

City of Wolverhampton Council

SCHOOLS' FORUM

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Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Schools' Forum on the final expenditure against the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) in 2022-2023.

Decision

Members of the Schools' Forum are asked to:

1. Note the latest 2022-2023 DSG allocation published by the Department for Education.
2. Receive the report on the final outturn against the DSG in 2022-2023.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In December 2021, the Government announced the Local Authority's initial DSG allocation for 2022-2023. The City of Wolverhampton's initial allocation was £308.17 million detailed over the main funding blocks. Over the course of 2022-2023, the DSG has been updated to reflect changes in the levels of participation across the early years sector and changes as a result of the academisation process. The most recent 2022-2023 DSG allocation updated as at March 2023 was £309.70 million. The final update of the 2022-2023 DSG allocation will be published in July 2023.

Block	Latest DSG Allocation 2021-2022 £m	ESFA Recoupment £m	Net DSG received by Authority £m
Schools Block	(235.99)	162.40	(73.59)
Central Schools Services Block	(2.02)	0.00	(2.02)
High Needs Block	(52.61)	7.08	(45.53)
Early Years Block	(19.08)	0.00	(19.08)
Total	(309.70)	(169.48)	(140.22)

2.0 2022-2023 Outturn by Funding Block

Schools Block

Schools Block grant usage 2022-2023	2022-2023 £m
Brought forward from 2022-2023 brought forward	(1.36)
Total School Block DSG in year	(235.99)
Recoupment for Academies	162.49
Transfer to Schools	72.26
Growth Fund expenditure in year	2.40
Total grant carried forward	(0.20)

- 2.1 The carried forward balance of £200,000 relates to accruals and future commitments on the growth fund as per the agreed Schools Block Budget for 2023-2024.

Central Schools Services Block

- 2.2 The Central Schools Services Block had a brought forward underspend of £0.11 million in 2021-2022. The underspend remained at £0.11 million at the end of 2022-2023 and will be used to fund the statutory Children Missing Education (CME) post in 2023-2024.

DSG Central Services Block	2022-2023 Budget £m	2022-23 Expenditure £m	Variance £
Tri-partite Funding	0.44	0.44	0.00
Termination of employment costs	0.05	0.05	0.00
School Admissions	0.41	0.41	0.00
Servicing of Schools' Forum	0.03	0.03	0.00
Licences/subscriptions	0.23	0.23	(0.00)
Statutory and Regulatory Services	0.16	0.16	0.00
Education Welfare	0.27	0.27	0.00
Asset Management	0.18	0.18	0.00
Contribution to One System Manager	0.03	0.03	0.00
MASH Support	0.06	0.04	(0.02)
Centrally Employed Teachers	0.16	0.16	(0.00)
Children missing in Ed cont. (agreed in YR from BF balance)	0.00	0.02	0.02
Total	2.02	2.02	0.00

	Amount 22-23 £m
Grant brought forward	(0.11)
Grant received in year	(2.02)
Grant used in year as per table above	2.02
Grant carried forward	(0.11)

Early Years Block

- 2.3 The tables below show the spend against the Early Years Block budget. The Early Years budget allocation is adjusted in July 2022 (after initial budget set) and the final Early Years Block allocation for 2022-2023 will not be finalised until July 2023. At that point, any payment required to allocate all the remaining nursery supplement can be actioned as in 2021-2022.

Cost Centre Description	2022-2023 Original Feb 22 Budget	2022-2023 Updated Budget	2022-2023 Expenditure £m	Variance £m
Entitlement Funding Disadvantaged 2-Year-Olds	2.58	2.90	3.03	0.13
Universal Entitlement for 3- and 4-Year-Olds	10.12	10.64	10.21	(0.43)
Additional Entitlement for 3- and 4-Year-Olds	2.53	2.73	2.63	(0.10)
Pupil Premium	0.34	0.37	0.34	(0.03)
Disability Access Fund (DAF)	0.11	0.11	0.04	(0.07)
SEN Inclusion Fund	0.25	0.25	0.42	0.16
Weighted Deprivation 3- and 4-Year-Olds	0.98	1.04	0.98	(0.06)
Maintained Nursery School Supplement	0.92	0.93	0.89	(0.04)
Early Years Central Support Team	0.11	0.11	0.11	(0.00)
Total	17.95	19.08	18.65	(0.43)

Grant Detail	£m
Balance of grant B/F 2022-2023	(1.40)
Additional grant received in 2022-2023 but relating to 2021-2022	(0.27)
Grant allocation 2022-2023	(19.08)
Use of grant in year as per table above	18.65
Sustainability payments and Prior years MNS	0.21
Balance of grant C/F 2023-2024	(1.89)

High Needs Block

2.4 The outturn against the High Needs Block grant for 2022-2023 was an overspend of £80,000, which is carried forward to be funded from the grant allocation for 2023-2024. This is an improvement on the 2021-2022 deficit of £380,000.

2.5 The table below shows the outturn at individual budget level, the main variances being as follows:

- There was an overspend against place funding due mainly to in-year increases in commissioned places (after adjusting for academisation).
- The top-ups budget was 4% underspent, however the overall top-up spend was 17% higher than in 2021-2022.
- An overspend of 41% against the additionality budget due to increased demand in year.
- Out of City/In City/personal provision budgets were 5% overspent, the overall spend being 13% higher than in 2021-2022. This is due to increased demand and increased costs.
- The Additional Nursery and Reception SEND Provision budget was £112,000 overspent due to in-year increases in numbers.

Budget Lines	Budget 2022 - 2023	Outturn	Variance	% Overspend 2022-2023
Place funding	8.25	8.67	0.42	5%
Top Up Funding	19.81	18.95	(0.86)	-4%
Hospital Funding	0.49	0.49	0.00	0%
Home Funding	0.37	0.37	0.00	0%
Outreach	0.95	0.85	(0.10)	-10%
Additionality	0.70	0.99	0.29	41%
Out of City Provision	5.19	4.75	(0.45)	5%
Special Education Provision "Personal Funding"	0.30	0.60	0.30	
Special Education Provision "In City"	0.70	1.12	0.42	
Alternative Provision – Placements	0.45	0.27	(0.18)	-41%
High Incidence SEN Funding	0.03	-	(0.03)	-100%
SEN Assessment and Development	1.38	1.40	0.02	1%
SEN Sensory	0.64	0.63	(0.01)	-1%
SEN Early Years	1.03	1.03	0.00	0%
Specialist Learning Support	0.12	0.08	(0.04)	-
PFI – Penn fields	0.27	0.29	0.02	8%

Budget Lines	Budget 2022 - 2023	Outturn	Variance	% Overspend 2022-2023
Additional Nursery and Reception SEND Provision	0.08	0.20	0.12	145%
Post 16 SEN Provision	0.80	0.79	(0.01)	-1%
Special Education Provision "Post 16 Out of City"	1.09	1.05	(0.04)	-
SEND Management and Commissioning	0.44	0.39	(0.04)	-10%
Contribution to SEN children in care Tripartite Funding	1.21	1.46	0.25	21%
Teachers Pay and Pension Funding	0.85	0.85	0.00	0%
B/F Deficit from 2021-2022	0.38	0.38	0.00	-
Total	45.53	45.61	0.08	