

## REPORT FOR SCHOOLS FORUM

1.	<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>13th January 2023</b>
2.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>2023/2024 Dedicated Schools Grant</b>
3.	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Finance and Customer Services</b>

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide an update to Schools Form members as to the 2023/2024 Dedicated Schools Grant funding for Rotherham.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That members of Schools Forum note the content of the report.

### 3. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

To ensure members are aware of the Dedicated Schools Grant funding information as set out by the Department for Education.

To ensure compliance with the School & Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2017.

### 4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department for Education issued the final version of the Authority Pro-forma Tool (APT) to local authorities, with the autumn 2022 pupil census information shortly before Christmas. The local authority has until 20th January 2023 to submit the final version back to the Department for Education.

In October 2022 the local authority sought consultation with schools, academies and Schools Forum on the local funding formula decisions as set out in the regulations and the tables and appendix within this report contain summary information on the impact of those decisions.

### 5. INITIAL DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT ALLOCATIONS

On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the Department for Education issued the indicative DSG allocations for the 2023/2024 financial year.

For Rotherham, the initial allocations are;

Table 1.

	Initial Allocation
Schools block (both schools and academies)	£230.617m
Central schools services block	£1.510m
Early Years block	£19.228m
High Needs block	£54.221m
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£305.576m</b>

## 6. **SCHOOLS BLOCK**

The final allocation is mainly based on funding rates of £4,915.14 for primary children (£4,658.05 in 2022/2023) and £6,426.61 for secondary children (£6,138.15 in 2022/2023) as at the October 2022 pupil census counts plus actual amounts for premises related costs and historic pupil growth.

The October 2022 census count shows that there are a total number of pupils across the borough of 40,023; this is an increase of 147 (+18 in primary & +129 in secondary) pupils from the October 2021 census count.

Table 2 below shows that the overall school block funding allocation has increased from £218.36m in 2022/2023 to £230.617m in 2023/2024.

As agreed at the Schools Forum meeting on the 18th November 2022 a request to transfer 1.5% from the school block to the high needs block was submitted to the Secretary of State. If this request does not gain approval 0.5% will be transferred.

## Summary position in respect of DSG schools block allocation

**Table 2- Successful Disapplication request to transfer 1.5%**

	2022/2023	2023/2024	Difference	Comments
Schools block allocation	£218.36m	£230.62m	£12.26m	2022/2023 Supplementary Grant rolled into 2023/2024 Schools Block
Pupil Growth fund	£250k	£120k	-£130k	Agreed at November meeting (from reserve)
Falling Rolls Fund	£50k	£50k	-	Agreed at November meeting (from reserve)
Transfer to High Needs	£3.28m	£3.44m	£0.16m	
Amount of Schools Block funding allocated through formula	£215.08m	£227.18m	£12.10m	increase in funding rates
% of total DSG schools block allocated through formula	98.5%	98.5%		

To date the Education & Skills Funding Agency has not made a final decision regarding the local authority's request to transfer 1.5%,`

A report providing details of the rates applied to the individual formula funding rates will be presented to Schools Forum at the next meeting in April 2023. The rates applied will continue to be in line with the previous decisions reached in respect of the gradual transition to the national funding formula..

### 7. CENTRAL SERVICES SCHOOLS BLOCK (CSSB)

The table below compares the CSSB allocation and 2023/2024 budgets with 2022/2023 .

**Table 3**

	2022/2023	2023/2024	Difference	Comments
Central services schools block allocation	£1.45m	£1.51m	£80k	increase in funding rates
Admissions	£191k	£201k	£10k	
National copyright licences	£280k	£312k	£32k	Notified by DfE
Former ESG	£798k	£806k	£8k	
Centrally employed teachers pay and pensions	£174k	£180k	£6k	
Schools Forum	£5k	£5k		
Sacre	£6k	£6k		

## 8. PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING FOR 2023/2024.

The following rates for pupil premium in 2023 to 2024 were announced on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022:

**Table 4**

	2022/2023	2023/2024	Increase
Primary FSM6 pupils	£1,385	£1,455	£70
Secondary FSM6 pupils	£985	£1,035	£50
Looked after children	£2,410	£2,530	£120
Children who have ceased to be looked after	£2,410	£2,530	£120
Service children	£320	£335	£15

## 9. MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS ADDITIONAL GRANT 2023/2024

In the 2023 to 2024 financial year, mainstream schools will be allocated additional funding through the mainstream schools additional grant (MSAG) 2023 to 2024. This is in addition to schools' allocations through the schools national funding formula.

The grant will be allocated based on the following elements and rates using data from the October 2022 census:

- a basic per-pupil rate (£119 for primary pupils, £168 for key stage 3 & £190 for key stage 4)
- a lump sum of £4,510
- a FSM6 per-pupil rate of £104 per eligible primary pupil & £152 per eligible secondary

School level allocations and the conditions of grant will be published in May 2023

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