

Gloucestershire Schools Forum

16th September 2021

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Agenda Item 5

Agenda




1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Public Questions
4. Minutes and matters arising
5. School Funding 2022/23
6. High Needs
7. Capital Programme
8. F40 and COVID update



School Funding 2022/23

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Dedicated Schools Grant

Indicative Allocations 2022/23

| 2022/23 Indicative DSG block summary | Schools | High Needs | Central School Services | Early Years | Total DSG |
|---|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 21/22 (as at Sept 21) | £411.371m | £74.352m | £2.784m | £35.337m | £523.844m |
| 22/23 Indicative DSG block funding | £423.658m | £80.761m | £2.939m | £35.337m | £542.694m |
| Change | £12.287m | £6.409m | £0.155m | £0.000m | £18.851m |
| <i>Percentage change</i> | <i>3.0%</i> | <i>8.6%</i> | <i>5.6%</i> | <i>0.0%</i> | <i>3.6%</i> |

Dedicated Schools Grant Growth Fund

- Calculations using the 2022/23 NFF Basic Need AWPU rates forecast a need for £1.3m to support growth.
- Reduction of £200,000 on 2021/22 allocation.

Recommendation 1: That a top-slice for growth of £1.3m is agreed for 2022/23 subject to being updated for any change in the basic need AWPU rates for 2022/23 when these are finalised in January 2022.

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Key Changes to School Funding

- 3% increases to the factors for basic entitlement, FSM6, IDACI, LPA and EAL.
- 2% increase to minimum per pupil levels and FSM.
- FSM6 – update on the October census to bring in line with other factors.
- Mobility – based on actual date rather than census (which did not take place due to COVID)
- Rates: to be paid directly by ESFA



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Key Changes to School Funding

- Sparsity - increase £10,000 primary and £5,000 to maximum amounts; improved accuracy; tapering (set at 20%)
- Impact:

| | 21/22 Schools | 21/22 | 22/23 Schools | 22/23 | Movement | |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| | qualifying | Total amount | qualifying | Total amount | schools | Amount |
| Primary | 28 | £1,013,579 | 74 | £2,953,937 | 46 | £1,940,358 |
| Secondary | 5 | £190,566 | 6 | £218,797 | 1 | £28,231 |
| Total | 33 | £1,204,145 | 80 | £3,172,734 | 47 | £1,968,589 |

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Key Changes to School Funding

- Minimum per pupil funding increase by 2%, to:
 - Primary: £4,265
 - Secondary: £5,525
- Funding floor/Minimum Funding Guarantee in the NFF remains at 2%.



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Schools Block

- Based on initial calculations (subject to census update: we can:
 - Fully fund the National Funding Formula (NFF)
 - Assume there will be a small surplus – est. £520,000

Recommendation 2: The Schools Forum agree the basis on which the formula will be allocated for 2022/23 in line with their previous stated intention to match the NFF method as closely as possible and to utilise any surplus remaining in the schools block to support the 1 in 40 model.

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De-delegations – Maintained Schools

| De-delegation | Per Pupil Rate | Total Cost |
|--|----------------|------------|
| In-year increase in pupil numbers in primary schools | £6.32 | £218,000 |
| Targeted intervention - Primary | £9.27 | £319,000 |
| Union Facilities – Primary | £3.05 | £105,000 |
| LA Statutory duties – Primary and Secondary | £5.00 | £193,000 |



Dedicated Schools Grant

De-delegation: Recommendation

Recommendation 3: Forum members are asked to consider and approve de-delegation at the per pupil rates shown for:

- **in-year increases in pupil numbers (primary)**
- **targeted intervention (primary)**
- **union facilities (primary)**
- **local authority statutory duties (primary and secondary)**



Consultation

National Funding Formula




- Focussed on moving towards the Hard NFF
- Initial draft response shared for comments our core message:
 - The need for an equitable approach for all schools.
 - Consistency and alignment important where it adds value.
 - The need for a decisive timeline that moves this issue forward.
- View of the F40 response on the 20th September 2021
- Webinar on the 22nd September 2021 for all schools
- Final response shared with all schools via HeadsUp



High Needs

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High Needs: July Forecast

| <u>High Needs Block</u> | Budget | Forecast (July) | Variance to budget | Variance to prvs forecast |
|---|----------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Alternative provision - places & top ups & services | 5,476.7 | 5,467.6 | -9.1 | 4.1 |
| Alternative provision - Glos Hospital Education | 2,030.7 | 2,017.3 | -13.4 | -11.9 |
| EHCP Costs - College and FE | 4,698.9 | 4,870.9 | 172.0 | 172.0 |
| EHCP Costs - Early Years | 233.5 | 233.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| EHCP Costs - Primary | 7,239.3 | 7,308.6 | 69.3 | 69.3 |
| EHCP Costs - Secondary | 4,976.0 | 5,003.6 | 27.6 | 96.3 |
| Excluded pupils | -100.0 | -137.0 | -37.0 | -37.0 |
| LA Services and staffing | 3,870.9 | 4,068.9 | 198.0 | 3.6 |
| Independent Special Schools | 17,262.7 | 17,207.1 | -55.6 | -51.9 |
| Restorative Practice | 200.0 | 200.5 | 0.5 | -2.6 |
| Special Centres | 458.0 | 456.3 | -1.7 | -1.7 |
| Special school provision | 20,948.2 | 20,977.2 | 29.0 | 29.0 |
| Support Services | 1,286.1 | 1,238.9 | -47.2 | -30.1 |
| Virtual School | 620.3 | 620.3 | 0.0 | -11.7 |
| High Needs Unallocated | -3,855.3 | 250.0 | 4,105.3 | 532.0 |
| Rounding | -0.2 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| | 65,345.8 | 69,783.6 | 4,437.8 | 759.6 |

High Needs: Activity

- Continued focus on transformation programme:
 - Finalise new banded funding model and develop non-statutory funding route;
 - complete developments to casework process including digitisation of the process
 - continue focus on early intervention, through alternative provision, team around the locality cluster etc.
 - development of special school capacity to meet rising needs.
- Monitor and review EHCP trend to assess whether increased trend is sustained
- Remodel 5 year plan reflecting both the historic and current trends in EHCP growth (November forum).

Central Government





- SEND review published – Fundamental changes?
- October spending review – continued investment in High Needs?



Capital Update

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Capital Programme

- The revised annual budget for the 2021/22 Schools capital programme is £41.591 million.
- Significant Projects:
 - New primary school in Bishops Cleeve (£11m)
 - Cleeve school additional form of entry (£5.4m)
 - Leckhampton primary school expansion (£4.2m)
 - New Secondary School in Cheltenham (£30m)
 - NEW SEMH Special school (£9.7m)
 - Cotswold School expansion (£5.8m)
 - Winchcombe School expansion (£4.7m)



Capital Programme




- Improvement work for Alternative Provision
- Impact of COVID and Brexit
- New Free School Bids:
 - Beacon Secondary Academy
 - Wheatridge Primary School
- Priority Schools rebuilding programme (phase 1):
 - Katherine Lady Berkeley
 - Thomas Keble



F40 and COVID Update

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COVID-19: Recovery Funding

- Mainstream schools: £145 per pupil in mainstream and £290 for children in a special unit.
- All other eligible schools will get £290 per pupil
- Paid in 4 payments throughout the year
- Funding to support evidence based approaches – [EEF Pupil Premium guide](#)
- Use and impact of the recovery premium must be reported as part of pupil premium report and will be a focus when Ofsted visit.



COVID-19: Recovery Funding

- Provisional allocation of just over £2.5m, broken down as follows:

| Phase/Type | Total Funding | Highest allocation | Schools on Min funding | Avg. Allocation |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Primary Schools | £1,313,045 | £26,825 | 75 | £5,359 |
| Secondary Schools | £931,047 | £56,187 | 4 | £23,276 |
| Special Schools | £155,730 | £45,820 | 0 | £15,573 |
| Alternative Provision | £28,875 | £10,875 | 3 | £7,219 |
| Looked after Children | £83,955 | n/a | n/a | n/a |

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