

City of Wolverhampton Council

SCHOOLS' FORUM HIGH NEEDS FUNDING SUB GROUP

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Summary

This report provides an update on the 2020-2021 forecast against budget across the High Needs Block. It also includes the 2021-2022 provisional allocation for the High Needs Block published in July 2020 prior to the publication of the official provisional Dedicated Schools Grant Allocation which is due to be published in December 2020.

1.0 2020-2021 Budget and Forecast

- 1.1 In 2019-2020, the High Needs Block has spent £292,959 in excess of the Dedicated Schools Grant that was allocated to the High Needs Block for the 2019-2020 financial year.
- 1.2 The Department for Education confirmed that a Dedicated Support Grant (DSG) deficit must be carried forward to be dealt with from future Dedicated Support Grant income, unless the Secretary of State authorises the Local Authority not to do this. This is set out in Section 8 of the DSG Conditions of Grant.
- 1.3 The DSG Allocation for the High Needs Block for 2020-2021 is as follows:

Breakdown of High Needs Block DSG Funding 2020-2021	Allocation 2020-2021 (£)
High Needs Block DSG Allocation	41,705,898
Deduct Academies Recoupment	(5,519,502)
High Needs Block DSG Allocation following recoupment	36,186,396
Deduct overspend from previous year	(292,959)
Total DSG Allocation after recoupment & previous year overspend	£35,893,437

1.4 The current projected expenditure overall showing on the High Needs Block is £35,685,726 and a projected underspend of £207,711. A breakdown of this is shown in Appendix 1.

2.0 High Needs Block Provisional Allocation 2021-2022

2.1 The total High Needs Block provisional settlement for the City of Wolverhampton Council for 2021-2022 published on 20th July 2020 is £46,641,863, which is a provisional increase of £4,935,965 when comparing to the allocation for 2020-2021.

2.2 After academies recoupment, the allocation to the Council is £41,255,627 as shown in the table below.

	NFF Provisional Allocation 2021-2022 (£)
Breakdown of High Needs Block Allocation for 2021-2022	
High Needs Block Provisional Allocation	46,641,863
Deduct Academies Recoupment	(5,386,236)
High Needs Block DSG Allocation following recoupment	41,255,627
Deduct overspend from previous year	0
Total DSG Allocation after recoupment & previous year overspend	£41,255,627

3.0 Comparison of 2020-2021 Budget with 2019-2020 Actual Expenditure

3.1 A table showing the breakdown of 2020-2021 High Needs Budget Allocation and the actual expenditure for 2019-2020 and a comparison of the two years is shown as Appendix 2.

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High Needs Block Service Area	Budget Holder	Cost Centre(s)	High Needs DSG Budget 2020-2021 (£)	Projected Expenditure 2020-2021 (£)	Projected (Underspend) / Overspend 2020-2021 (£)
SEN Early Years Team	Jill Wellings	G10149	832,810	829,780	(2,530)
SEN Sensory Inclusion	Jill Wellings	G10151	599,675	599,135	(540)
SEN Admin, Assessment & Development Team	Sandy Lisle	G10152	1,145,175	1,145,175	0
SEN Education Out of City	Sandy Lisle	G10153	3,990,000	3,990,000	0
Post 16 SEN Provision	Sandy Lisle	G11214	1,430,000	1,430,000	0
SEN Additionality	Sandy Lisle	G11623	1,130,000	1,130,000	0
SEN Tripartite Funding	Sandy Lisle	G11951	640,000	628,546	(11,454)
Alternative Provision	Darren Martindale	G10940	850,000	600,000	(250,000)
Outreach	Steven Larking	G11910	750,000	750,000	0
High Needs Top Ups	Rob Hart	G11506 / G11625	12,928,128	12,928,128	0
High Needs Place Funding	Rob Hart	G11509	8,730,000	8,786,813	56,813
High Incidence SEN	Rob Hart	G11764	135,000	135,000	0
PFI – Pennfields	Rob Hart	G11768	253,000	253,000	0
Additional Nursery & Reception SEND Provision	Rob Hart	G11912	312,670	312,670	0
SEN Commissioning Team	Rob Hart	G11950	320,000	320,000	0
High Needs Funding – Hospital Education	Rob Hart	G12046	476,679	476,679	0
High Needs Funding – Home Education	Rob Hart	G12047	370,800	370,800	0
Transitional Protection Fund	Rob Hart	G11506 Additional	500,000	500,000	0
High needs Block Reform Fund	Rob Hart	G11506 Additional	500,000	500,000	0
Total DSG Allocation			35,893,437	35,685,726	(207,711)

Comparison of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 High Needs Block Expenditure

High Needs Block Service Area	Cost Centre(s)	High Needs Block DSG Budget 2020-2021 (£)	High Needs Block DSG Budget 2019-2020 (£)	Actual Expenditure 2019-2020 (£)	(Underspend) / Overspend 2019-2020 (£)
SEN Early Years Team	G10149	832,810	768,010	734,687	(33,323)
SEN Sensory Inclusion	G10151	599,675	556,740	524,933	(31,537)
SEN Admin, Assessment & Development Team	G10152	1,145,175	929,610	829,418	(100,192)
SEN Education Out of City	G10153	3,990,000	3,990,000	4,971,982	981,982
Post 16 SEN Provision	G11214	1,430,000	1,500,000	1,287,179	(212,821)
SEN Additionality	G11623	1,130,000	1,130,000	687,445	(442,555)
SEN Tripartite Funding	G11951	640,000	500,000	369,815	(130,185)
Alternative Provision	G10940	850,000	850,000	443,153	(406,847)
Outreach	G11910	750,000	750,000	580,292	(169,708)
High Needs Top Ups	G11506 / G11625	12,928,128	11,028,918	11,910,057	881,139
High Needs Place Funding	G11509	8,730,000	7,232,666	7,232,667	1
High Incidence SEN	G11764	135,000	135,000	163,074	28,074
PFI – Pennfields	G11768	253,000	253,000	253,000	0
Additional Nursery & Reception SEND Provision	G11912	312,670	312,670	235,420	(77,250)
SEN Commissioning Team	G11950	320,000	220,570	228,937	8,367
High Needs Funding – Hospital Education	G12046	476,679	441,370	441,370	0
High Needs Funding – Home Education	G12047	370,800	370,800	368,615	(2,185)
Transitional Protection Fund	G11506 Additional	500,000	0	0	0
High needs Block Reform Fund	G11506 Additional	500,000	0	0	0
Total DSG Allocation		35,893,437	30,969,084	31,262,043	292,959