forum agree the de-delegation of primary and secondary schools with a traded service to nursery and special schools.

5 Next steps

The Insurance Service has obtained information required by underwriters to renew cover with effect from 1st April and are currently collating this for the insurer.

Following the vote by the Schools Forum, whether the service is de-delegated or offered on a traded basis, Insurance Service will obtain confirmed terms from Zurich Municipal.

Once terms are confirmed by the insurer Insurance Services will contact all schools to

advise of the premiums for each area of cover as follows:

- Package (per pupil element)
- Engineering cover (mandatory with package)
- Engineering inspection (mandatory with package)
- Motor (optional)
- Occasional Business Use (optional cover relating to Staff Business Use of personal vehicles)

Schools using the traded service will need to confirm their purchasing decision upon receipt of a quotation.

Assuming de-delegation is agreed primary and secondary schools receiving quotations for motor and occasional business cover will need to confirm their purchasing decision.

6 Financial implications

The Schools Forum is asked to note that the cover provided by the local authority is comparable to the RPA and offered at a lower price saving £0.52 per pupil.

7 Risks

The Schools Forum is asked to note that the market for school insurance cover is very limited.

Should continued use of the SAIF scheme decline insurers may decide to withdraw from the market which is likely to lead to the Local Authority being unable to offer an alternative to the RPA scheme therefore removing choice and competitive pricing.

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SCHOOLS FORUM FORWARD PLAN 2024/25

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Forward Plan/Report Deadlines and List of Forward Plan/Report Items

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