

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Education and Public Health Services
2.	Date:	17th June 2014
3.	Title:	School Balances 2013/2014
4.	Directorate:	Financial Services

5. Summary

This report summarises the 2013/2014 position on school balances. The overall school balance position shows a decrease of 26% from 2012/2013, decreasing from £8.881m to £6.573m. Balances across Primary, Secondary and Special School sectors have fallen, whilst Early Excellence Centres have risen. The final balance held at the Pupil Referral units is also included in the summary as budgets were delegated from 1st April 2013. There are 12 schools with a balance exceeding the threshold set by the DfE at the year ending 31st March 2014 compared to 20 the previous year. Appendix A shows 2013/2014 individual schools' balances as a percentage of budget in sector order.

6. Recommendations

To note the overall position in Rotherham of school balances

7. Proposals and Details

Each year the DfE publishes data on school balances to enable Local Authorities to monitor their own schools performance and to compare these with their statistical neighbours as well as other Local Authority types, other Local Authorities in their Government Office regions, and all English authorities.

A comparison of Rotherham's school balances as at 31st March 2013 (financial year 2012/2013) is included in Table 1 below, which shows that Rotherham's overall school balance as a percentage of the revenue income was 4.7%. This compares to the statistical neighbour average of 8%, the Yorkshire and Humber region average of 6% and the national average of 7.5%. Rotherham had the second lowest average balance per school of its ten statistical neighbours.

In addition to the national data which covers the period up to the 2012/2013 financial year end, local data has been compiled for the year 2013/2014.

The movements in Rotherham' school's balances between 2013 and 2014 are included in Table 2 of this report. This shows a 26% fall in the overall balance from £8,881m as at 31st March 2013 to £6.573m at 31st March 2014. Balances across three sectors have fallen over the past year- primary schools by 16%, secondary schools by 39% and special schools by 62% whereas early excellence centres have risen by 36%. The balance increase within the early excellence centres is largely due to one centre having an excess balance of 17% of their delegated budget. The falling balances across primary and secondary schools is partly due to a reduction in the maintained schools carry forward levels and the increased number of conversions to academy status.

The table below shows the number of schools in deficit as at 31st March 2012 compared to those as at 31st March 2013. Figures in brackets represent the total number of schools in each of the school phases.

	Number of schools in deficit at 31.03.13	Number of schools in deficit at 31.03.14
Nursery	0 (3)	0 (3)
Primary	7 (97)	6 (82)
Secondary	2 (11)	1 (7)
Special	0 (6)	2 (6)
TOTAL	9 (117)	9 (98)

There are 9 schools in deficit, as the previous year, although there has been an increase in the total deficit balances in the primary, secondary and special sectors from £357k to £537k.

An accurate comparison of Rotherham's 2013/14 performance with other local authorities cannot be made until the DfE undertakes its annual benchmarking exercise next January.

In the past, the DfE has emphasised that revenue funding should be spent on today's children and schools should not retain excessive amounts without clear plans for their future use. The DfE guidance judged 'excessive' as a secondary school carrying over more than 5% of its annual school income at the end of the financial year; and 8% of a

primary or special school's income. Local Authorities had clear powers to redistribute excessive and uncommitted surplus revenue. In December 2010 the DfE issued changes to the guidance on Local Authority schemes for financing schools effective 1st April 2011. The Government removed the requirement for Local Authorities to retain a surplus balance control scheme due to the expectation of a reduction and turbulence in school funding resulting from the current school funding reforms. Rotherham Schools Forum considered the changes and decided not to remove or relax the existing mechanism however, given the change in Government policy the position of the LA to claw-back has been significantly weakened.

In 2012/13 there were 20 schools whose balances exceeded the DfE threshold of which no claw-back was made. In 2013/14 there are 12 schools exceeding the locally retained threshold. The Authority has requested the schools' provide the reasons for the given level of balance being held along with a forecast plan of how it is intended to utilise this sum.

8. Finance

See tables 1 and 2.

As 12 schools have exceeded the DfE threshold on balances, claw-back of funding may be applied in 2014.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The new formula for allocating Dedicated Schools Grant was introduced in 2013/14 and resulted in significant redistribution off funding between schools. Pupil number driven funding increased from 67% of the total to 83% owing to the abolition of funding allocations related to premises, former grants and other factors. 46% of schools had their gains capped at 2.21% per pupil and 35% were protected at 1.5% per pupil. In 2014/15 89% of the total funding allocated to schools was pupil number driven of which 93% was basic entitlement (numbers on roll). 61% of schools had their gains capped by 0.1% and 27% were protected at 1.5% per pupil.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Any revision to the funding of schools presents risks to the outcomes for children and young people across all our schools.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Rotherham Fair Funding Scheme for Financing Schools – Controls on School Balances.

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Table 1

School level revenue balances for all local authority maintained schools by local authority in England: 2012-13

Cash terms figures as reported by local authorities as at 11 November 2013.

Local Authority Name	2012-13												
	Total number of schools	Total revenue balance (£'000)	Average revenue balance (£'000 per school)	Total Revenue Income (£'000)	Total revenue balance as a % of total revenue income	Schools in deficit			Schools in surplus			Schools with surpluses above 5% of total income for secondary schools and 8% of total income for nursery, primary and special schools	
						Number of schools in deficit	% of schools in deficit	Total deficit (£'000)	Number of schools in surplus	% of schools in surplus	Total surplus (£'000)		
Rotherham	119	8,933	£75	£192,084	4.7%	9	7.6%	-£353	108	90.8%	£9,286	24	20.2%
STATISTICAL NEIGHBOURS													
Hartlepool	38	5,932	£156	£79,692	7.4%	0	0.0%	£0	38	100.0%	£5,933	18	47.4%
Redcar and Cleveland	57	7,889	£138	£92,017	8.6%	3	5.3%	-£372	54	94.7%	£8,262	20	35.1%
St. Helens	65	9,498	£146	£112,375	8.5%	0	0.0%	£0	65	100.0%	£9,499	41	63.1%
Tameside	88	11,624	£132	£138,798	8.4%	6	6.8%	-£177	82	93.2%	£11,802	53	60.2%
Wigan	125	18,490	£148	£215,600	8.6%	0	0.0%	£0	125	100.0%	£18,490	67	53.6%
Barnsley	95	5,375	£57	£150,669	3.6%	3	3.2%	-£115	75	78.9%	£5,491	12	12.6%
Doncaster	102	10,962	£107	£134,684	8.1%	7	6.9%	-£170	95	93.1%	£11,133	43	42.2%
Wakefield	127	16,362	£129	£162,143	10.1%	8	6.3%	-£309	119	93.7%	£16,671	80	63.0%
Dudley	101	22,014	£218	£207,931	10.6%	2	2.0%	-£19	99	98.0%	£22,034	67	66.3%
Telford and Wrekin	67	5,916	£88	£106,000	5.6%	7	10.4%	-£250	59	88.1%	£6,167	27	40.3%
Statistical Neighbours average	87	£11,406	£132	£139,991	8.0%	4	4.1%	-£141	81	94.0%	£11,548	43	48.4%
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	2,084	£191,010	£92	£3,167,505	6.0%	128	6.1%	-£5,876	1,927	92.5%	£196,886	692	33.2%
ENGLAND	19,648	£22,249,539	£113	£29,797,495	7.5%	1,111	5.7%	-£811,908	18,318	93.2%	£2,306,144	8,566	43.6%

TABLE 2**SCHOOL BALANCES****Children and Young People's Services****MOVEMENTS IN SCHOOLS DELEGATED BUDGETS AND DECLARED SAVINGS
BALANCES 2013/14 TO 2014/15****Delegated Budget**

Sector	Bal C/F to 2013/14 £	In-Year Change £	Bal C/F to 2014/15 £	% Change £
Primary Schools	4,503,210	-660,214	3,842,996	-14.7%
Secondary Schools	3,276,938	-1,274,953	2,001,985	-38.9%
Special Schools	674,126	-466,491	207,635	-69.2%
Early Excellence Centres	175,027	63,196	238,223	36.1%
PRU's	0	131,194	131,194	
Total	8,629,301	-2,207,268	6,422,033	-25.6%

Declared Savings

	Bal B/F to 2013/14 £	In-Year Change £	Bal C/F to 2014/15 £	% Change £
Primary Schools	142,853	-79,652	63,201	-55.8%
Secondary Schools	0	0	0	
Special Schools	108,994	-21,103	87,891	-19.4%
Early Excellence Centres	3	0	3	0.0%
Total	251,850	-100,755	151,095	-40.0%

Combined Overall Balances

Sector	Bal B/F to 2013/14 £	In-Year Change £	Bal C/F to 2014/15 £	% Change £
Primary Schools	4,646,063	-739,866	3,906,197	-15.9%
Secondary Schools	3,276,938	-1,274,953	2,001,985	-38.9%
Special Schools	783,120	-487,594	295,526	-62.3%
Early Excellence Centres	175,030	63,196	238,226	36.1%
PRU's	0	131,194	131,194	
Total	8,881,151	-2,308,023	6,573,128	-26.0%

APPENDIX A

SCHOOLS COMBINED BALANCES 2013/14					
(Surplus Bal(+) / Deficit Bal(-))					
SCHOOL	DELEGATED BUDGET BALANCE	DECLARED SAVINGS BALANCE	COMBINED SCHOOL BALANCE	DELEGATED BUDGET	COMBINED SCH BAL AS % OF DEL BUDGET
-	£	£	£	£	%
NURSERY					
Arnold	51,140	3	51,143	708,820	7%
Aughton	75,705	0	75,705	557,002	14%
Rawmarsh	111,377	0	111,377	646,134	17%
SUB TOTAL - NURSERY	238,222	3	238,225	1,911,956	12.5%
PRIMARY					
Anston Brook Primary	42,336	0	42,336	805,758	5%
Anston Greenlands J & I	46,631	2,237	48,868	748,049	7%
Anston Hillcrest Primary	63,784	15,379	79,163	1,109,119	7%
Anston Park Infants	51,286	13,133	64,419	885,671	7%
Anston Park Junior	72,222	0	72,222	1,118,985	6%
Aston Fence J&I	56,042	0	56,042	838,072	7%
Aston Springwood J&I	19,284	7,493	26,777	761,401	4%
Aston Lodge J&I	30,226	0	30,226	947,638	3%
Aston Hall J&I	26,638	0	26,638	904,724	3%
Swallownest Primary	52,492	0	52,492	800,428	7%
Aston C of E	20,710	0	20,710	795,598	3%
Aughton J & I	14,068	0	14,068	692,939	2%
Badsley Moor Infant	33,499	0	33,499	1,737,581	2%
Badsley Moor Junior	-53,456	0	-53,456	927,654	-6%
Blackburn Primary	26,146	0	26,146	1,252,939	2%
Bram.Sunnyside Infant	26,883	263	27,146	1,161,354	2%
Bram.Sunnyside Junior	90,095	0	90,095	1,268,905	7%
Bramley Grange J&I	19,843	0	19,843	1,201,741	2%
Brampton Cortonwood.Infant	31,309	0	31,309	658,836	5%
Brampton Ellis. C E Infant	53,791	0	53,791	661,819	8%
Brampton Ellis C E Junior	29,430	0	29,430	1,003,650	3%
Brinsworth Howarth J&I	33,259	0	33,259	816,552	4%
Brinsworth Manor Infant	42,076		42,076	1,077,729	4%
Brinsworth Manor Junior	98,032		98,032	1,217,154	8%
Brinsworth Whitehill Primary	69,475		69,475	1,182,707	6%
Broom Valley Primary	37,691		37,691	1,931,571	2%
Catcliffe Primary	-8,563		-8,563	827,935	-1%
Dalton Foljambe J&I	71,254		71,254	792,228	9%
Dalton Listerdale J&I	-12,536	1,039	-11,497	910,277	-1%
Dinnington Primary	55,370		55,370	1,104,215	5%
Ferham Primary	71,642		71,642	1,271,894	6%
Flanderwell J&I	69,766	349	70,115	1,187,948	6%
Greasbrough J&I	-4,191		-4,191	1,137,666	0%
Harthill Primary	35,004		35,004	704,585	5%
Herringthorpe Infants	61,762		61,762	1,138,135	5%
Herringthorpe Juniors	44,815		44,815	1,242,452	4%
High Greave Infant	37,762		37,762	975,646	4%
High Greave Juniors	62,958		62,958	1,011,220	6%
Kilnhurst Primary	47,779		47,779	1,167,104	4%
St. Thomas CE Primary	17,980	290	18,270	808,266	2%
Kimberworth Primary	32,021		32,021	1,151,062	3%
Kiveton Park Infant	3,237		3,237	704,853	0%
Kiveton Park.Mead.Junior	47,931		47,931	790,997	6%
Laughton J&I	18,947		18,947	764,185	2%
Laughton All Saints CE	27,431		27,431	515,210	5%
Craggs Primary	107,880		107,880	2,219,417	5%

Maltby Lily Hall	75,973	1,702	77,675	1,683,112	5%
Maltby Manor Primary	127,343		127,343	1,650,110	8%
Meadowview Primary	4,190		4,190	1,324,112	0%
Ravenfield Primary	-1,205		-1,205	758,877	0%
Rawmarsh Ashwood J&I	67,322		67,322	946,846	7%
Monkwood Primary	28,681		28,681	1,667,824	2%
Rawmarsh Rosehill Junior	21,601		21,601	921,811	2%
Rawmarsh Ryecroft Infant	96,235		96,235	895,722	11%
Rawmarsh St. Josephs	11,628		11,628	827,227	1%
Rawmarsh St Mary's		820	820		
Rawmarsh Thorogate J&I	89,856		89,856	939,190	10%
Redscope Primary	89,859		89,859	1,621,952	6%
Rockingham J&I	71,443		71,443	1,345,501	5%
Roughwood Primary	10,670		10,670	1,198,192	1%
Sitwell Infant	67,259		67,259	930,435	7%
Sitwell Junior	-51,082		-51,082	1,111,871	-5%
St Ann's J&I	147,311		147,311	2,085,848	7%
St Mary's (Herringthorpe)		4,586	4,586		
Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary	45,982		45,982	1,315,175	3%
Swinton Queen Primary	33,136		33,136	1,322,049	3%
Thornhill Primary	47,690	1,295	48,985	1,520,457	3%
Thorpe Hesley Infant	73,774		73,774	889,913	8%
Thorpe Hesley Junior	37,258		37,258	986,596	4%
Thrybergh Primary	12,647	282	12,929	1,041,691	1%
Thrybergh Fullerton CE	33,991	5,802	39,793	544,364	7%
Thurcroft Infant	82,065		82,065	936,894	9%
Todwick J & I	7,507	8,531	16,038	742,100	2%
Treeton CE Primary	80,854		80,854	1,107,537	7%
Trinity Croft C E J&I	57,265		57,265	556,430	10%
Wales Primary	106,356		106,356	906,359	12%
Wath Central Junior	110,628		110,628	1,981,484	6%
Wath CE Primary	67,350		67,350	955,802	7%
Our Lady & St Joseph's RC	69,419		69,419	925,495	8%
Wath Victoria J&I	59,877		59,877	1,118,847	5%
Wentworth C E J&I	73,821		73,821	587,832	13%
West Melton J&I	86,021		86,021	796,369	11%
Wickersley Northfield Primary	21,462		21,462	1,649,319	1%
St. Albans CE Primary	54,564		54,564	849,478	6%
Woodsetts J&I	2,206		2,206	833,552	0%
SUB TOTAL - PRIMARY	3,842,998	63,201	3,906,199	88,410,242	4%
SECONDARY					
Clifton Comprehensive	77,446	0	77,446	7,830,052	1%
Dinnington Comprehensive	98,224	0	98,224	7,327,908	1%
Winterhill	354,000	0	354,000	7,981,378	4%
Rawmarsh Comprehensive	-274,152	0	-274,152	6,058,055	-5%
Swinton Comprehensive	302,236	0	302,236	5,536,146	5%
Wath Comprehensive	1,264,700	0	1,264,700	12,123,875	10%
Pope Pius X R.C.	179,530	0	179,530	3,748,013	5%
SUBTOTAL - SECONDARY	2,001,984	0	2,001,984	50,605,427	4%
SPECIAL					
Abbey Special	30,713	38,139	68,852	1,859,411	4%
The Willows	139,919	0	139,919	1,633,827	9%
Hilltop Special	-56,444	0	-56,444	2,226,089	-3%
Kelford Special	-76,677	0	-76,677	2,434,667	-3%
Milton	89,993	0	89,993	1,522,242	6%
Newman Special	80,132	49,752	129,884	1,768,983	7%
SUBTOTAL - SPECIAL	207,636	87,891	295,527	11,445,219	3%
SUBTOTAL-PRU's	131,194		131,194	1,898,572.00	7%
TOTAL	6,422,034	151,095	6,573,129	154,271,416	4%