



**North Northamptonshire Schools Forum: 4 November 2021**

**Agenda Item 9**

**DSG Central School Services Block (CSSB)**

**Appendix G**

**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report is to present to Schools Forum the Local Authority’s proposals for central expenditure on education functions for 2022-23.
- 1.2 There is a £0.35M decrease in the available amount for central expenditure largely due to the 20% reduction in the historical element of the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB).

**2 Central School Services Block (CSSB)**

- 2.1 CSSB covers funding allocated to LAs to carry out central 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 which is formula driven (nationally distributed 90% via a per pupil rate currently multiplied by October 2020 pupil census data but will be revised to October 2021 numbers in the December 2021 announcement).
  - b) funding for historic commitments allocated at levels carried forward from previous years. The DfE have been reducing the historic commitments funding from 2020-21 by 20% per annum. This reduction has been applied to the provisional 2022-23 CSSB funding.
- 2.3 NNC received a provisional allocation of £3.55M compared to £3.90M in 2021-22 which is a reduction of £0.35M.

**Central school services block: local authority (LA) summary**

On this page you can see the estimated impact on an LA's funding. To view an LA's data, please select the relevant LA from the blue box below.

- Below, you will see the LA's 2021-22 CSSB funding baseline and the change in funding under the NFF.

- At the top of the page are the baseline and 2022-23 allocation for historic commitments.

- LA's historic commitments funding will be reduced by 20%.

- At the bottom of the page, you will see the provisional change to the LA's funding for ongoing responsibilities in 2022-23 as a result of the national funding formula.

- Funding for ongoing responsibilities will be allocated on a per-pupil basis. No LA's per-pupil funding for 2022-23 will fall more than 2.5% compared to its 2021-22 per-pupil funding.

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2021-22 baseline for historic commitments	£2,249,495	This shows the 2021-22 LA allocation for historic commitments.
NFF funding for historic commitments	£1,799,596	This shows what the LA will receive for historic commitments in 2022-23.

Table 1: 2022-23 funding for historic commitments

2021-22 baseline for ongoing responsibilities	£1,658,586	This shows the LA's allocation for ongoing responsibilities in the 2021-22 DSG allocations.
2022-23 total funding for ongoing responsibilities	£1,750,803	This shows what the LA would provisionally receive for ongoing responsibilities in 2022-23.
Percentage change in per pupil funding in 2022-23	5.56%	This shows the percentage change in what the LA would provisionally receive per pupil in 2022-23 compared with the 2021-22 baseline for ongoing responsibilities.

Table 2: Provisional 2022-23 funding for ongoing responsibilities, under the NFF

2.4 Table 1 shows the differential in CSSB funding in 2022-23 against the 2021-22 allocation.

**Table 1 – CSSB Funding**

Central School Services Block Funding	2021-22	2022-23	Change
Final CSSB unit of funding	£33.72	£35.59	£1.87
2021 to 2022 CSSB pupil count	49,187	49,187	0
Funding for On-going Duties	£1.65M	£1.75M	£0.09M
Funding for Historic Commitments	£2.25M	£1.80M	-£0.45M
<b>Total Central School Services Block Funding</b>	<b>£3.90M</b>	<b>£3.55M</b>	<b>-£0.35M</b>

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

2.5 Table 2 shows NNC's current use of the CSSB funding in 2021-22, together with proposals for its use in 2022-23 and changes from 2021-22. It has been assumed expenditure under ongoing responsibilities will remain as 2021-22 with the residue used to contribute to High Needs Block deficit.

**Table 2 – NNC Provisional CSSB Expenditure £M**

Central School Services Block Expenditure	2021-22	2022-23	Change
<b>Historical Commitments</b>	<b>£M</b>	<b>£M</b>	<b>£M</b>
Contribution to Combined Services (see Table 3)	1.07	0.64	-0.43
Contribution to DSG High Needs Deficit	0.18	0.18	0.00
Historical Teachers Pension pre-2013	0.99	0.99	0.00
<b>Total Historical Commitments</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>-0.43</b>
<b>Ongoing Responsibilities</b>	<b>£M</b>	<b>£M</b>	<b>£M</b>
Admissions	0.48	0.48	0.00
Schools Forum	0.01	0.01	0.00
National Copyright Licences	0.30	0.30	0.00
Ex Education Services Grant - retained Local Authority duties for all schools	0.86	0.86	0.00
Teacher's Pay and Pension Grant	0.01	0.01	0.00
Contribution to DSG High Needs Deficit	0.00	0.09	0.09
<b>Total Ongoing Responsibilities</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>0.09</b>
<b>Total Central School Services Block Expenditure</b>	<b>3.91</b>	<b>3.57</b>	<b>-0.34</b>

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

2.6 Table 3 provides a breakdown NNC’s proposals for the use of the CSSB on Combined Services in 2022-23, together with explanations of its use and changes from 2021-22.

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

<b>Contribution to Combined Services Expenditure</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>Change</b>
	<b>£M</b>	<b>£M</b>	<b>£M</b>
School Standards & Effectiveness	0.43	0.43	0.00
Moderation	0.02	0.01	0.00
Prevention & Early Help - Parenting Support Co-ordinators	0.03	0.00	-0.03
Social Care Transport	0.22	0.00	-0.22
Supervised Contact	0.17	0.00	-0.17
Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board	0.03	0.03	0.00
MASH	0.04	0.03	-0.01
Educational Entitlement	0.13	0.13	0.00
<b>Total Contribution to Combined Services Expenditure</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>-0.43</b>

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

### **3 Financial implications**

3.1 This reduction of £0.35M funding leaves a funding gap of £0.01M against the overall expenditure requirement.

3.2 A realignment of current expenditure budgets against DSG CSSB regulations has been proposed to address this reduction in funding. Three contributions to Combined Services Expenditure have been removed from CSSB. They are:

- Prevention & Early Help – Parenting Support Co-ordinators
- Social Care Transport
- Supervised Contact

3.3 For 2022-23 the contributions to these three combined expenditure will be funded from General Fund as well as the gap of £0.01M on CSSB.

3.4 The funding gap will be met through the NNC General Fund £0.45M (proposal in NNC budget) in 2022-23. This will need to be reviewed every year by North Northamptonshire Council.

3.5 The ongoing 20% reductions on Historic Commitments Funding on CSSB will continue year on year i.e. a further reduction of £0.36M in 2023-24 and £0.29M in 2024-25.

### **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 an alternative source of funding to support the existing commitments as the DSG CSSB is set by the DFE.

## **6 Recommendations for Schools Forum**

6.1 Schools Forum members are asked to agree the Central Expenditure on Education Functions proposals for 2022-23 funded from the CSSB as per Table 2 which are included in the Schools Funding Consultation.

## **7 Next Steps**

7.1 Consultation with schools will be held for a period of four weeks between 5 November - 3 December 2021 inclusive.

7.2 The consultation feedback will be shared with School Forum at the December 2021 meeting.

7.3 Schools Forum members will be asked to agree to the final proposals for central expenditure in December 2021.

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