

# City of Wolverhampton Council

## SCHOOLS' FORUM

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<b>Report title</b>	Maintained Nursery Supplement Update
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### Summary

This report provides an update to Schools' Forum on the use of annual surpluses in the Maintained Nursery Supplement (MNS) of the Early Years Block of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

### Decision

Members of Schools' Forum are asked to:

1. Note the allocations of annual surpluses in the Maintained Nursery Supplement (MNS) of the Early Years Block of Dedicated Schools Grant.

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Council receives the Early Years Block element of DSG each year and is required to set an annual budget in consultation with Schools' Forum. One of the funding streams within the Early Years Block is the MNS.
- 1.2 MNS funding is provided to enable local authorities to protect their 2016 to 2017 funding rates for the universal 15-hour entitlement for MNS and the government expects it to be used in this way. The budget for these payments is approved each year by the Council and agreed with Schools' Forum at the February meeting. The government publishes in July following the end of each financial year, the final allocation for that financial year relating to MNS. These final annual allocations are shown in table 1 below, along with the expenditure for MNS each year.
- 1.3 As shown in Table 1, there has been an underspend each year and this created a surplus at the end of 2021-2022 of £182,090. The decision was therefore taken within the Council to pay over this surplus to Maintained nurseries, based on prior annual budgets and agreements with Schools' Forum. The allocations to individual nurseries were based on the latest pupil data submitted on the January 2022 Schools census, as shown in table 2 below.

**Table 1 – MNS Five - year Allocation vs. Distribution**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
2017- 2018	933,985	927,627	- 6,358
2018 - 2019	957,554	834,077	- 123,477
2019 - 2020	949,578	918,584	- 30,994
2020 - 2021	926,130	911,638	- 14,492
2021 - 2022	876,188	869,418	- 6,770
	<b>4,643,435</b>	<b>4,461,345</b>	<b>- 182,090</b>

**Table 2 – Allocation of surplus to Nurseries in 2022 - 2023**

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Pupil No. Jan 2022 census</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Allocation £</b>
Ashmore Park Nursery	83	15%	27,134
Bilston Nursery	101	18%	33,018
Bushbury Nursery	62	11%	20,269
Eastfield Nursery	92	17%	30,076
Low Hill Nursery	108	19%	35,306
Phoenix Nursery	40	7%	13,076
Windsor Nursery	71	13%	23,211
	<b>557</b>		<b>182,090</b>