

Gloucestershire Schools Forum

11th November 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. Comprehensive Spending Review
6. School Improvement Grant
7. High Needs Report
8. F40 and COVID update



Comprehensive Spending Review 2021

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Spending Review

Early years and Family Support

- Additional funding for the early years entitlements worth £160m in 2022-23, £180m in 2023-24 and £170m in 2024-25.
- £302 million to fund new programmes to support parents, provide bespoke breast feeding services and parent-infant mental support, and funding to rollout Family Hubs across England.



Spending Review

Schools

- Additional £4.7 billion by 2024-25 for the core schools' budget.
- 2019 spending review was £7.1 billion over three years,
- In cash terms broadly equivalent, but schools need to consider:
 - Cost of the National Insurance Levy from April 2022
 - The commitment to increase teacher starting salaries to £30k
- We will assume that this funding includes continued support for High Needs.



Spending Review

Post-16 and Youth Services

- Additional £1.6 billion by 2024-25 for 16-19 year-olds will maintain current funding rates as student numbers grow. An additional 110,000 students are anticipated by 2024/25.
- The capital settlement for SR 21 includes £2.8 billion for colleges condition funding and funding for improved facilities (including continued roll out of T-Levels) and to establish 20 new Institutes of Technology.
- £560 million new funding for youth services in England over the next three years, enough to fund 300 youth clubs.



Spending Review

Disadvantaged and Vulnerable Children and Young People

- £2.6 billion to fund places for children and young people with SEND.
- £200 million each year to continue the holiday, activities and food (HAF) programme which can provide meals for eligible children during the school holiday periods.



Spending Review

Education Recovery

- £1 billion extension to the Recovery Premium for the next two academic years to help schools to deliver evidence-based approaches to support the most disadvantaged pupils.
- £800 million is for 16-19 year-olds, with the expectation that this will fund 40 additional hours per student per week.



Reforming how local authorities' school improvement functions are funded Government consultation



School Improvement Grant

Proposal

“Remove the Grant and enable all improvement activity, including that provided in connection with their core improvement activities, to be funded in the same way via de-delegation from schools’ budget shares.”



School Improvement Grant

Rationale

- Local Authorities rarely need to utilise intervention powers
- Many historically poorer performing schools are now Academies
- Core improvement activities are part of a continuum of wider activity.



School Improvement Grant

Impact – Proposal 1

- Loss of full grant income (circa £720k) by 2023/24
- Reduction of 50% in 2022/23

Impact – Proposal 2

- Changes to regulations to allow all LA School Improvement activities to be funded through de-delegation



School Improvement Grant

Actions - Next Steps






- Local Authority to assess the impact of the proposed changes and work with maintained schools (Forum members) to model potential options for School Improvement funding.
- Consultation/engagement with all Maintained Schools, (Primary, Secondary, Alternative Provision and Special) to consider options.
- January Forum – decision on future funding for School Improvement.



High Needs

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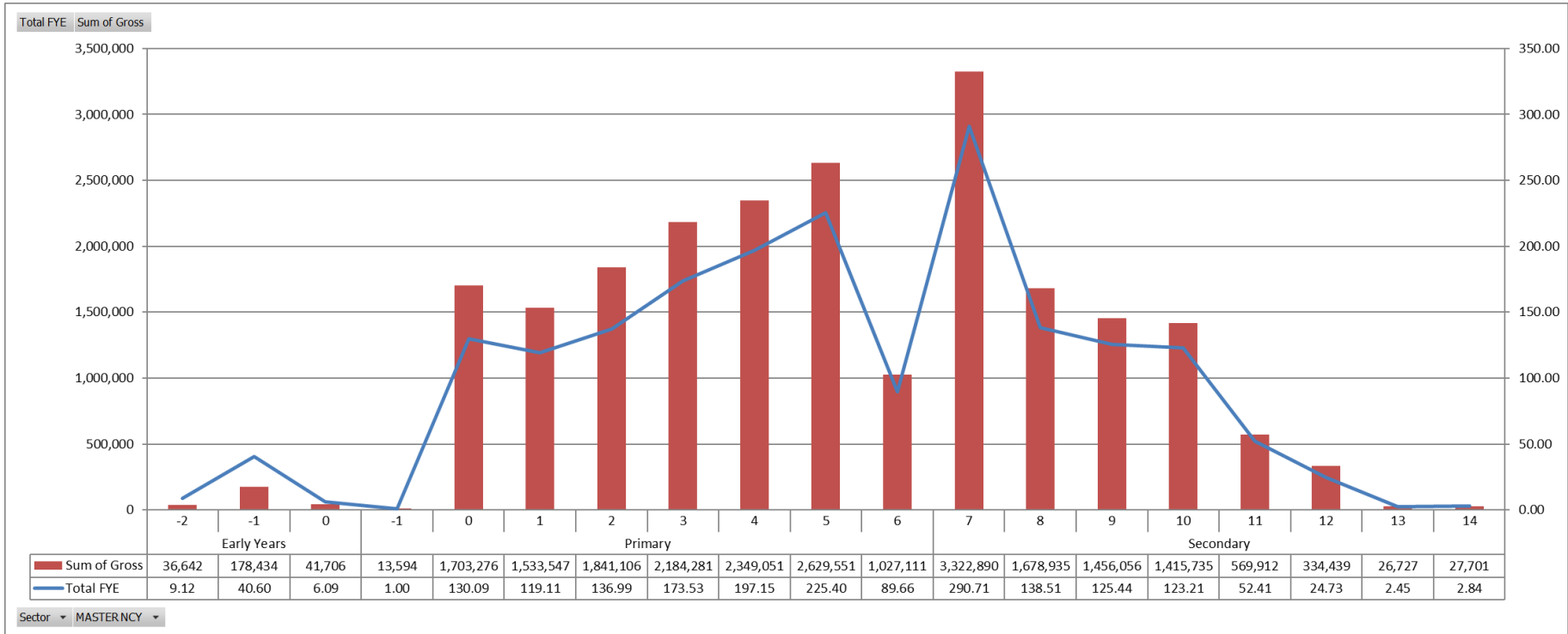
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Budget Forecast – 2021/22

<u>High Needs Block</u>	Budget	Forecast (Sept 21)	Variance to budget	Varian to prvs forecast
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Alternative provision - places & top ups & services	5,470.8	5,095.9	-374.9	-365.8
Alternative provision - Glos Hospital Education	2,030.7	1,990.9	-39.8	-26.4
EHCP Costs - College and FE	4,698.9	5,698.5	999.6	827.6
EHCP Costs - Early Years	233.5	233.5	0.0	0.0
EHCP Costs - Primary	7,882.3	8,113.8	231.5	162.2
EHCP Costs - Secondary	5,226.0	5,430.5	204.5	176.9
Excluded pupils	-100.0	-169.1	-69.1	-32.1
LA Services and staffing	3,870.9	3,974.2	103.3	-94.7
Independent Special Schools	17,262.7	17,275.2	12.5	68.1
Restorative Practice	200.0	199.2	-0.8	-1.3
Special Centres	291.3	301.1	9.8	11.5
Special school provision	20,948.2	20,982.1	33.9	4.9
Support Services	1,286.1	1,180.3	-105.8	-58.6
Virtual School	620.3	620.3	0.0	0.0
High Needs Unallocated	-4,093.3	0.0	4,093.3	-12.0
Rounding	-0.1		0.1	0.0
	65,828.3	70,926.4	5,098.1	660.3

Current Mainstream EHCP profile



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EHCP Growth Trends

2019-2020	Number rec'd	2020-2021	Number rec'd	Increase	% increase
June	56	June	85	29	52%
July	57	July	88	31	54%
August	20	August	25	5	25%
September	36	September	56	20	56%



Next Steps

Working group

- Review 5 year financial plan and assumptions regarding impact of Early Intervention
- Support development of banded funding model
- Assess impact and benefits of non-statutory funding
- Review 1 in 40 model
- Review impact of specialist commissioning plans

National Policy

- Publication of the SEND review
- High Needs funding consultation
- Clarity on how Dedicated Schools Grant Deficits will be treated

