

London Borough of Enfield

Education Resources Group Meeting Date: 20th September 2023 Schools Forum Meeting Date: 4th October 2023

Subject: Dedicated Schools Grant 2024/25 – Update

Cabinet Member: Cllr Abdullahi

Report No: 8 Item No: 5e

Purpose of Report

 This report provides details of the indictive Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget position for 2024/25 based on initial funding announcements made in July 2023. The government funding settlement for 2024/25 is expected in mid to late December.

A draft budget has been prepared based on initial projections of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2024/25 and pupil data from the 2023/24 dataset (Oct22 census). The budget will be revised based on the actual funding settlement and the Oct23 census dataset when this is published in order to finalise the allocations for 2024/25.

Further reports will be presented to the Education Resources Group and Schools Forum in January 2024 to agree the application of the DSG for 2024/25, including finalisation of the Schools Funding Formula.

Proposal

2. The Schools Forum is asked to note the draft budget position for the Schools Block for 2024/25.

The Schools Forum is asked to note the update of the Schools budget for 2024/25.

Relevance to the Council's Council Plan

3. The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is a ringfenced grant which funds schools and some central education functions. Updates on the DSG position are provided on a quarterly basis to EMT and Cabinet as part of the council's overall financial monitoring reports.

Main Considerations for ERG and Schools Forum

4. DSB Budget – Monitoring Position 2022/23

The DSG budget monitoring position as at the end of Quarter 1 (June 2023) is summarised in the table below. The Projected overspend at Quarter 1 is £2.623m expected projected cumulative deficit of £17.9m.

See Table 1 below:

DSG Overspend expected reserve	£M
B/fwd 2223 DSG overspend	15.236
P3 Forecast	2.623
C/F Expected 2324 DSG Overspend	17.859

Table 1: Summary Monitoring Position 2023/24	Jun-23
	£000
DSG Accumulated b/f 22/23	15.236
2023/24 MONITORING POSITION	
Schools Block	0.000
Central Schools Services Block	0.207
Early Years Block	0.000
High Needs Block	2.416
TOTAL NET PRESSURES 23/24	2.623
NET MONITORING POSITION 23/24	17.859

The DSG budgets will continue to be closely monitored for the remainder of the financial year and some further pressures are expected, particularly in relation to high needs placements and exceptional needs funding adjustments for the Autumn and Spring terms. Updates will be presented to ERG and Forum at future meetings.

5. Schools Funding 2024/25

6.1 Indicative DSG Allocation 2024/25

As in previous years, the DSG settlement and datasets will not be announced until mid to late December, following which the funding formula and budget allocations will be reviewed and reported back to Schools Forum in January 2024. Indicative DSG funding allocations for 2024/25 were published by the ESFA in July 2023 and are summarised in Table 2 below.

This information indicated a net increase in funding of £10.972m across the 4 funding blocks.

Table 2 – Indicative DSG Allocation 2024/25 (ESFA July 2023)

Blocks	2023/24 Actual Allocation	2024/25 Indicative Allocation	Variance	Variance	Comment
	£m	£m	£m	%	
Schools	308.433	316.361	7.928	2.57%	
High Needs	70.155	77.778	7.623	10.86%	
Early Years	26.483	26.483	0	0%	Not announced yet
CSSB	2.43	2.414	-0.016	-0.70%	
Total	407.501	423.036	15.535	12.73%	

6.2 Pupil Number Data

At this stage of the budget process, calculations have been made using the October 2022 census data. When indicative pupil number data is available from the October 2023 census this will be shared so that trends can be identified and the impact on the 2024/25 budget position can be assessed.

The impact of changing pupil numbers can vary significantly between individual schools. Schools have been advised that the year on year change in pupil numbers and other factors can have a significant impact on their formula funding allocations and that this should be factored this into their budget planning for 2024/25 and future years.

Early indication shows a reduction in pupil numbers from 49,322 in 23/24 to 48,791 initiate pupil numbers provided for 24/25, showing a reduction of 531 pupils.

6.3 Schools Block

The ESFA has confirmed that it will continue to move forward with its plans to implement a direct National Funding Formula (NFF), whereby funding will be allocated directly to schools based on a single, national formula. The ESFA are taking a gradual approach to transition. In 2024 to 2025, each local authority will continue to set a local schools funding formula, in consultation with local schools. To ensure a smooth transition towards the direct NFF, local authorities will continue to be required to bring their own formulae closer to the schools NFF.

Local authorities were required to bring their own formulae closer to the schools NFF from 2023 to 2024. This transition will continue in 2024 to 2025. In particular:

- Local authorities must move their local formula factor values at least a further 10% closer to the NFF (building on the movement towards the NFF made in 2023 to 2024), except where local formulae are already mirroring the NFF. These criteria do not apply to optional, locally determined factors. Details of how we calculate the 10% move and how we define mirroring for the purpose of the tightening criteria are given below
- Local authorities must use the new national formulaic approach to split sites
- Local authorities must follow the new local formula requirements for growth funding, whereby additional classes (driven by basic need) must be funded by at least the minimum funding level set out in the funding calculation

It should be noted that not all schools may receive this level of increase due to the interrelationship between the funding formula and individual school's contextual data. Authorities are required to set a Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) between 0% and 0.5%.

A detailed breakdown of the Indicative Schools Block allocation is shown in Table 3 below. The primary and secondary units of funding are fixed but the actual allocation will be based on October 2023 pupil numbers once these have been validated.

There are 15 allowable funding factors in 2024 to 2025; most are now compulsory for all local authorities:

Compulsory

 Basic entitlement, FSM, FSM6, IDACI, Minimum level of per-pupil funding for primary and secondary schools, LPA, EAL, Pupil mobility, Sparsity, Lump sum, London fringe if applicable and Split sites.

Optional

• Rates, PFI contracts and Exceptional circumstances (with the ESFA agreement.

Table 3: Schools Block Breakdown

Sector	Prim	Sec	TOTAL	Comment
Pupil Nos	29,254	19,537	48,791	
Unit of Funding	£5,609	£7,471		
TOTAL	164,095,139	145,956,936	310,052,075	
Premises			6,308,829	
Schools Block pre growth			316,360,905	
Estimated Growth Funding			0	Not agreed yet. Est. £607k last year
School Block incl est Growth			316,360,905	
0.5% to HNB tbc			1,581,805	
Growth Fund tbc			0	
TOTAL Funding Formula			314,779,100	

6.4 Formula Modelling

Formula modelling has been carried out based on the estimated Schools Block funding available of £314.779m. The Schools block indicative funding has been calculated using the compulsory factors and with last year optional factor amounts. The indicative Proforma tool factor amounts used to arrive at an indicative Schools block budget (please note the Growth fund (yet to be allocated) has not been included). Please note that now that all Local authorities are now only allowed to be 10% away from the Hard National funding formula, the DFE has given all Local authority the amounts to be used in a range from the Minimum to the Maximum that can be used for each compulsory factor. Please see Appendix A.

Formula modelling has been carried out via the ESFA Authority Proforma Tool (APT) on the same basis as previous financial years. The unit rates detailed in Appendix A have been applied to the Oct22 census dataset to calculate indicative formula allocations for 2024/25 which in turn calculates the schools individual indicative Schools block budget. Please see Appendix B.

Currently the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) has been calculated at 0.5% so all schools will receive a 0.5% increase however in previous years it was set at 0.0%.

There can be significant variations between the indicative and actual formula funding allocations due to a variety of factors including

- Variation in Schools Block due to pupil numbers and final growth allocation
- Change in pupil nos between Oct 22 and Oct 23
- Variation in percentage of pupils attracting funding through other factors
- Final formula unit rates
- Estimated NNDR cost for 24/25
- PFI Shortfall
- Academy Growth
- MFG rate and impact for individual schools

6.5 High Needs Block

The DfE advised the total national high needs funding will increase by a further £440m, or 4.3%, in 2024/25, following the £970m increase in 2023-24 and £1b increase in 2022/23. This brings the total high needs budget to £10.54 billion, an increase of over 60% since 2019/20. It should be noted that this increase should be measured from 2013/14 when there was a period when there was no increase to reflect the impact of the SEND Reforms and consequent changes in demand for support

For 2024/25, the indicative allocation for Enfield based on October 2022 data is £77.8m. The change in funding is an increase of £7.6m.

6.6 CSSB

The Central School Service Block indicative figures has decreased from last year's actual from £2.43m to £2.414 a small reduction of £0.016m, a smaller deduction than in previous years, however as expected, a year on year reduction to historical commitment. A full breakdown on the use of the CSSB will be completed in the December 23 report.

6.7 Early Years Block

The July23 the DSG announcement for 2024/25 did not include an update for the funding rates for the Early Years Block. This will be expected later in the term or as part of the final DSG Allocations for 2024/25 due in Dec23, following the outcome of the Early Years consultation. Current funding rates are as follows

- 2 year olds £6.03 per hour
- 3 and 4 year olds £5.93 per hour
- Disability Access Fund £800 per eligible pupil

An initial Early Years Block allocation will be announced in December 23 as part of the DSG notification for 2024/25.

Updates will be shared at future meetings when more detailed information is available.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Allowable factors.

Appendix B - Indicative Schools block allocations.

APPENDIX A						
2425 Schools block budget						
Moving towards a hard nation	al funding formu	ıla	Allocation	314,779,100		
Allowable factor and limits per	r factor					
Allowable UNIT RATES for	or each factor	2024-25 - for For	mula Allocation	ons	Model	
Local authority name		Local authority r	umber	24/25	23-Jul	
Enfield		308				
Factor	2023/24 APT Allocation	2024 to 2025 national funding formula (NFF) value including area cost adjustment	2024 to 2025 authority proforma tool (APT) minimum value	2024 to 2025 authority proforma tool (APT) maximum value	Indicative 2024/25 APT Allocation	Variance between the 24/25 indicative and 2023/24
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Primary basic entitlement	3,654.15	£3,897.42		£3,994.86	3,957.01	302.86
KS3 basic entitlement	5,153.25	£5,495.61	£5,358.22	£5,633.00	5,519.22	365.97
KS4 basic entitlement	5,808.03	£6,194.48	·	£6,349.35	6,173.62	365.59
Primary FSM	521.05	£530.92		£544.20	521.05	0.00
Secondary FSM	521.05	£530.92	£517.65		521.05	0.00
Primary FSM6	765.30	£899.32		£921.80	876.84	111.54
Secondary FSM6	1,118.10	£1,311.06	·	·	1,278.28	160.18
Primary IDACLE	249.67	£254.63		£260.99 £316.52	249.67	0.00
Primary IDACLE	303.95 477.63	£308.80 £487.58		£310.52 £499.77	303.95 477.63	0.00
Primary IDACI D Primary IDACI C	521.05	£407.50 £530.92	£475.39 £517.65	£499.77 £544.20	521.05	0.00
Primary IDACI B	553.62	£563.43		£544.20 £577.52	553.62	0.00
Primary IDACI A	727.31	£742.21	£349.34 £723.66	£760.77	727.31	0.00
Secondary IDACI F	363.65	£373.81	£364.47	£383.16	364.47	0.82
Secondary IDACI E	483.06	£493.00	£480.68	£505.10	483.06	0.02
Secondary IDACI D	673.03	£688.04			673.03	0.00
Secondary IDACI C	738.16	£753.05		£771.87	738.16	0.00
Secondary IDACI B	792.44	£812.64		£832.96	792.44	0.00
Secondary IDACI A	1,009.54	£1,029.34		£1,055.08	1,009.54	0.00
Primary EAL3	629.61	£644.69	·	£660.81	629.61	0.00
Secondary EAL3	1,698.85	£1,739.05		£1,782.53	1,698.85	0.00
Primary LPA	1,253.79	£1,283.97	£1,251.87	£1,316.07	1,253.79	0.00
Secondary LPA	1,899.68	£1,939.50	· ·	£1,987.99	1,899.68	0.00
Primary mobility	1,025.83	£1,051.01		£1,077.29	1,025.83	0.00
Secondary mobility	1,476.32	£1,511.51	£1,473.72	£1,549.30	1,476.32	0.00
Primary lump sum	138,947.84	£147,033.66	£143,357.82	£150,709.51	143,357.82	4,409.98
Secondary lump sum	138,947.84	£147,033.66	£143,357.82	£150,709.51	143,357.82	4,409.98
Primary sparsity	7,452.39	£62,519.10	£14,222.45	£64,082.08	14,222.45	6,770.06
Secondary sparsity	10,849.71	£90,907.33	· ·	· ·	20,657.65	9,807.94
Middle-school sparsity	10,849.71	£90,907.33	·	·	20,657.65	9,807.94
All-through sparsity	10,849.71	£90,907.33			20,657.65	9,807.94
Split sites basic eligibility fund	ling	£58,835.14		·	58,835.14	58,835.14
Split sites distance funding		£29,363.39		£30,097.48	29,363.39	29,363.39
London Fringe		1.0000	1.0000	1.0000		

Appendix B								
Indicative School Formu	ıla Modelling	2024/25 - 3	Summary					
				Indic 24/25	Indic 23/24	Variance		
Schools Block incl est growth	alloc			316,360,905	300,524,305	15,836,599		
0.5% to HNB				1,581,805	1,502,622	79,183		
Growth Fund				TBC	0		Excl. Growth	
Via Formula				314,779,100	299,021,684	15,757,416		
	23/24 Indicative Formula Allocation	23/24 Pupil Nos for Model (Oct 2021)	24/25 Indicative Formula Allocation	24/25 Pupil Nos for Model (Oct 2022)	and 23/24 Actual	24/25 Funding Per Pupil	Variance Number of children between 24/25 indicative and 23/24	% Vari Per Pupil
School	299,551,741	49,322	314,779,100	48,791	15,227,359	6,452	(531)	-1.09%
Alma Primary School	2,317,789	400	2,483,132	406	165,344	6,116	6	1.48%
Ark John Keats Academy	10,141,533	1,563	10,551,499	1534	409,966	6,878	(29)	-1.89%
Aylward Academy	8,705,174	1,164	9,203,563	1172	498,389	7,853	8	0.68%
Bishop Stopford's School	4,887,223	625	5,113,729	612	226,506	8,356	(13)	-2.12%
Bowes Primary School	2,530,756	535	2,562,988	504	32,232	5,085	(31)	-6.15%
Brettenham Primary School	2,304,252	413	2,311,436	393	7,184	5,882	(20)	-5.09%
Brimsdown Primary School	2,918,051	503	3,152,607	508	234,556	6,206	5	0.98%
Broomfield School	5,594,122	732	5,520,797	686	(73,325)	8,048	(46)	-6.71%
Bush Hill Park Primary Schoo	2,349,743	415	2,418,945	401	69,202	6,032	(14)	-3.49%
Capel Manor Primary School	2,170,061	378	2,318,780	376	148,719	6,167	(2)	-0.53%
Carterhatch Infant School	1,558,323	257	1,694,272	258	135,949	6,567	1	0.39%
Carterhatch Junior School	1,873,013	329	2,050,006	336	176,993	6,101	7	2.08%
Chace Community School	6,557,895	888	6,890,871	876	332,976	7,866	(12)	-1.37%
Chase Side Primary School	2,026,264	393	2,023,443	361	(2,821)	5,605	(32)	-8.86%
Chesterfield Primary School	3,139,159	546	3,233,951	528	94,792	6,125	(18)	-3.41%
Churchfield Primary School	2,938,760	529	3,064,174	515	125,414	5,950	(14)	-2.72%
De Bohun Primary School	1,823,938	327	1,963,505	339	139,567	5,792	12	3.54%
Delta Primary School (Bowes	819,861	127	957,456	141.00	137,595	6,790	14	9.93%
Eastfield Primary School	2,406,492	414	2,608,473	423	201,981	6,167	9	2.13%
Edmonton County School	11,254,454	1,598	11,758,807	1584	504,354	7,423	(14)	-0.88%
Eldon Primary School	4,522,653	811	4,691,707	796	169,054	5,894	(15)	-1.88%
Enfield County School	6,469,608	899	6,753,342	894.00	283,734	7,554	(5)	-0.56%
Enfield Grammar School	6,055,183	871	6,292,615	866	237,432	7,266	(5)	-0.58%
Enfield Heights Academy	1,171,371	199	1,267,411	199	96,039	6,369	0	0.00%
Eversley Primary School	2,817,497	629	3,009,983	632	192,486	4,763	3	0.47%
Firs Farm Primary School	3,003,224	602	3,233,740	605	230,516	5,345	3	0.50%
Fleecefield Primary School	2,244,847	377	2,258,538	356	13,691	6,344	(21)	-5.90%
Forty Hill CofE Primary Schoo	1,096,016	209	1,111,752	202	15,736	5,504	(7)	-3.47%
Freezywater St George's CofE F	1,129,333	208	1,238,893	210.00	109,560	5,899	2	0.95%
Galliard Primary School	3,243,120	597	3,489,185	597	246,065	5,845	0	0.00%
Garfield Primary School	1,863,609	317	1,893,480	295	29,871	6,419	(22)	-7.46%
George Spicer Primary School	4,281,861	830	4,569,137	839	287,277	5,446	9	1.07%
Grange Park Primary School	3,434,951	770	3,604,536	758	169,586	4,755	(12)	-1.58%
Hadley Wood Primary School	1,058,985	210	1,096,330	209	37,345	5,246	(1)	-0.48%
Hazelbury Primary School	5,094,195	936	5,425,968	942	331,773	5,760	6	0.64%
Hazelwood Infant School	1,410,932	266	1,647,517	294	236,585	5,604	28	9.52%
Hazelwood Junior School	1,664,179	342	1,816,053	347	151,874	5,234	5	1.44%
Heron Hall Academy	8,089,698	1,096	8,713,424	1114	623,726	7,822	18	1.58%
Highfield Primary School	3,080,137	629	3,235,704	634	155,567	5,104	5	0.79%
Highlands School	8,596,086	1,230	9,092,345	1216	496,259	7,477	(14)	-1.15%
Honilands Primary School	2,438,702	419	2,357,159	379	(81,543)	6,219	(40)	-10.55%

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School	299,551,741	49,322	314,779,100	48,791	15,227,359	6,452	(531)	-1.09%
Houndsfield Primary School	2,739,119	462	2,850,928	445	111,810	6,407	(17)	-3.82%
Keys Meadow School	2,097,349	368	2,139,889	359.00	42,540	5,961	(9)	-2.51%
Kingfisher Hall Primary Acade	2,114,558	393	2,318,079	399	203,521	5,810	6	1.50%
Kingsmead School	9,044,031	1,291	9,639,027	1308	594,996	7,369	17	1.30%
Latymer All Saints CofE Prima	2,876,867	526	3,108,245	526	231,378	5,909	0	0.00%
Lavender Primary School	1,989,680	413	2,181,071	423	191,391	5,156	10	2.36%
Lea Valley High School	6,769,450	751	6,754,868	677.00	(14,582)	9,978	(74)	-10.93%
Meridian Angel Primary School	1,045,359	167	1,028,196	152	(17,163)	6,764	(15)	-9.87%
Merryhills Primary School	2,840,924	628	2,986,145	623	145,220	4,793	(5)	-0.80%
Aim North London	4,845,356	591	4,973,026	584.00	127,670	8,515	(7)	-1.20%
Oakthorpe Primary School	2,671,655	511	2,692,890	485	21,235	5,552	(26)	-5.36%
Oasis Academy Enfield	5,393,975	675	5,759,632	687	365,657	8,384	12	1.75%
Oasis Academy Hadley	9,094,376	1,285	9,520,548	1281	426,172	7,432	(4)	-0.31%
One Degree Academy	1,455,437	237	1,749,760	278	294,322	6,294	41	14.69%
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic	1,017,822	196	1,107,085	195	89,263	5,677	(1)	-0.51%
Prince of Wales Primary Scho	3,161,598	549	3,359,947	543	198,350	6,188	(6)	-1.10%
Raglan Infant School	1,828,135	362	1,907,872	362	79,737	5,270	0	0.00%
Raynham Primary School	3,482,677	617	3,509,819	583	27,142	6,020	(34)	-5.83%
Southbury Primary School	2,083,178	368	2,277,466	379	194,287	6,009	11	2.90%
Southgate School	7,980,111	1,242	8,261,826	1219	281,715	6,778	(23)	-1.89%
St Andrew's CofE Primary Scho	1,909,962	411	2,048,609	407	138,648	5,033	(4)	-0.98%
St Andrew's Southgate Primar	1,032,121	206	1,059,818	199	27,697	5,326	(7)	-3.52%
St Anne's Catholic High Schoo	6,170,721	888	6,471,362	895	300,642	7,231	7	0.78%
St Edmunds Catholic Primary	2,211,109	401	2,364,593	396.00	153,484	5,971	(5)	-1.26%
St George's Catholic Primary S	2,696,757	596	2,725,991	556	29,234	4,903	(40)	-7.19%
St Ignatius College	5,976,079	860	6,386,096	867	410,017	7,366	7	0.81%
St James CofE Primary School	1,001,594	167	1,129,123	174	127,530	6,489	7	4.02%
St John and St James CofE Prin	1,567,545	266	1,667,587	267	100,042	6,246	1	0.37%
St John's CofE Primary School	610,115	91	659,958	96	49,842	6,875	5	5.21%
St Mary's Catholic Primary Sc	1,863,875	346	1,967,975	338	104,100	5,822	(8)	-2.37%
St Matthew's CofE Primary Sch	1,167,698	204	1,178,998	194	11,300	6,077	(10)	-5.15%
St Michael at Bowes CofE Juni	1,572,595	293	1,611,555	281	38,959	5,735	(12)	-4.27%
St Michael's CofE Primary Sch	1,938,625	407	2,088,676	411	150,051	5,082	4	0.97%
St Monica's RC Primary Schoo	1,868,001	419	1,965,430	414	97,429	4,747	(5)	-1.21%
St Paul's CofE Primary School	1,857,063	420	1,952,753	418	95,690	4,672	(2)	-0.48%
Starks Field Primary School	1,548,044	220	1,647,115	216	99,071	7,626	(4)	-1.85%
Suffolks Primary School	1,501,876	241	1,454,359	217	(47,517)	6,702	(24)	-11.06%
The Latymer School	5,719,698	959	6,038,198	955	318,500	6,323	(4)	-0.42%
The Raglan Junior School	2,295,895	479	2,419,147	476	123,251	5,082	(3)	-0.63%
Tottenhall Infant School	1,431,297	222	1,616,425	228	185,128	7,090	6	2.63%
Walker Primary School	1,887,324	420	1,974,296	420	86,972	4,701	0	0.00%
West Grove Primary School	1,862,375	353	2,053,089	364.00	190,714	5,640	11	3.02%
Wilbury Primary School	4,260,303	771	4,409,511	743	149,207	5,935	(28)	-3.77%
Winchmore School	8,032,446	1,198	8,408,752	1188	376,305	7,078	(10)	-0.84%
Wolfson Hillel Primary Schoo	1,830,671	408	1,897,804	406	67,133	4,674	(2)	-0.49%
Woodpecker Hall Primary Aca	4,193,943	784	3,959,880	688	(234,063)	5,756	(96)	-13.95%
Worcesters Primary School	3,062,418	602	3,298,207	597	235,789	5,525	(5)	-0.84%
Wren Academy Enfield	2,866,884	474	3,516,219	550	649,334	6,393	76	13.76%