

North Northamptonshire Schools Forum: 20th January 2022

Agenda Item 4

2022-23 Dedicated Schools Grant and Other Grants

1 Background

1.1 This report sets out:

- Details of 2022-23 Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement
- Details of other grant funding

2 2022-23 Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement

2.1 The Department for Education (DfE) on 16th December 2021 published North Northamptonshire Council's DSG Settlement for 2022-23. Details can be found on [Dedicated schools grant \(DSG\) 2022 to 2023 \(skillsfunding.service.gov.uk\)](https://skillsfunding.service.gov.uk)

2.2 The DSG allocations reflect the change in the payment process for national non-domestic rates from financial year 2022-23 when ESFA will pay billing authorities directly.

2.3 Table A sets out the 2022-23 DSG settlement received against the 2022-23 Provisional National Funding Formula and the latest 2021-22 DSG Allocation.

Table A – Dedicated Schools Grant

DSG Blocks	2021-22 DSG before Recoupment	2022-23 Provisional NFF	2022-23 DSG before Recoupment	Change from 2021-22	Change from 2022-23 NFF
	Version Date: 18 Nov 2021	Version Date: 28 Sep 2021	Version Date: 16 Dec 2021	Version Date: 16 Dec 2021	Version Date: 16 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Schools Block	244,805,438	250,375,503	254,876,162	10,070,724	4,500,659
Central School Services Block	3,908,081	3,550,399	3,567,298	-340,783	16,899
High Needs Block	45,504,413	49,363,187	50,115,790	4,611,377	752,603
Early Years Block	22,140,202	22,140,202	21,812,758	-327,444	-327,444
Total DSG Allocation	316,358,134	325,429,290	330,372,008	14,013,874	4,942,718

Additional High Needs Funding	0	0	1,889,965	1,889,965	1,889,965
School Supplementary Grant	0	0	7,323,772	7,323,772	7,323,772
Total DSG Allocation + Additional High Needs Funding + School Supplementary Grant	316,358,134	325,429,290	339,585,745	23,227,611	14,156,455

3 2022-23 Schools Block DSG

3.1 Table B sets out 2022-23 Schools Block DSG compared against 2021-22 Schools Block DSG.

Table B – Schools Block DSG

Schools Block DSG	2021-22 DSG Allocation	Provisional 2022-23 NFF Allocation	2022-23 DSG Allocation	Change from 2021-22 DSG Allocation	% Change from 2021-22 DSG Allocation
Primary schools' unit of funding	£4,405.29	£4,526.11	£4,526.11	£120.82	2.74%
Secondary schools' unit of funding	£5,693.88	£5,857.68	£5,857.68	£163.80	2.88%
Number of pupils in primary schools	29,695.50	29,695.50	29,697.50	2.00	0.01%
Number of pupils in secondary schools	19,491.50	19,491.50	19,971.00	479.50	2.46%
Proportion of NFF funding (excluding premises and growth) that is protected through the teachers' pay and pensions grants	4.38%	4.38%	0%	-4.38%	-100.00%
Protected schools block funding for the pay and pensions grants	£10,590,821	£10,887,809	£0	-£10,590,821	-100.00%
Funding through the premises factor	£1,666,417	£1,795,379	£1,795,380	£128,963	7.74%
Growth funding	£1,339,468		£1,682,902	£343,434	25.64%
Schools block before protected funding for the teachers' pay and pension grants	£234,214,617	£239,487,693	£251,397,880	£17,183,263	7.34%
Total Schools Block	£244,805,438	£250,375,503	£254,876,162	£10,070,724	4.11%

Deductions to schools block for NNDR	£0	£0	£1,720,380	£1,720,380
Deductions to schools block for recoupment	£196,890,026	£195,136,829	£0	- £196,890,026
Total Schools Block after deductions	£47,915,412	£55,238,674	£253,155,782	£205,240,370

3.2 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.

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

3.3 Falling Pupil Fund can also be set aside falling rolls using Schools Block DSG.

3.4 Schools Block DSG is used to finance Individual School Budgets. Details of the proposed options for setting 2022-23 Primary and Secondary School Budgets are set out in Agenda Item 5.

3.5 Schools Forum can decide to use Schools Block DSG to fund schools with split sites subject to the set criteria in the LA local funding formulae.

4 2022-23 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 2022-23.

Table C – Central School Services Block DSG

Central School Services Block	2021-22	2022-23	Change
Final CSSB unit of funding	£33.72	£35.59	£1.87
CSSB pupil count	49,187.00	49,668.50	481.50
Funding for On-going Duties	£1,658,586	£1,767,942	£109,356
Funding for Historic Commitments	£2,249,495	£1,799,596	-£449,899
Total Central School Services Block	£3,908,081	£3,567,538	-£340,543

4.4 Table D sets out the 2022-23 CSSB DSG proposed revised expenditure. The expenditure was revised to realign the approved CSSB budget approved by Schools Forum in December 2021 with the confirmed 2022-23 CSSB DSG Allocation.

Table D – Proposed Revised CSSB DSG Expenditure

Central School Services Block	2021-22	2022-23	Change
Historical Commitments	£M	£M	£M
Contribution to Combined Services (see Table E)	1.07	0.64	-0.43
Contribution to DSG High Needs Deficit	0.18	0.16	-0.02
Historical Teachers Pension pre-2013	0.99	0.99	0.00
Total Historical Commitments	2.25	1.80	-0.45
Ongoing Responsibilities	£M	£M	£M
Admissions	0.48	0.48	0.00
Schools Forum	0.01	0.01	0.00
National Copyright Licences	0.30	0.28	-0.02
Statutory and Regulatory Duties	0.86	0.88	0.02
Teacher's Pay and Pension Grant	0.01	0.01	0.00
Contribution to DSG High Needs Deficit	0.00	0.11	0.11
Total Ongoing Responsibilities	1.66	1.77	0.11
Total CSSB	3.91	3.57	-0.34

4.5 Table E sets out CSSB DSG Contribution to Combined Services

Table E – CSSB DSG Contribution to Combined Services

CSSB DSG Contribution to Combined Service	2021-22	2022-23	Change
	£M	£M	£M
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
Total	1.07	0.64	-0.43

5 2022-23 High Needs Block DSG

5.1 Table F sets out 2022-23 High Needs Block DSG compared against 2021-22 High Needs Block DSG.

Table F – High Needs Block DSG

High Needs Block DSG	2021-22 DSG	2022-23 DSG	Change from 2021-22 DSG Allocation	% Change from 2021-22 DSG Allocation
	Version Date: 18 Nov 2021	Version Date: 16 Dec 2021		
Total high needs elements in the funding floor and gains calculation	£41,945,728	£45,822,048	£3,876,320	9.24%
Basic entitlement factor (area cost adjusted) unit of funding	£4,683.45	£4,683.87	£0.42	0.01%
Number of pupils in special schools and academies	1,079.50	1,240.18	160.68	14.88%
Import/export adjustment (based on January 2021 school census and February R06 2020 to 21 individualised learner record)	-£1,614,000	-£1,614,000	£0	0.00%
Additional Funding for Special Free Schools	£96,000	£78,000	-£18,000	-18.75%
Hospital education, AP teachers pay/pension and supplementary funding factor	£20,900	£20,900	£0	0.00%
Total High Needs Block before deductions	£45,504,413	£50,115,790	£4,611,377	10.13%
Additional High Needs Funding	£0	£1,889,965	£1,889,965	

5.2 The DFE have announced an additional £1.89M of High Needs Funding as part of the 2022-23 DSG Settlement.

5.3 Detailed proposals for the 2022-23 High Needs Block Expenditure are set out in the High Needs Block Agenda item 3.

6 2022-23 Early Years Block DSG

6.1 Table G sets out the DFE's Indicative Early Years Block Allocation for 2021-22 and 2022-23 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.

Table G – Indicative Early Years Block DSG

Indicative Early Years Block DSG	2021-22 Indicative Funding	2022-23 Indicative Funding
Hourly rate for 3 and 4 year olds from early years national funding formula	£4.49	£4.66
Number for 3 and 4 year old universal entitlement funding (part-time equivalent)	5,316.48	4,994.80
Indicative funding allocation for universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds	£13,606,468	£13,267,188
Number for 3 and 4 year old additional 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents (part-time equivalent)	1,985.80	2,066.54
Indicative funding allocation for additional 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of 3 and 4 year olds	£5,082,258	£5,489,144
Hourly rate for 2 year old entitlement	£5.41	£5.62
Number for 2 year old entitlement funding (part-time equivalent)	716.50	547.44
Indicative funding allocation for 2 year old entitlement	£2,209,472	£1,753,670
Indicative funding allocation for early years pupil premium	£208,147	£255,847
Funding allocation for disability access fund	£86,715	£113,600
Hourly rate for supplementary funding for maintained nursery schools		£4.73
Number for supplementary funding for maintained nursery schools (part-time equivalent)		346.17
Indicative supplementary funding allocation for maintained nursery schools	£947,142	£933,309
Total Indicative Early Years Block	£22,140,202	£21,812,758

6.2 Detailed proposals of the 2022-23 Early Years Block Expenditure and outcome of the Early Years Consultation will be brought to the extra Schools Forum meeting on 10th February 2022.

7 School Supplementary Grant

- 7.1 In addition to the DSG, mainstream schools will receive an additional grant in 2022 to 2023. For early years and post-16 provision in schools, the grant is being provided in respect of the Health and Social Care Levy. For primary and secondary provision, the grant is being provided in respect of both the Health and Social Care Levy and other cost pressures. Details on how this funding will be allocated including funding rates and indicative allocations at local-authority level is found at [Schools supplementary grant 2022 to 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schools-supplementary-grant-2022-to-2023)

8 Pupil Premium

- 8.1 Funding rates for the pupil premium in the financial year 2022 to 2023 will increase in line with the latest inflation forecasts. Rates for 2022 to 2023 will be:
- Primary FSM6 pupils: £1,385
 - Secondary FSM6 pupils: £985
 - Looked-after children: £2,410
 - Children who have ceased to be looked after: £2,410
 - Service children: £320
- 8.2 Pupil premium allocations and conditions of grant for 2022-23 will be published by the DFE in spring 2022.

9 Other Grants

- 9.1 The extended rights for home to school travel grant is expected to continue. Further information about this grant will be notified by the DFE.
- 9.2 Information about other grants for 2022 to 2023 will be issued during 2022.

10 Recommendations for Schools Forum

- 10.1 Schools Forum are asked to note the 2022-23 DSG Settlement figures for North Northamptonshire Council.
- 10.2 Schools Forum are asked to approve the minor amendment to the Proposed DSG CSSB expenditure as agreed in the December 2021 Schools Forum to align budgets with the confirmed 2022-23 DSG budget settlement.

11 Next steps

- 11.1 The LA will set the 2022-23 DSG Budgets based on the 16th December 2021 DSG settlement.

12 Financial implications

- 12.1 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.

13 Legal implications

- 13.1 Schools funding is governed by The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2021. It is important to ensure decisions are made within the regulations set.

14 Risks

- 14.1 There is the risk that an adverse financial decision may be made by Schools Forum. There is also the risk that decisions made could be ultra vires.

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