

Schools Forum Agenda

Tuesday 3 October 2023 at 2.00 pm

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Agenda Item 1

London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Schools Forum Minutes

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PRESENT

Voting members	Non-voting members
<p>Primary School Heads Michele Barrett, Randolph Beresford / Vanessa Nursery Sam Naismith (Flora Gardens Primary)</p> <p>Academies and Free Schools Gary Kynaston, Hammersmith Academy (Chair)</p>	<p>Observers Alex Parker Aiden Smith Jacqueline Munroe</p>

Officers

Jacqui McShannon (Director of Children's Services)
Peter Haylock (Director of Education and SEND)
Tony Burton (Head of Finance for Children's Services and Education)
Irolla Valerie (Principle Accountant)
Daryle Mathurin (Strategic Lead - Education, Assets and Operations)
Satwinder Saraon (Strategic Lead for Education, Early Years and Transformation)
Amrita White (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Elizabeth Stevenson.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Q1 UPDATE - HIGH NEEDS BLOCK 2023/24

Tony Burton (Head of Finance for Children's Services and Education) presented the report which provided an update on the current position and progress of the transformation programme across the High Needs Block (HNB). A breakdown of the high-level forecast and a progress update on the HNB workstreams was provided. He spoke about the challenges for the HNB, the safety valve agreement, including the work required to ensure the yearly goals were met and the final savings were delivered.

The Chair asked how the risk for the retained deficit (2025/26) would be managed without a safety valve payment. In response Peter Haylock

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(Director of Education and SEND) explained that the level of risk was high due to the size of the challenge. The Council was receiving a high volume of Education, Health, and Care Needs assessment requests. It was noted that the number of Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs) had also increased. He outlined the two primary areas of work to progress which were around the Special Educational Needs and Disability Capital plan and the preparation for adulthood for children over the age of 16-18. These children could move to a different provision which would be supported with an element of education and social care, ensuring that their needs were being met. This would help reduce the financial impact on the HNB and associated travel costs.

Tony Burton (Head of Finance for Children's Services and Education) highlighted that the risk around inflation was very likely to impact on costs within the HNB. Officers would find out next month what the provisional HNB funding allocation was for 2024/25 and how this compared to the assumption of the funding growth within the safety valve forecast.

The Chair asked for further clarification to be provided on costs relating to an EHCP including travel costs. Peter Haylock (Director of Education and SEND) noted that travel care costs, were an associated costs which fell under the general funds remit. These costs were significant and could be aided by reducing the amount of EHCP's received. It would also prove beneficial to both the Council and Young People to decrease the travel distance to school for YP.

The Chair asked if there was any progression on how support would be provided to YP going forward (offering support based on needs rather than allocating a specific set of hours etc). Daryle Mathurin (Strategic Lead - Education, Assets and Operations) provided an overview on the forward plan timeline for this programme. It was noted that work would commence in April 2024 around how EHCPs would be managed. Officers would explore top up rates for mainstream schools and benchmark those against the special school's unit.

RESOLVED

The Schools Forum noted the report.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair asked for Officers to review and update the following anomaly between academies and maintained schools in relation to funding recoupment for permanent schools.

When a pupil is excluded from a mainstream maintained school, the local authority must deduct from the school's budget in-year the amount within the formula relating to the age and personal circumstances of that pupil, pro rata to the number of complete weeks remaining in the financial year from the 'relevant date'.

Tony Burton (Head of Finance for Children’s Services and Education) noted that officers would check this against the operational guidance and report back at the next meeting.

Key finance papers would be brought to the next meeting. The Chair requested that a letter be circulated to all schools summarising the Council’s position on funding and requesting volunteers to join the membership for this group.

Action: Tony Burton


Jacqui McShannon (Director of Children’s Services) closed the meeting by thanking the Chair and Head Teachers for all the invaluable work that was executed behalf of the YP in the borough.

Meeting started: 2:00pm
Meeting ended: 2:30pm

Chair

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Agenda Item 3

	<p align="center">London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham SCHOOLS FORUM Tuesday, 3rd October 2023</p>
<p align="center">Schools, High Needs And Early Years National Funding Formulae update for 2024-25</p>	
<p>Open</p>	
<p>Classification - For Scrutiny Review & Comment</p>	
<p>Key Decision: No</p>	
<p>Wards Affected: (All Wards); All</p>	
<p>Accountable Director: Jacqui McShannon, Strategic Director of Children’s Services</p>	
<p>Report Authors: Peter Haylock Operational Director for Education and SEND</p> <p>Tony Burton Head of Finance for Children’s Services and Education</p>	
<p>Purpose of the report</p> <p>The report provides a briefing on the National Funding Formula for schools 2024-25 as published by the Department for Education (DfE) in July 2023. This sets the scene for the 2024/25 Provisional Schools Block Budget Share Options report later in the agenda.</p> <p>There are important changes in the National Funding Formula for Early Years with additional funding confirmed from September 2023 and information on the extended childcare offer with phased changes from April 2024.</p>	

Schools Block National Funding Formula

1. Funding through the core schools budget is increasing to £59.6 billion in 2024/25. This total includes the additional funding for teachers’ pay announced in July 2023. The Teachers Pay Additional Grant (TPAG) provides an additional £482.5m in 2023/24 and £827.5m in 2024/25. This grant is payable to mainstream, special and alternative provision schools. The TPAG is not included in the National Funding Formula (NFF) for 2024/25 as it is being allocated as a separate grant.

2. Funding through the mainstream schools NFF is increasing nationally by 2.7% per pupil in 2024/25 compared to 2023/24. Taken together with the funding increases seen in 2023/24, this means that funding through the schools NFF will be 8.5% higher per pupil nationally in 2024/25, compared to 2022/23. This increase includes the 2023/24 Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MSAG) supplementary grants which is included in the 2024/25 NFF funding baseline.
3. For Hammersmith & Fulham the overall increase in schools block funding for 2024/25 based on October 2022 pupil numbers is only 1.04% in core funding. This is based on the provisional allocation notified by the ESFA in July 2023 and will be updated in December 2023 following the publication of the October 2023 census.
4. The Teachers Pay Additional Grant will be received from September 2023/24 with a full year effect in 2024/25.

	2023/24	2024/25	% increase
Schools Block Baseline (excludes growth funding)	£114.940m	£116.175	
MSAG – included in baseline	£3.865m	£3.865m	
Revised baseline	£118.805m	£120.040m	1.04%
Provisional amount allocated – Teachers Pay Additional Grant (TPAG)	£1.157m	£1.983m	
	£119.962m	£122.023m	

5. The main features of the NFF in 2024/25 are:
 - A formulaic approach to allocating split sites funding has been introduced. This ensures that split site funding will be provided on a consistent basis across the country.
 - The core factors in the schools NFF (such as the basic entitlement, and the lump sum that all schools attract) will increase by 2.4%.
 - Through the minimum per pupil funding levels, every primary school will receive at least £4,655 per pupil and every secondary school at least £6,050 per pupil.
 - The funding floor will ensure that all schools attract at least 0.5% more pupil-led funding per pupil compared to its 2023/24 NFF allocation.
 - Rolling the 2023/24 mainstream schools additional grant (MSAG) into the schools NFF ensuring that this additional funding forms an on-going part of schools' core budgets. Appropriate adjustments have been made to NFF factor values and baselines to reflect this.
6. 2023/24 was the first year of transition to the direct schools NFF. Every mainstream school in England is funded through the same national formula without adjustments being made through local funding formulae.
 - As in 2023/24, local authorities can only use NFF factors in their local formulae, and must use all NFF factors, except any locally determined

premises factors. In Hammersmith & Fulham this means that we must use the IDACI, FSM and FSM6 factors for deprivation but cannot use the LAC factor. This represents a change from previous years prior to 2023/24 when local funding formula factors were used.

- Local authorities are also required to move their local formulae factors 10% closer to the NFF values, compared to where they were in 2023/24, unless they are already mirroring the NFF. The DfE has published a set of minimum and maximum values for factors for each local authority.
7. The mainstream schools additional grant (MSAG) has been baselined into the NFF for 2024/25. The grant was introduced into 2023/24 and allowed schools flexibility in how they used the grant to support their pupils, for example, staff salaries and energy costs.
- The DfE have tried to ensure that the additional funding that schools attract through the NFF is as close as possible to the funding that would have been received had the MSAG remained a separate grant in 2024/25.
 - The DfE has followed the same approach that was used to roll in the Schools Supplementary Grant into the 2023/24 NFF. This is by increasing per pupil funding factors, FSM6 factors and to the lump sum, increasing the minimum per pupil funding levels and by adding an amount onto schools' baselines to ensure that funding protection can be calculated for schools whose allocations are determined by the funding floor factor.
 - The rolling of MSAG into the schools' notional NFF allocations will affect the core budgets that maintained schools will receive from April 2024, and that academies will receive from September 2024.
 - To avoid an unfair gap in the support provided to academies, academies will continue to receive separate grant payments up until the end of August 2024. The MSAG will then cease to operate as a separate grant.
8. Local authorities will continue to set a Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) in local formulae, which in 2024/25 must be between +0.0% and +0.5%. This allows them to match the protection in the NFF, which it is expected local authorities to continue to do where possible. The MFG ensures a minimum increase year on year in funding via pupil led factors in the NFF.
9. Local authorities will again be able to transfer up to 0.5% of their total schools block allocations to other blocks of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), with schools forum approval. A disapplication will continue to be required for transfers above 0.5%, or for any amount without Schools Forum approval.

High Needs Block National Funding Formula

10. The national increase in high needs funding between 2023/24 and 2024/25 is £440m or 4.3% totalling £10.54bn.

11. The high needs NFF includes:
- The funding floor – this ensures that all LA allocations per head of the population will increase by a minimum percentage compared to the baseline. For 2024/25 the funding floor has been set at 3%.
 - The gains cap – this limits the gains per head of the population compared to the baseline. For 2024/25 the gains cap has been set at 5%. This means that LA's can see an increase of up to 5% before their gains are capped.
 - The funding floor and gains cap are compared against an adjusted baseline which reflects the additional high needs funding allocated to LA's in December 2022, following the Autumn 2022 statement.
12. The basic structure of the high needs NFF for 2024/25 has not changed from the 2023/24 NFF. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic there is no appropriate 2020 or 2021 attainment data to use for the 2 low attainment factors. The use of 2019 data will continue to be used as a proxy for the 2020 data in the NFF calculations for 2024/25. The 2022 data can be relied on and will be used as a proxy for the 2021 data.
13. For 2024/25 the provisional funding allocated to Hammersmith and Fulham through the high needs National Funding Formula has increased by 4.1% or £1.368m meaning that the 5% gains cap doesn't apply for 2024/25.

Central Schools Services Block National Funding Formula

14. For 2024/25 the formula for allocating funding through the Central Schools Services Block follows the same approach as in 2023/24.
15. The block will continue to comprise two distinct elements; on-going responsibilities and historic commitments.
16. The provisional funding nationally for on-going responsibilities is £304m in 2024/25. £299m of this is calculated using a simple per-pupil formula. 90% is distributed through a basic per pupil factor and 10% through a deprivation factor based on the proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals within the past 6 years (FSM6) in mainstream schools.
17. LA's will continue to be protected so that the maximum per pupil year-on-year reduction in funding for on-going responsibilities is 2.5% and the gains cap will be set at 5.1%.
18. An additional £5m has been provided nationally to cover the exceptional increase in copyright license costs in 2023/24 due the update following the increased use of technology. This will be distributed in line with the increase in each LA's charge for copyright licenses in 2023/24.
19. The funding for historic commitments funding will continue to reduce by 20% in 2024/25.

Early Years Block Updates

Early Years Supplementary Grant (EYSG) - from September 2023 to March 2024

20. At Spring Budget the Chancellor announced an additional investment in Early Years of £204m for the existing entitlement.
21. The Early Years Supplementary Grant will provide supplementary funding in 2023-24 for most existing funding elements of Early Years, i.e. 2 year-old, 3&4 year-old, Maintained Nursery Supplement, Disability Access Fund and Early Years Pupil Premium Grant funding.
22. The additional funding will be applied from September 2023 to March 2024 and the initial local authorities allocations will be published in late September 2023. It is expected that local authorities will pass on this funding in full to providers.
23. As this is a mid-year increase, the EYSG will initially be distributed as a separate grant (i.e. it is not added to the DSG allocation for the Early Years block), and it will therefore be treated as such when payments are made to the settings. Supplementary amounts will be showed as separate lines in remittance advices sent to schools for each element they receive.
24. Below are the additional EYSG rates as they will be paid by H&F:

Entitlement		Rate/Hr 23-24	Additional EYSG Rate
Disadvantaged	2 year olds	£7.56	£3.24
universal	3 and 4 year olds	£6.48	£0.08
extended hours	3 and 4 year olds	£6.48	£0.08
Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)	3 and 4 year olds only	£0.62	£0.04
Disability Access Fund (DAF)	3 and 4 year olds only	£828.00	£30.92
Maintained Nursery Schools	Supplement	£6.32	£0.35

The extension of Early Years funding entitlements – Phased from April 2024 to September 2025

25. In the spring budget of 2023, the Chancellor announced that funded childcare hours would be extended to children of eligible working parents in England from nine months old to support increased parental engagement in the labour market.

26. The measures announced will expand the existing system by offering up to 30 funded hours of childcare per week over 38 weeks of the year to children aged nine months and over whose parents meet the same income eligibility criteria as applied to the existing 30 hours entitlement for three and four-year-olds.

27. This will be gradually implemented as per the timetable below:

From April 2024: all working parents of 2YO can access 15 hours per week

From September 2024: all working parents of children from 9 months old up to 3 years old can access 15 hours per week

From September 2025: all working parents of children from 9 months old up to 3 years old can access 30 hours per week

28. It is proposed there will be 3 hourly funding rates for local authorities from 2024-25:

- Under 2's rate
- 2 Year Old rate applicable to both the disadvantaged the new working parents entitlements
- 3&4 Year Old rate for universal and extended hours

29. It is anticipated that the Under 2 rate will be higher than the 3&4 Year Old Entitlement to reflect the higher ratio of staff to provide the service to this cohort.

30. It is proposed a **new formula** will be used to calculate the funding from 9 months up to 2-year-olds and for both 2-year-old entitlements. This is because the current 2 YO formula was designed to fund the disadvantaged children and would not be suitable for a 2 YO cohort which also includes working parent families.

LA hourly funding rate = [Base Rate (89.5%) + Additional Needs (10.5%)] x Area cost Adjustment

31. **An additional Needs** factor is proposed to be included in the new funding formula to reflect differences in levels of disadvantage between areas. This factor will be weighted at **10.5%** overall and is made up of the following elements:

- FSM (4%)
- IDACI (4%)
- EAL (1.5%)
- DLA (1%)

32. Deprivation funding within the Additional Needs factor is therefore the same as in the 3&4 YO (8% in total) but it is equally split between FSM and IDACI at 4% each.

33. **An Area Cost Adjustment (ACA)** is proposed to ensure that areas which have higher running costs in staffing and premises mainly, are funded accordingly. It will be the same currently used in the 2YO formula which is made up as follows:

- Staffing Costs (80%)
- Premises Costs (10%)
- Other costs (10%)

34. It is also proposed to extend eligibility for the EYPP and the DAF to all eligible children accessing the entitlements from April 2024.

35. There are no changes to the entitlements of the 3&4 year olds, and the formula used is expected to remain the same.

Early Years Budget 2024/25 Next Steps


36. The government will release the results of the Summer consultation together with provisional funding and grant regulations during the Autumn term.

37. Detailed proposed local budget allocations will follow for consultation in Hammersmith and Fulham in the Autumn and into the Spring Term.

Report Ends

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Agenda Item 4

	<p style="text-align: center;">London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOLS FORUM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, 3rd October 2023</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">High Needs Block funding 2024/25 – Special Provision</p>	
<p>Open</p>	
<p>Wards Affected: (All Wards); All</p>	
<p>Accountable Director: Jacqui Mc Shannon, Strategic Director of Children’s Services</p>	
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<p>Purpose of the report</p> <p>This report updates forum on the final High Needs Block allocation for the financial year 2024/25 and updates on changes to the Dedicated Schools Grant conditions prescribed by the Education and Standards Funding Agency in relation to the High Needs Block.</p> <p>The report provides confirmation of proposed commissioned places for 2024/25 and indicative funding for special provision in Hammersmith and Fulham.</p>	

Introduction

1. High needs funding supports provision for pupils and students with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) who require additional resources to participate in education and learning. This extends from their early years to age 25 in schools and colleges (excluding students aged 19 to 25 who do not have an Education Health Care plan (EHCP) or students who are over the age of 25) and pre-16 pupils in Alternative Provision (AP) who because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, cannot receive their education in mainstream schools.
2. High needs funding is provided to local authorities (LA) through the high needs block (HNB) of the Dedicated Schools Grant, enabling Local Authorities to meet their statutory duties under the Children and Families Act 2014.
3. The financial allocations from the HNB provides local authorities with resources for place and top-up funding for schools and colleges and funding for high needs services delivered directly by the LA.

2024/25 provisional HNB allocations

4. The national increase in high needs funding between 2023/24 and 2024/25 will be £430m or 4.3%.
5. The provisional allocation for Hammersmith and Fulham shows a 4.28% increase on the formula funding factors. This decreases to 3.77% when other cash adjustments are taken into account.

	2024/25 Provisional HNB allocation £m	2023/24 HNB allocation £m	Cash increase/ decrease £	Percentage increase %
Funding factors	35.721	34.254	1.467	4.28
Other adjustments – import/export, special free schools and additional funding	1.932	2.030	(0.098)	
Total	37.653	36.284	1.369	3.77

Funding for Special Provision 2024/25

Place Funding

6. Hammersmith and Fulham is responsible for ensuring sufficient local provision for children and young people with SEND. This includes ensuring that there is suitable provision and sufficient numbers and types of placements to meet local and regional needs.

7. There are no proposals to amend the number of commissioned places at H&F special provision in 2024/25.

Special Provision	Number of places April 2024 AY 2023/24	Number of places September 2024 AY 2024/25	Funding per place £	FY 2023/24 Total Place Funding £
Cambridge Special School	129	129	10,000	1,290,000
Wood Lane High School	100	100	10,000	1,000,000
Jack Tizard Special School	70	70	10,000	700,000
Queensmill School	246	246	10,000	2,460,000
Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College	300	300	6,000	1,800,000
Ormiston Academy Trust – The Bridge/Courtyard AP	64	64	10,000	640,000
William Morris Sixth Form	50	50	6,000	300,000
Miles Coverdale Special Resource Unit *	20	20	6,000/10,000	120,000
Queens Manor Resource Unit *	20	20	6,000/10,000	160,000
Total Place Funding	999	999		8,470,000

*The place funding value is dependent on the number of occupied places with the Resource Unit. Therefore, the funding value may change.

Special Schools Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)

8. The MFG protection for maintained special schools and special academies in 2024/25 is again set by a condition of grant that applies to local authorities DSG.
9. The LA in deciding on top-up funding rates for the pupils to be placed in its maintained special schools or special academies must set a minimum percentage by which the budget of any special school or special academy would change from the 2023/24 to 2024/25 financial years.
10. The percentage must be at least 0% and within the range 0% to 0.5%. This is consistent with the MFG range that has been applied to mainstream schools in

2024/25. The MFG was introduced as a condition of grant for the first time in 2023/24 and was set as 3% over a 2 year period, 2021/22 to 2023/24. Each setting received a 2023/24 top-up increase to reflect this requirement.

11. By applying a 0% MFG to Special Schools, the top-up value per pupil for 2024/25 will remain the same as 2023/24. A **recommended** 0.5% MFG increase will give the increases per the table below.

School	2024/25 Places	Top-up increase per pupil 2024/25 £	Proposed top-up to meet 0.5% MFG £	Total estimated top-up annual increase 2024/25 £
Cambridge Special School	129			48,513
Basic rate	129	123	14,764	15,893
Higher rate	40	815	24,015	32,619
Woodlane High School	100	108	11,738	10,815
Jack Tizard Special School	70	212	32,698	14,870
Queensmill School	246			34,021
Queensmill Main	169	146	19,335	24,665
Queensmill at FP	60	116	13,291	3,476
Queensmill at FS	47	125	15,146	5,880
Total				108,219

Additional High Needs Funding 2024/25

12. In the 2022 autumn statement, there was an announcement of extra funding for special schools. A proportion of this funding was required to be passed on to schools and equated to approximately a 3.4% increase on each special provision's budget.
13. This additional funding has been included in the 2023/24 baseline which has been used to inform the 2024/25 high needs block funding allocations. A DSG condition of grant is in place to ensure that LA's pass on the same level of additional funding to the schools.
14. The ESFA have specified that for maintained special schools, special academies and free schools, the same amount per place must be allocated in 2024/25 as for 2023/24.

15. For AP academies and free schools, the ESFA will provide 2021/22 income data of which a payment of 3.4% of the income total should be allocated to this provision type.

Special Provision	Number of places	2023/24 funding per place £	Additional funding 2024/25 provisional £	Increase on 2023/24 allocation £
Cambridge Special School	129	1,111.46	143,378	0
Wood Lane High School	100	786.82	78,682	0
Jack Tizard Special School	70	1,428.74	100,012	0
Queensmill School	246	953.65	234,599	0
Ormiston Bridge Academy	50	-	64,374	25,598
Ormiston Courtyard Academy	14	-	13,064	568
Westside School	54	-	53,960	-7,512
Total			688,069	18,654

Teachers Pay Grants 2024/25

16. There will be a separate teachers' pay additional grant (TPAG) for 2024/25 which is intended to reflect the additional cost of the 2023 teachers' pay award. TPAG was introduced in 2023/24 from September 2023 and will continue in 2024/25.

School	Places	Provisional 2024/25 TPAG grant allocation £	Provisional 2024/25 Historic Teachers Pay and Pensions grant £
Cambridge Special School	129	69,789	103,360
Wood Lane High School	100	54,100	80,124
Jack Tizard Special School	70	37,870	56,086
Queensmill School	246	133,087	197,105
Ormiston Bridge Academy	50	27,050	40,062
Ormiston Courtyard Academy	14	7,574	32,050
Westside School	54	29,214	48,074
Parayhouse School	56	30,296	0
Total		388,980	556,861

17. This new separate grant should not be confused with the historical teachers' pay and pensions grant. This historic grant was incorporated into the high needs LA allocations from 2021/22 but has still been allocated to schools on the same basis as the former grant. This allocation will continue.

18. The provisional funding rate for 2024/25 will be £541 per commissioned place.

Summary of provisional budget allocation for maintained Special Schools and Special Academy

19. The table below gives an indicative indication of the 2024/25 budget that H&F special schools can expect to receive.
20. The calculation for top-up has been based on place numbers rather than actual pupil numbers and therefore will differ from the final allocation.

Provisional 2024/25 allocation compared to equivalent 2023/24 allocation for comparison purposes.

School	2024/25 provisional budget £m	2023/24 equivalent budget for comparison £m	Variance £m	Percentage increase %
Cambridge Special School	4.470	4.388	0.082	1.87
Wood Lane High School	2.386	2.352	0.034	1.45
Jack Tizard Special School	3.167	3.152	0.015	0.48
Queensmill School	7.403	7.314	0.089	1.22
Total	17.426	17.206	0.220	


Detailed breakdown of the provisional 2024/25 allocation compared to equivalent 2023/24 allocation for comparison purposes.

School	Place funding £m	24/25 Top-up based on places (0.5% MFG) £m	24/25 Additional High needs funding £m	TPAG £m	Historic Teachers P&P grant £m	24/25 Total indicative funding £m
Cambridge Special School	1.290	2.865	0.143	0.069	0.103	4.470
Wood Lane High School	1.000	1.174	0.078	0.054	0.080	2.386
Jack Tizard Special School	0.700	2.274	0.100	0.037	0.056	3.167
Queensmill School	2.460	4.378	0.235	0.133	0.197	7.403
24/25 Total	5.45	10.691	0.556	0.293	0.436	17.426

Detailed breakdown of the equivalent funding for 2023/24 financial year.

School	Place funding £m	2023/24 Top-up based on places £m	23/24 Additional High needs funding £m	TPAG £m	Historic Teachers P&P grant £m	23/24 Total funding £m
Cambridge Special School	1.290	2.816	0.143	0.036	0.103	4.388
Wood Lane High School	1.000	1.163	0.078	0.031	0.080	2.352
Jack Tizard Special School	0.700	2.274	0.100	0.022	0.056	3.152
Queensmill School	2.460	4.344	0.235	0.078	0.197	7.314
23/24 Total	5.45	10.597	0.556	0.167	0.436	17.206

Report Ends

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<p>Schools Block Mainstream Schools Budget 2024/25</p>	
<p>Open</p>	
<p>Classification - For Scrutiny Review & Comment</p> <p>Key Decision: No</p>	

Agenda Item 5

Wards Affected: (All Wards); All

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Head of Finance for Children's Services and Education

Purpose of the report

The report provides a briefing on the decisions required for the 2024/25 budget setting process for the provisional Schools Block allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant, following the receipt of provisional funding allocations in Summer 2023 and the Authority Proforma Tool in August 2023.

These decisions are requested from Schools Forum representatives in advance of formal consultation with schools which will take place following this meeting for a period of 4 weeks ending on 31st October 2023. The consultation is limited to the principles of the Schools Block Budget Share model.

Schools Forum are asked to record any preferences with respect to the options available for the distribution of Schools Block funding in Hammersmith and Fulham and prior to consultation with the wider schools community.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The provisional allocation of the Schools Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2024/25 has been received from the ESFA at £120,040,224 based on October 2022 census numbers.
- 1.2. This allocation excludes growth which will be announced in December in the final allocation. Therefore, the Schools Block final allocation for 2024/25 may increase or decrease dependent on the October 2023 census.
- 1.3. The Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MSAG) which was introduced in the 2023/24 financial year to cover cost pressures has been incorporated into the initial 2024/25 Schools Block allocation. The ESFA has made a baseline adjustment to the 2023/24 allocation to ensure schools are not

disadvantaged. The value of the adjustment is £3.865m and this will be allocated to schools via the basic per pupil funding entitlement.

- 1.4. Table 1 below details the change in the provisional allocation for 2024/25 (before growth) notified in August 2023 compared with the final 2023/24 Schools Block allocation adjusted for the Mainstream Schools Additional Grant as described in paragraph 1.3.

Table 1 Schools Block Funding Allocation Year on Year

	2023/24	MSAG % Increase 2023/24	2024/25	CORE % increase 2024/25
Schools Block Baseline (excludes growth funding)	£114.940m		£116.175	
MSAG – included in baseline	£3.865m		£3.865m	
Revised baseline	£118.805m	3.36%	£120.040m	1.04%
Provisional amount allocated – Teachers Pay Additional Grant (TPAG)	£1.157m		£1.983m	
Including TPAG	£119.962m		£122.023m	

- 1.5. Funding allocations have increased by 1.04% year on year for Hammersmith and Fulham mainstream schools in 2024/25 versus 2023/24.
- 1.6. The Teachers Pay Additional Grant will be received from September 2023/24 with a full year effect in 2024/25.
- 1.7. Individual schools can anticipate the final budget shares modelled in Appendix 4 – Model Comparisons 2024/25 based on October 2022 census count and before taking into account any expected changes in rolls as at October 2023 using the funding value per pupil.
- 1.8. Indicative allocations of Teachers Pay Additional Grant by school are provided in Appendix 6 and subject to confirmation later in the Autumn term by the ESFA.

2. 2023/24 Initial Modelling

- 2.1. The initial modelling uses the ESFA’s Authority Proforma Tool (APT) and operational guidance to model two affordable budget allocation models for 2024/25 based on the initial allocation which excludes growth and is based on the October 2022 census.

- 2.2. The models provided in this paper follow the principles used over recent years in Hammersmith and Fulham and as required by the hard National Funding Formula introduced for 2023/24 financial year.
- National Funding Formula (NFF) factor rates set to the higher of:
 - NFF values after area cost adjustment for inner London
 - Factor rates uplifted by a percentage across all factor rates in so far as this is affordable within each model to ensure all funding is allocated.
 - Minimum Funding Guarantee set within the required level by the NFF.
 - This is the minimum increase in funding through pupil led funding factors year on year.
 - MFG must be set between 0% and 0.5% increase for 2024/25
- 2.3. Two models have been provided to understand the impact across schools from local discretion afforded within the NFF when setting MFG at the lower and upper limit of 0% and 0.5% respectively.
- Model 1
 - Minimum Funding Guarantee on pupil led factors set at 0.5%, provides MFG deployment of £1.043m
 - Mirrors the NFF factor rates and allows for 0.94% uplift on inner London NFF rates
 - Model 2
 - Minimum Funding Guarantee on pupil led factors set at 0.0%, provides MFG deployment of £0.718m
 - Mirrors the NFF factor rates and allows for 1.22% uplift on inner London NFF rates
- 2.4. Both models assume continuing support to the High Needs Block through a 1% transfer from the Schools Block.
- Continues the level of block transfer agreed by Schools Forum and The Minister of State for the 2023/24 budget.
 - Value of the block transfer on provisional budget would be £1.188m.
 - A disapplication above 0.5% level requires Schools Forum approval and a disapplication to the Minister of State.
 - The continued disapplication is required for the short to medium term sustainability of the High Needs Block.
 - Appendix 1 details the Disapplication Request for the continued 1% transfer from Schools Block to High Needs Block in 2024/25.
- 2.5. Further disapplication requests are required to correct baseline budget adjustments for some schools via a change to Minimum Funding Guarantee calculation. Where this is the case, this will be discussed directly with the schools concerned.

- 2.6. There is no allowance for a Falling Rolls Fund in 2024/25. This represents a change from previous years where £0.2m was allowed for in the 2023/24 agreed budget. Falling rolls funding released is added to the formula for distribution across all schools.
- 2.7. The options that have been modelled are both compliant with the guidelines set by the DfE. There is limited scope to suggest further options within the guidelines as the resulting changes to funding are marginal.
- 2.8. The updated Authority Proforma Tools will be issued in December populated with the October 2023 census and including growth funding. The growth funding and final census may enable greater flexibility in the model to increase the factor rates further above the NFF ACA level.
- 2.9. Details of the modelling can be found in Appendices 2 to 4.

3. Falling Rolls Funding

- 3.1. Local authorities will continue to have discretion over whether to operate a falling rolls fund in 2024/25. If a falling rolls fund is provided, the criteria for providing it must be in line with new NFF criteria introduced in 2024/25. For the first time in 2024/25, the ESFA will allocate funding based on both growth and falling rolls, if applicable. This will be confirmed in December 2023. In previous years, just a growth fund has been announced in the final allocations.
- 3.2. The requirement that schools must be Ofsted rated 'good' or 'outstanding' to be eligible for falling rolls funding will no longer apply from 2024/25.
- 3.3. From 2024/25 falling rolls funding can only be provided where school capacity data 2022 (SCAP) shows that school places will be required in the subsequent three to five years. This is a mandatory requirement within the NFF. This replaces the previous guidance of local planning data showing that surplus places will be needed within the next three financial years.
- 3.4. It is not proposed at this stage to establish a falling rolls fund in 2024/25. This will enable funding to be allocated to all schools via the formula factor rates. We will consult with schools on the recommendations not to have a falling rolls fund and ask for views as the Autumn 2023 pupil census count becomes clearer across schools.

- 3.5. H&F's approach in managing the impact of sustained roll falls is to focus schools on medium term budget planning and scenario planning around numbers on roll. This approach could be reconsidered in January 2024 if significant unexpected roll falls are evident following the Autumn 2023 census and are confirmed by falling rolls funding being announced in the final allocation notified by the ESFA in December 2023.

4. De-delegation and Statutory Education Functions for Mainstream Schools Only

- 4.1. The value of the de-delegation and statutory education functions deductions for maintained primary schools has reduced following the academisation in 2023/24 of two maintained primary schools. Further, inflation and local government pay settlements for 2022/23 and 2023/24 have exceeded schools funding growth over the period. This puts the budgets for de-delegation and statutory education function budget for maintained primary schools under significant pressure.

- 4.2. It is proposed that:

- increases in the budgeted deduction from maintained primary budgets for de-delegation and statutory education functions are limited to 4.4% for 2024/25. This is the core funding increase of 1.04% for 2024/25 plus the 3.36% Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MSAG) funding now mainstreamed in 2024/25. This ensures the increase in the deduction does not exceed the overall funding increase across MSAG and core funding.
- the budget for core services including statutory functions and School Improvement are increased to meet the cost of inflation awards.
- the inflationary pressures and reduced funding as a result of recent academisations of maintained schools are offset by a reduction in the budgeted contingency for schools in financial difficulty.
- Further detail will be provided to maintained schools during the consultation process in October.

5. Notional SEN Review Work Autumn 2023

- 5.1. Mainstream maintained schools and academies are notified each year of a clearly identified but notional SEN budget within their overall budget allocations. This budget is not a budget that is separate from a school's overall budget. It is an identified amount within a maintained school's delegated budget share or an academy's general annual grant. It is intended as a guide for school's spending decisions for its pupils with SEN.

- 5.2. The ESFA are recommending that LA's check that the notional SEN calculation for 2024/25 is made in line with 2024/25 guidance and is reviewed on an annual basis.
- 5.3. H&F will undertake an exercise to do a detailed analysis and review of the 2024/25 notional SEN budget in advance of the Schools Forum meeting scheduled for 14th November 2023

6. Recommendations and Decisions Required

- 6.1. **Recommendation 1:** Model 1 is recommended prior to consultation with schools with the following key features:
- Sets the Minimum Funding Guarantee funding increase on pupil led factors for 2024/25 at 0.5%.
 - Mirrors the National Funding Formula factor rates during the transition to the hard national formula and allows for 0.94% uplift on inner London NFF rates
 - Continuation of Schools Block to High Needs Block Transfer at 1% (equivalent to £1.188m on the provisional allocation 2024/25)
 - Zero Falling Rolls Fund be available from the 2024/25 budget.
- 6.2. **Recommendation 2:** It is recommended that Schools Forum agree for the LA to consult schools on the basis of the above provisions contained within Model 1 – see consultation document in Appendix 5.
- 6.3. **Recommendation 3:** It is recommended that the total deductions for maintained schools de-delegated and statutory education functions increases by 4.4% which is commensurate with the increase in core Schools Block funding year on year to 2024/25.
- This includes the increase associated with the increase in MSAG mainstreamed into the block from 2024/25.
 - Remaining inflationary pressures in statutory services will be offset by a corresponding reduction in the contingency budget for maintained primary schools in financial difficulty as per section 4 of this report.

7. List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft Disapplication Request for the continued 1% transfer from Schools Block to High Needs Block in 2024/25

Appendix 2 – Model 1&2 Factor rates versus 2023/24 Budget Rates and 2024/25 NFF rates after inner London Area cost Adjustment

Appendix 3 - shows how total funding is deployed across the factors in each model and compared to 2023/24 budget model

Appendix 4 - shows the impact of different models at school level, with a comparison to 2023/24 final budget shares.

- The pupil numbers used for this modelling is from October 2022 and final school budget shares will be based on October 2023 pupil numbers updated by the Education Skills Funding Agency in December 2023.
- 2023/24 Budget Shares include adjustments made by the ESFA for MSAG baselining.

Appendix 5 – Draft Consultation Document for release 4th October 2024

Appendix 6 - Indicative allocations of Teachers Pay Additional Grant by school

8. Key dates

8.1. Table 11 – key dates and next steps

Date	Activity
3rd October 2023	Schools Forum consider initial modelling and agree basis for schools block budget consultation
4 th October 2023	2024/25 Mainstream Schools Block Budget Consultation Opens
10 th October 2023 12 th October 2023 18 th October 2023	Budget consultation briefing sessions held
31 st October 2023	Four week Schools Block 2024/25 budget consultation closes
14 th November 2023	Schools Forum - Consultation feedback and High Needs Transfer decision for disapplication submission

	- Notional SEN Review report
15 th November to 13 th December 2023	Consultation with Schools on Notional SEN review, methodology and guidance
Late December 2023	DfE release final Authority Proforma Tool with October 2023 census data and final allocation released by ESFA
15 th January 2024	TBA School Budget Update Briefing via Teams
16 th January 2024	Schools Forum - receive final school budget recommendations following October 2023 census data
22nd January 2024	Deadline for submission of the final 2024/25 Authority Proforma Tool Budget Shares to the ESFA
12 th February 2024	Hammersmith and Fulham Schools Budget Approval
29th February 2024	Deadline for confirmation of school budget shares to maintained schools.

Report ends

For the LA to complete

Local Authority Name	Hammersmith & Fulham
Funding year request relates to	2024/25
Type of disappication	Schools Block Transfer
<i>If a block transfer - the % block transfer</i>	1%
<i>If a block transfer - cash value of the block transfer</i>	
Explanation for why the disappication is required	<p>Proposing a 1% transfer, to address sustainability of the block.</p> <p>There are five key drivers that have led to the request:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To address budget pressure from cost inflation since the Safety Valve agreement. 2) Lower than originally forecast HNB funding increases now assumed than originally modelled per DfE advice During the Safety Valve negotiations we were asked to model a 8% increase across the 5 year Safety Valve profile. The DfE subsequently provided updated funding assumptions and in an email from the DfE Safety Valve Team on the 14 January 2022 we were asked to set out the impact as a result of the changes in assumptions and how this subsequently impacts on our ability to eliminate our deficit. The Council modelled the expenditure forecast to show the revised funding assumptions of a 5% increase in 2023/24 and 3% beyond that which have posed some considerable challenge. Following the ongoing work in embedding our updated finance modelling and the revised High Needs Block funding assumptions, we have undertaken significant work to ensure our expenditure is within our annual allocation. We have mitigated the movements to deliver in year balance positions, assuming approval of ongoing block transfers. The need to respond to the revised funding assumptions eliminates the Authority's flexibility which was modelled into the original Safety Valve action plan. 3) Special MFG at 3% and Special Provision Supplementary Grant from 2023/24 Financial Year 3% had not been explicitly modelled for Special Schools in relation to MFG, nor was the additional grant for Special provision at 3.4% which effectively halved the increased funding that we received in overall terms and had not been factored into the original forecast. 4) Maintains the continued investment of High Needs into H&F mainstream provision. Our transformation programme is centred around early identification and intervention; providing the capacity and resources to be able to meet need earlier and reduce escalation to high cost statutory processes. As such within our Safety Valve forecast we have profiled ongoing investment in these areas. The disappication is required to create the headroom for the continued investment in these offers including the Joint Communication Team and Autism Education Trust, in the context of the broader pressures. 5) Local area placement sufficiency The Council has undertaken a SEND Sufficiency Review to ensure the sufficiency of local education places over the medium to long term, reducing reliance on more costly out of borough placements. A key recommendation of the SEN Sufficiency Review is the creation of additional local provision, however it will take time for this provision to come on stream; during which time other efficiencies as well as the block transfer are required to mitigate this pressure.
Engagement with the schools forum and consultation with the schools affected	
Has the schools forum been consulted?	Planned for October 2023 and November 2023
Does the schools forum agree with this request?	TBC
Has the schools forum voted?	Expected at extraordinary Schools Forum meeting November 2023
Which groups of representatives voted? (maintained schools, academies, etc)	TBC
What was the split in votes?	TBC
What was the date of the schools forum meeting? (DD/MM/YY)	Expected 14/11/2023 - subject to agreement
Was the meeting quorate?	TBC
Please provide link(s)/attach to the minutes showing schools forum agreement, or details of where this can be found in attached documentation.	TBC
If this has not yet been discussed with Schools forum, what date will this be? (DD/MM/YY)	03/10/23 and 14/11/23
Please provide supporting information and findings following consultation with local schools, including the views of those schools directly affected by the proposals	TBC
Detailed information that has not been included above	
Please provide any other detailed information you would like to include which has not been included above	

Item 5 Appendix 2 - Factor Rate Modelling for 2024/25 - October Schools Forum

	23-24 Final Factors	Base Model 24-25		Model 1 24-25		Model 2 24-25		
	A	A1		B1		C1		
Rate Uplift if applicable	2.50%	0.00%		0.94%		1.22%		
MFG	0.50%	0.50%		0.50%		0.00%		
Basic/pupil funding	2023/24 NFF Weighted & Uplifted MAX MFG w Falling Rolls	2024/25 HARD NFF ACA Weighted (ACA 1.18666)	23/24 H&F Units vs 24/25 Model 0 A1-A	2024/25 HARD NFF ACA Weighted w Uplift - MAX MFG	23/24 H&F Units vs 24/25 Model 011 B1-A	2024/25 HARD NFF ACA Weighted w Uplift - MIN MFG	23/24 H&F Unit vs 24/25 Model 022 C1-A	NFF Unit Values 24-25 from NFF for Schools and HN 24-25
AWPU								
Primary AWPU	4,119.89	4,268.42	148.53	4,308.35	188.46	4,320.35	200.46	£3,597
KS3 AWPU	5,808.39	6,018.74	210.35	6,075.04	266.66	6,091.96	283.57	£5,072
KS4 AWPU	6,546.43	6,784.14	237.71	6,847.60	301.17	6,866.67	320.24	£5,717
Additional Needs Funding								
Deprivation								
Primary FSM	570.68	581.46	10.78	586.90	16.22	588.53	17.85	£490
Secondary FSM	570.68	581.46	10.78	586.90	16.22	588.53	17.85	£490
Primary FSM6	855.78	984.93	129.15	994.14	138.36	996.91	141.13	£830
Secondary FSM6	1,250.29	1,435.86	185.57	1,449.29	199.00	1,453.33	203.04	£1,210
Primary IDACI A	813.30	812.86	-0.44	820.46	7.16	822.75	9.45	£685
Primary IDACI B	619.08	617.06	-2.02	622.83	3.76	624.57	5.49	£520
Primary IDACI C	582.66	581.46	-1.20	586.90	4.24	588.53	5.88	£490
Primary IDACI D	534.07	534.00	-0.07	539.90	4.92	540.50	6.42	£450
Primary IDACI E	339.89	338.20	-1.69	341.36	1.48	342.31	2.43	£285
Primary IDACI F	279.19	278.87	-0.32	281.48	2.29	282.26	3.07	£235
Secondary IDACI A	1,128.91	1,127.33	-1.58	1,137.88	8.97	1,141.04	12.14	£950
Secondary IDACI B	886.13	890.00	3.87	898.33	12.20	900.83	14.70	£750
Secondary IDACI C	825.44	824.73	-0.71	832.45	7.01	834.76	9.32	£695
Secondary IDACI D	752.60	753.53	0.93	760.58	7.98	762.70	10.10	£635
Secondary IDACI E	540.17	539.93	-0.24	544.98	4.81	546.50	6.32	£455
Secondary IDACI F	406.65	409.40	2.75	413.23	6.58	414.38	7.73	£345
Low Prior Attainment								
Primary LPA	1,402.02	1,406.19	4.17	1,419.34	17.32	1,423.30	21.27	£1,185
Secondary LPA	2,124.28	2,124.12	-0.16	2,143.99	19.71	2,149.96	25.68	£1,790
EAL								
Primary EAL	704.04	706.06	2.02	712.66	8.62	714.65	10.61	£595
Secondary EAL	1,899.71	1,904.59	4.88	1,922.41	22.69	1,927.76	28.05	£1,605
Mobility								
Primary Mobility	1,147.11	1,151.06	3.95	1,161.83	14.72	1,165.06	17.95	£970
Secondary Mobility	1,650.87	1,655.39	4.52	1,670.88	20.01	1,675.53	24.66	£1,395
Looked After Children								
	-	-				-		£0
School Led Funding								
Lump Sum								
Primary lump sum	155,375.92	161,029.76	5,653.84	162,536.13	7,160.21	162,988.72	7,612.79	£135,700
Secondary lump sum	155,375.92	161,029.76	5,653.84	162,536.13	7,160.21	162,988.72	7,612.79	£135,700
Sparsity								
Primary sparsity	66,936.20	68,470.28	1,534.09	69,110.79	2,174.60	69,303.24	2,367.04	57,700
Secondary sparsity	97,372.55	99,560.77	2,188.23	100,492.13	3,119.58	100,771.95	3,399.40	83,900
Middle-school sparsity	97,372.55	99,560.77	2,188.23	100,492.13	3,119.58	100,771.95	3,399.40	83,900
All-through sparsity	97,372.55	99,560.77	2,188.23	100,492.13	3,119.58	100,771.95	3,399.40	83,900
Premises								
Split sites basic eligibility funding	-	64,435.64		65,038.41	65,038.41	65,219.51	65,219.51	-
Split sites distance funding	-	32,158.49		32,459.32	32,459.32	32,549.70	32,549.70	-
Difference between funding allocated and the available funding post-HNB transfer								
	-£613	-£425,072		£1		£0		
Transfer to HNB - Value	£1,154,400	£1,187,726		£1,187,726		£1,187,726		
Transfer to HNB - % of SB	1.00%	1.00%		1.00%		1.00%		

Item 5 Appendix 3 - Modelling of Deployment between Factors 2024-25 October Schools Foru

School Block Allocation		£115,508,117.00	£120,040,224.30	£120,040,224.30	£120,040,224.30
		23-24 Final Factors	Base Model 24-25	Model 1 24-25	Model 2 24-25
Rate Uplift if applicable		2.50%	0.00%	0.94%	1.12%
MFG		0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.00%
AWPU	Primary (Years R-6)	£36,502,182.68	£37,860,885.40	£38,215,058.84	£38,321,470.26
	Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£26,033,189.70	£26,975,992.68	£27,228,342.30	£27,304,160.76
	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£19,580,369.84	£20,291,362.74	£20,481,180.32	£20,538,211.02
Total AWPU		£82,115,742.22	£85,128,240.82	£85,924,581.46	£86,163,842.04
Deprivation	FSM	£2,647,955.20	£2,698,358.16	£2,723,600.22	£2,731,184.20
	FSM6	£5,549,261.31	£6,382,783.74	£6,442,492.13	£6,460,431.52
	IDACI Band F	£585,916.59	£588,396.47	£593,900.68	£595,554.42
	IDACI Band E	£1,272,686.91	£1,271,188.03	£1,283,079.49	£1,286,652.27
	IDACI Band D	£977,190.91	£979,250.99	£988,411.49	£991,163.77
	IDACI Band C	£1,338,348.85	£1,334,871.27	£1,347,358.46	£1,351,110.23
	IDACI Band B	£883,454.14	£883,672.65	£891,939.05	£894,422.70
	IDACI Band A	£187,275.62	£188,076.48	£189,835.86	£190,364.46
Total Deprivation		£13,442,089.54	£14,326,597.79	£14,460,617.39	£14,500,883.58
Looked After Children (LAC)		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
EAL 3 Primary		£1,622,885.57	£1,626,120.09	£1,641,331.80	£1,645,902.15
EAL 3 Secondary		£907,224.66	£909,553.40	£918,061.90	£920,618.29
Mobility		£298,956.21	£293,566.06	£296,312.26	£297,137.35
		£2,829,066.44	£2,829,239.55	£2,855,705.96	£2,863,657.79
LPA	Primary	£3,415,864.11	£3,426,608.79	£3,458,663.34	£3,468,294.14
	Secondary	£2,271,310.52	£2,271,139.21	£2,292,384.81	£2,298,768.05
Total Low Prior Attainment		£5,687,174.63	£5,697,748.00	£5,751,048.15	£5,767,062.19
Lump sum		£7,302,668.46	£7,407,369.05	£7,476,662.03	7,497,481.10
Funding through MFG		£1,486,403.72	£1,697,751.45	£1,042,769.57	£718,266.85
Other Items					
	HNB Transfer	£1,154,400.00	£1,187,675.78	£1,187,675.78	£1,187,675.78
	Falling Rolls	£200,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Split Sites	£17,312.00	£67,882.72	£68,517.74	£68,708.53
	Rates	£1,272,646.78	£1,272,646.78	£1,272,646.78	£1,272,646.78
	Sparsity	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Grand Total		£115,507,503.78	£119,615,151.94	£120,040,224.84	£120,040,224.64
Unallocated		-£613.00	-£425,072.36	£0.54	£0.34
Total Cash to Schools - Post MFG Budget		£114,153,103.78	£118,427,476.16	£118,852,549.07	£118,852,548.86

Item 5 Appendix 4 - Modelling of Deployment at School Level 2024-25 October Schools Forum

	Factor uplift 2.50%					Factor uplift 0.00%		Factor uplift 0.94%		Factor uplift 1.30%			
	APT 23-24					Pupil Numbers	Base Model 24-25		Model 1 24-25		Model 2 24-25		
	0.50%						0.50%		0.50%		0.50%		
School Name	23-24 Post MFG per pupil Budget	23-24 Post MFG Budget Before MSAG Adj	MSAG 23-24	23-24 Post MFG Budget Including MSAG	23-24 Post MFG per pupil Budget including MSAG	NOR 23-24	NOR 24-25 Pre-Census	FINAL 24-25 Post MFG per pupil Budget	FINAL 24-25 Post MFG Budget	FINAL 24-25 Post MFG per pupil Budget	FINAL 24-25 Post MFG Budget	FINAL 24-25 Post MFG per pupil Budget	FINAL 24-25 Post MFG Budget
		£114,153,104	£3,865,040	£118,018,144		16,333	16,337	£118,427,476.16					
Addison Primary School	£6,612	£1,481,156	£47,564	£1,528,720	£6,825	224	224	£6,856.04	£1,535,752.10	£6,904.47	£1,546,602.05	£6,922.95	£1,550,739.75
Avonmore Primary School	£6,666	£1,233,176	£41,181	£1,274,357	£6,888	185	185	£6,917.59	£1,279,755.05	£6,968.18	£1,289,112.93	£6,987.08	£1,292,609.14
Brackenburg Primary School	£6,414	£2,168,058	£70,617	£2,238,675	£6,623	338	338	£6,653.48	£2,248,875.91	£6,700.17	£2,264,656.82	£6,718.31	£2,270,789.53
Miles Coverdale Primary School	£6,731	£1,359,658	£45,317	£1,404,975	£6,955	202	202	£6,985.14	£1,410,997.78	£7,035.46	£1,421,163.42	£7,054.51	£1,425,011.09
Flora Gardens Primary School	£6,891	£1,116,274	£38,174	£1,154,448	£7,126	162	162	£7,155.69	£1,159,222.03	£7,177.21	£1,162,708.27	£7,196.53	£1,165,838.48
Kenmont Primary School	£6,826	£1,167,285	£38,087	£1,205,372	£7,049	171	171	£7,078.45	£1,210,415.69	£7,129.88	£1,219,209.97	£7,149.16	£1,222,505.83
Melcombe Primary School	£6,910	£1,195,407	£39,854	£1,235,261	£7,140	173	173	£7,169.76	£1,240,368.08	£7,221.52	£1,249,323.21	£7,240.78	£1,252,655.34
Old Oak Primary School	£7,075	£1,308,962	£40,686	£1,349,648	£7,295	185	185	£7,327.34	£1,355,557.52	£7,347.11	£1,359,216.13	£7,366.72	£1,362,843.90
Sir John Lillie Primary School	£6,863	£1,557,913	£53,305	£1,611,218	£7,098	227	227	£7,131.29	£1,618,803.10	£7,183.38	£1,630,627.00	£7,202.68	£1,635,007.56
Wendell Park Primary School	£5,959	£1,954,593	£61,783	£2,016,376	£6,147	328	328	£6,175.01	£2,025,404.53	£6,216.34	£2,038,960.42	£6,233.23	£2,044,499.48
Wormholt Park Primary School	£6,894	£2,240,689	£74,342	£2,315,031	£7,123	325	325	£7,155.82	£2,325,640.40	£7,207.30	£2,342,372.10	£7,226.88	£2,348,736.03
All Saints CoFE Primary School	£5,749	£1,075,107	£34,044	£1,109,151	£5,931	187	187	£5,957.21	£1,113,999.15	£5,998.90	£1,121,795.07	£6,015.56	£1,124,909.06
Holy Cross RC School	£5,762	£3,220,984	£93,105	£3,314,089	£5,929	559	559	£5,956.75	£3,329,823.45	£5,956.74	£3,329,815.92	£5,928.60	£3,314,089.01
John Betts Primary School	£5,621	£1,169,141	£38,623	£1,207,764	£5,807	208	208	£5,831.66	£1,212,986.11	£5,843.69	£1,215,487.21	£5,859.93	£1,218,865.05
St Johns Walham Green Church o	£5,477	£1,823,738	£61,625	£1,885,363	£5,662	333	333	£5,688.23	£1,894,179.45	£5,718.00	£1,904,092.61	£5,733.83	£1,909,364.41
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	£6,743	£1,038,362	£37,166	£1,075,528	£6,984	154	154	£7,013.53	£1,080,084.08	£7,067.96	£1,088,466.42	£7,087.59	£1,091,488.54
St Paul's CoFE Primary School	£6,803	£1,224,487	£38,124	£1,262,611	£7,015	180	180	£7,047.09	£1,268,476.07	£7,098.60	£1,277,747.73	£7,118.32	£1,281,297.12
St Peter's Primary School	£5,700	£1,162,853	£36,944	£1,199,797	£5,881	204	204	£6,010.07	£1,226,054.71	£6,066.18	£1,237,501.21	£6,083.04	£1,240,940.31
St Stephen's CoFE Primary School	£5,472	£2,287,463	£70,560	£2,358,023	£5,641	418	418	£5,668.34	£2,369,365.45	£5,671.82	£2,370,821.35	£5,687.59	£2,377,414.59
Good Shepherd RC Primary School	£5,805	£1,178,428	£37,916	£1,216,344	£5,992	203	203	£6,017.73	£1,221,598.84	£6,017.69	£1,221,591.31	£6,006.76	£1,219,373.18
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic	£6,542	£863,498	£29,973	£893,471	£6,769	132	132	£6,798.24	£897,367.54	£6,849.71	£904,161.91	£6,868.73	£906,672.18
Larmenier & Sacred Heart Catholi	£5,395	£2,206,756	£70,894	£2,277,650	£5,569	409	409	£5,594.53	£2,288,163.79	£5,604.32	£2,292,168.69	£5,619.84	£2,298,512.81
Normand Croft Community Schoo	£9,008	£1,657,444	£46,232	£1,703,676	£9,259	184	184	£7,658.86	£1,409,229.73	£7,727.95	£1,421,942.21	£7,748.70	£1,425,761.68
Ark Conway Primary Academy	£6,189	£1,262,569	£44,363	£1,306,932	£6,407	204	204	£6,434.38	£1,312,613.68	£6,480.86	£1,322,095.84	£6,498.78	£1,325,750.31
West London Free School Primary	£5,649	£2,350,089	£76,759	£2,426,848	£5,834	416	416	£5,860.76	£2,438,077.72	£5,900.29	£2,454,519.29	£5,916.32	£2,461,189.57
Ark White City Academy	£6,957	£1,203,628	£40,843	£1,244,471	£7,193	173	173	£6,764.28	£2,184,860.99	£6,763.13	£2,184,490.24	£6,731.82	£2,174,377.23
Earl's Court Free School Primary	£5,955	£1,232,644	£40,831	£1,273,475	£6,152	207	207	£6,178.92	£1,279,037.37	£6,223.11	£1,288,184.64	£6,240.44	£1,291,771.65
Langford Primary School	£6,411	£1,609,113	£51,931	£1,661,044	£6,618	251	251	£6,648.73	£1,668,830.73	£6,648.70	£1,668,823.20	£6,618.97	£1,661,362.35
Ark Bentworth Primary Academy	£6,659	£1,138,750	£40,560	£1,179,310	£6,897	171	171	£6,926.16	£1,184,372.60	£6,978.32	£1,193,292.29	£6,997.66	£1,196,599.09
Fulham Primary School	£6,614	£1,541,116	£51,672	£1,592,788	£6,836	233	233	£6,868.15	£1,600,279.84	£6,918.69	£1,612,053.65	£6,937.83	£1,616,515.07
Thomas's Academy	£6,381	£1,244,202	£39,133	£1,283,335	£6,581	195	195	£6,611.72	£1,289,285.89	£6,645.03	£1,295,780.79	£6,663.44	£1,299,370.41
Queen's Manor School and Specia	£6,253	£1,294,421	£42,067	£1,336,488	£6,456	207	207	£6,484.68	£1,342,328.69	£6,531.62	£1,352,044.51	£6,549.70	£1,355,788.44
Sullivan Primary School	£6,611	£1,137,029	£39,094	£1,176,123	£6,838	172	172	£6,867.93	£1,181,284.53	£6,919.14	£1,190,091.89	£6,938.28	£1,193,384.27
Greenside Primary School	£6,266	£1,265,742	£41,360	£1,307,102	£6,471	202	202	£6,499.63	£1,312,925.36	£6,499.59	£1,312,917.83	£6,487.01	£1,310,375.52
St Augustine's RC Primary School	£5,944	£1,200,783	£39,629	£1,240,412	£6,141	202	202	£6,167.91	£1,245,918.62	£6,208.11	£1,254,038.69	£6,225.36	£1,257,522.41
Saint John Southworth	£6,207	£1,967,482	£64,926	£2,032,408	£6,411	317	317	£6,441.63	£2,041,997.57	£6,441.61	£2,041,990.03	£6,458.94	£2,047,482.91
West London Free School	£7,551	£4,908,333	£171,575	£5,079,908	£7,815	650	650	£7,853.83	£5,104,986.78	£7,853.81	£5,104,979.25	£7,816.44	£5,080,685.36
The Fulham Boys School	£7,578	£4,736,170	£168,983	£4,905,153	£7,848	625	625	£7,886.11	£4,928,818.73	£7,932.19	£4,957,617.36	£7,954.05	£4,971,278.36
The Hurlingham Academy	£8,333	£5,774,653	£203,151	£5,977,804	£8,626	693	693	£8,668.60	£6,007,338.35	£8,668.59	£6,007,330.82	£8,661.17	£6,002,190.82
Phoenix Academy	£9,145	£4,590,827	£158,778	£4,749,605	£9,461	502	502	£9,506.65	£4,772,336.69	£9,506.63	£4,772,329.16	£9,461.36	£4,749,603.96
Fulham Cross Academy	£8,670	£3,771,300	£131,316	£3,902,616	£8,972	435	435	£9,015.19	£3,921,606.98	£9,015.17	£3,921,599.45	£8,972.43	£3,903,008.28
Fulham Cross Girls' School and La	£8,241	£4,985,737	£179,579	£5,165,316	£8,538	605	605	£8,579.90	£5,190,839.45	£8,637.34	£5,225,591.56	£8,661.30	£5,240,087.92
Sacred Heart High School	£7,289	£7,157,728	£244,625	£7,402,353	£7,538	982	982	£7,575.06	£7,438,708.08	£7,575.05	£7,438,700.55	£7,547.35	£7,411,495.83
Lady Margaret School	£7,169	£4,294,302	£146,517	£4,440,819	£7,414	599	599	£7,450.41	£4,462,792.71	£7,450.39	£4,462,785.17	£7,414.79	£4,441,461.04
The London Oratory School	£6,961	£6,912,341	£228,462	£7,140,803	£7,191	993	993	£7,227.86	£7,177,260.82	£7,227.86	£7,177,260.82	£7,192.26	£7,141,910.37
HammerSmith Academy	£8,063	£5,756,758	£214,049	£5,970,807	£8,362	714	714	£8,405.16	£6,001,281.65	£8,439.47	£6,025,778.96	£8,462.66	£6,042,335.79
Ark Burlington Danes Academy	£7,971	£7,125,956	£258,721	£7,384,677	£8,260	894	754	£8,776.62	£6,617,571.78	£8,857.70	£6,678,709.12	£8,882.07	£6,697,077.84

2024/25 Schools Block Budget
Consultation

**Funding arrangements for the Schools
Block Budget Shares 2024/25
(Mainstream Schools Reception to
Year 11)**

3rd October 2023

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1. Introduction and Context

- 1.1. This consultation document sets out proposals for the Schools Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the period April 2024 to March 2025.
- 1.2. This consultation relates to the funding of mainstream maintained schools, academies and free schools from April 2024 to March 2025 following discussion at the Hammersmith and Fulham Schools Forum held on 3rd October 2023.
- 1.3. The consultation does not cover the funding arrangements for maintained nursery schools or special schools as the funding for these schools comes from the Early Years and High Needs Blocks of the Dedicated Schools Grant.
- 1.4. Copies of this document will be sent to School Business Managers and Finance Directors and are available on the Learning Partnership website and will be publicised through SchoolZone and Governors' Hub.
- 1.5. All financial information and modelling contained in this document is with respect to provisional budgets notified to Hammersmith and Fulham by the Department for Education (DFE) and The Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as at October 2023. This is subject to further change following confirmation of the Autumn 2023 pupil census and final allocations from the ESFA expected to be announced in late December 2023.
- 1.6. Financial illustrations taken to Schools Forum are based on October 2022 pupil data and are therefore indicative only pending final modelling following confirmation of the October 2023 census data. The reports discussed at Schools Forum can be found here.
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- 1.7. You are invited to comment and feedback on the proposals by completing the survey on the link below in relation to consultation questions detailed in Section 7 of this document.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7edzVRG52s>
- 1.8. The consultation period will run from Wednesday 4th October 2023 to Tuesday 31st October 2023. A link to the consultation survey will be sent by email to all Head Teachers on the 3rd October 2023 and should be completed by close of business on the Tuesday 31st October 2023. If you do not receive the consultation link please contact the Education Finance Team (edufinance@lbhf.gov.uk).

We would be grateful if schools could coordinate their responses between interested parties and return only one response per school.

- 1.9. Consultation responses will be collated and reported to Hammersmith and Fulham Schools Forum in the week commencing 14th November 2023 so

that key decisions can be made in line with Department for Education deadlines.

- 1.10. The education finance team expect to receive the final 2024/25 schools block allocations in late December 2023. The budget models will be reworked during the Christmas/New Year break and final proposals prepared for the Schools Forum planned for Tuesday 16th January 2024, where final schools budget allocations for 2024/25 will be agreed.
- 1.11. Please note that this consultation does not cover proposed updates to The Scheme for Financing Schools or the Financial Procedures Manual for maintained schools. This will follow later in the academic year.
- 1.12. Three virtual workshops are scheduled for the following dates. Places can be booked via the Learning Partnership website or via the links below:

Tuesday 10 October – evening 5pm to 6:30pm:

[Schools Block Mainstream Budget Consultation Workshop 2024/25 - Learning Partnership \(lbhfllearningpartnership.com\)](https://www.lbp.org.uk/schools-block-mainstream-budget-consultation-workshop-2024-25)

Thursday 12 October – Morning 8:30am to 10am:

[Schools Block Mainstream Budget Consultation Workshop 2024/25 - Learning Partnership \(lbhfllearningpartnership.com\)](https://www.lbp.org.uk/schools-block-mainstream-budget-consultation-workshop-2024-25)

Wednesday 18 October – Midday to 1:30pm:

[Schools Block Mainstream Budget Consultation Workshop 2024/25 - Learning Partnership \(lbhfllearningpartnership.com\)](https://www.lbp.org.uk/schools-block-mainstream-budget-consultation-workshop-2024-25)

- 1.13. A further School Budget Update virtual briefing will be scheduled in January to provide schools with the final recommendations in advance of Schools Forum on the 16th January 2024.

2. Schools Budget - An Overview

- 2.1. The Government implemented the first phase of the School Funding Reforms in 2013/14 aimed at providing a fairer, more consistent, and transparent national funding system.
- 2.2. The DSG was frozen at the level received by individual local authorities (LAs) in 2012/13 and notionally separated into three blocks:
 - Schools Block – pupils aged 5 to 15 - restricted local proxy factors used in formula

- Early Years Block – subject to eligibility, free nursery education for ages 2 to 4
 - High Needs Block – for pupils aged 0-25 with an Education Health Care Plan to meet additional need above the level schools and institutions are expected to provide from their funding under the Schools and Early Years blocks.
- 2.3.** The financial year 2023/24 was the first year of transition to the direct schools National Funding Formula (NFF). The aim being to have a system in which full fairness and consistency in funding is applied to ensure that every mainstream school in England is funded through the same national funding formula without adjustment through local funding formulae.
- 2.4.** In 2024/25, local authorities will remain responsible for determining final budget allocations to schools, in consultation with the Schools Forum and Schools.
- 2.5.** The DfE will continue to move forward with its plans to implement a direct NFF whereby funding will be allocated directly to schools based on a single, national formula. They are taking a gradual approach to transition to avoid any unnecessary or unexpected disruption to schools,
- 2.6.** The ESFA will continue with the same approach to tightening the NFF in 2024/25. As in 2023/24, local authorities will only be allowed to use NFF factors in their local formulae and must use all NFF factors except any locally determined premises factors. Local authorities will also be required to move their local formulae factors 10% closer to the NFF values unless they are already mirroring the NFF.
- 2.7.** The split sites factor is being allocated on a formulaic basis in the 2024/25 NFF. This represents a change to 2023/24 where locally determined split sites factors were used. This factor targets extra funding to schools which operate across more than one site.

Mainstream schools additional grant (MSAG)

- 2.8.** The mainstream schools additional grant (MSAG) was introduced in 2023/24 as a separate grant. Schools had flexibility over how the additional grant funding could be used to support their pupils. This grant funding is being rolled into the schools NFF from 2024/25. This is to ensure that the additional funding that schools attract through the NFF is as close as possible to the funding they would have received if the funding was continuing as a separate grant in 2024/25 without adding significant complexity to the formula.
- 2.9.** The rolling in of the MSAG into the NFF allocations will affect the core budgets that maintained schools will receive from April 2024 and that academies will receive from September 2024. To avoid an unfair gap in the support provided to academies, academies will continue to receive

separate grant payments up until the end of August 2024. At this stage, MSAG will cease to operate as a separate grant.

- 2.10. The value of the adjustment by rolling the MSAG into the NFF is £3.8m.

2024/25 NFF provisional allocations

- 2.11. The provisional allocation of the Schools Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2024/25 has been received from the ESFA at £120.04m based on October 2022 census numbers.
- 2.12. This allocation excludes growth/falling rolls funding which will be announced in December 2023 in the final allocation. Therefore, the Schools Block final allocation for 2024/25 may increase or decrease dependent on the October 2023 census returns.
- 2.13. Table 1 details the change in the provisional allocation for 2024/25 (before growth) notified in July 2023 compared with the equivalent 2023/24 baseline. The allocation before growth has increased by £1.235m or 1.04%.

Table 1 Schools Block Funding Allocation Year on Year

	2023/24	2024/25	£ increase	% increase
Schools Block Baseline (excludes growth funding)	£114.940m	£116.175m		
MSAG – included in baseline	£3.865m	£3.865m		
Revised baseline	£118.805m	£120.040m	£1.235m	1.04%

3. Schools Block – Provisional Modelling for 2024/25 Schools Block Budget Shares for Mainstream Schools

- 3.1. School funding workshops are taking place for mainstream maintained and academy schools on the 10th, 12th and 18th October 2023. An overview of the National Funding Formula will be provided and indicative 2024/25 budgetary information discussed in detail with a steer towards producing three-year budget plans from 2024/25 to 2026/27.
- 3.2. The initial modelling for 2024/25 uses the ESFA’s Authority Proforma Tool (APT) and operational guidance to model two affordable budget allocation models for 2024/25 based on the initial allocation which excludes growth and is based on the October 2022 census.

- 3.3.** It should be noted that the models provided are to illustrate the impact on allocations from changing key variables allowed within the NFF in 2024/25:
- NFF values after area cost adjustment for inner London
 - Factor rates uplifted by a percentage across all factor rates in so far this is affordable within each model to ensure all funding is allocated.
 - Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) set within the required level by the NFF
 - This is the minimum increase in funding through pupil led funding factors year on year
 - The MFG must be set between an increase of 0% and 0.5% for 2024/25
- 3.4.** Two models are provided to understand the impact across schools from local discretion afforded within the NFF when setting MFG at the lower and upper limit of 0% and 0.5% respectively.
- Model 1 – Minimum Funding Guarantee on pupil led factors set at 0.5%
 - Mirrors the NFF factor rates and allows for 0.94% uplift on inner London NFF rates
 - Resulting total MFG deployment is £1.043m
 - Model 2 – Minimum Funding Guarantee on pupil led factors set at 0.0%
 - Mirrors the NFF factor rates and allows for 1.22% uplift on inner London NFF rates
 - Resulting total MFG deployment is £0.718m
- 3.5.** Each model assumes continuing support to the High Needs Block through a 1% transfer from the Schools Block.
- Continues the level of block transfer agreed by Schools Forum and the Minister of State for the 2023/24 budget.
 - The value of the block transfer on the provisional budget is £1.188m.
 - A disapplication above a level of 0.5% requires Schools Forum approval and a disapplication to the Minister of State.
 - The continued disapplication is required for the short to medium term sustainability of the High Needs Block.
- 3.6.** The options that have been modelled are all compliant with the guidelines set by the DfE. There is limited scope to suggest different options within the guidelines as the resulting changes to funding are marginal.
- 3.7.** The updated APT will be issued in December 2023 populated with the October 2023 census and including growth/falling rolls funding. The growth/falling rolls funding and final census may enable greater flexibility in the model to increase the factor rates further above the NFF ACA level.
- 3.8.** Financial illustrations taken to Schools Forum are based on October 2022 pupil data and are therefore indicative only pending final modelling following confirmation of the October 2023 census data. The reports discussed at Schools Forum can be found here.
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4. Falling Rolls Fund

- 4.1.** Local authorities will continue to have discretion over whether to operate a falling rolls fund in 2024/25. If a falling rolls fund is provided, the criteria for providing it must be in line with new NFF criteria introduced in 2024/25. For the first time in 2024/25, the ESFA will allocate funding based on both growth and falling rolls, if applicable. This will be confirmed in December 2023.
- 4.2.** The requirement that schools must be Ofsted rated 'good' or 'outstanding' to be eligible for falling rolls funding will no longer apply from 2024/25.
- 4.3.** From 2024/25 falling rolls funding can only be provided where school capacity data 2022 (SCAP) shows that school places will be required in the subsequent three to five years. This is a mandatory requirement within the NFF. This replaces the previous guidance of local planning data showing that surplus places will be needed within the next three financial years.
- 4.4.** It is not proposed at this stage to establish a falling rolls fund in 2024/25. This will enable funding to be allocated to all schools via the formula factor rates.
- 4.5.** H&F's approach in managing the impact of sustained roll falls is to focus schools on medium term budget planning and scenario planning around numbers on roll. This approach could be reconsidered in January 2024 if significant unexpected roll falls are evident following the Autumn 2023 census and are confirmed by falling rolls funding being announced in the final allocation notified by the ESFA in December 2023.

5. Maintained Schools Only - De-delegated Budgets and Statutory Education Functions 2024/25

- 5.1.** De-delegated services and statutory education functions are for maintained schools only. The funding is allocated through the schools funding formula but can be passed back for maintained schools with Schools Forum approval. De-delegation is made from individual school budgets on the basis of pupil headcount.
- 5.2.** The value of the de-delegation and statutory education functions deduction for maintained primary schools has reduced following the academisation in 2023/24 of two maintained primary schools. Further, inflation and local government pay settlements for 2022/23 and 2023/24 have exceeded schools funding growth over the period. This puts the budgets for de-delegation and statutory education function budget for maintained primary schools under significant pressure.

5.3. It is proposed that:

- increases in the budgeted deduction from maintained primary budgets for de-delegation are limited to 4.4% for 2024/25. This is the core funding increase of 1.04% for 2024/25 plus the 3.36% MSAG funding now mainstreamed in 2024/25. This ensures the increase in the deduction does not exceed the overall funding increase from MSAG and core funding.
- the budget for core services including statutory functions and School Improvement are increased to meet the cost of inflation awards.
- the inflationary pressures and reduced funding as a result of recent academisations of maintained schools are offset by a reduction in the budgeted contingency for schools in financial difficulty.

5.4. More detailed information on the dedelegated and statutory education functions budgets 2024/25 will be shared with maintained schools during the consultation.

6. Notional SEN Review Work Autumn 2023

6.1. Mainstream maintained schools and academies are notified each year of a clearly identified but notional SEN budget within their overall budget allocations. This budget is not a budget that is separate from a school's overall budget. It is an identified amount within a maintained school's delegated budget share or an academy's general annual grant. It is intended as a guide for school's spending decisions for its pupils with SEN.

6.2. The ESFA are recommending that LA's check that the notional SEN calculation for 2024/25 is made in line with 2024/25 guidance and is reviewed on an annual basis.

6.3. H&F will undertake an exercise to do a detailed analysis and review of the 2024/25 notional SEN budget in advance of the Schools Forum meeting scheduled for 14th November 2023.

6.4. A further consultation will be launched to get schools feedback on the notional SEN budget review.

7. Consultation Questions for Feedback

The Consultation survey should be completed by close of business on Tuesday 31st October 2023.

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We would be grateful if schools could coordinate their responses between interested parties and return only one response per school.

Papers and 2024/25 budget modelling are published on the website under October 2023 Schools Forum.

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Question 1 – Using the upper limit on Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) at 0.5% (see Section 3)

Do you have any comments or feedback on the proposed approach to set MFG at 0.5%, the upper limit in the 2024/25 NFF? This results in a higher proportion of funding being allocated through the MFG rather than pupil-led factors.

Question 2 – Falling Roll Provision (see section 4)

Do you have any comments or feedback on the proposal not to establish a falling rolls fund in 2024/25 which enables funding to be allocated to all schools via the formula factor rates.

Question 3 – 1% Schools Block to High Needs Block Transfer (see section 3)

Do you have any comments or feedback on the proposal to transfer 1% or estimated £1.188m of Schools Block funding to support expenditure for Hammersmith and Fulham's children with high needs in 2024/25?

Question 4 – Proposed 2023/24 De-delegated and Education Functions Budgets (Maintained Schools Only) (see section 5)

Do you have any feedback on the proposed maintained schools budgets for de-delegated items and education functions? This is increasing the contribution by 4.4% and to limit contingency funding.

Question 5 – Any other comments or feedback?

Please let us know of any other comments or feedback on the proposed Hammersmith and Fulham Schools Block Funding Formula or other ways to reduce costs through innovation, further collaboration or cost sharing arrangements?


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Item 5 Appendix 6 - Teachers' pay additional grant indicative allocations for mainstream schools 2023/24 and 2024/2025

School estate as at April 2023

URN	LAESTAB	LA	LA Name	Establishment Name	Establishment Type	ACA	Primary: pupil no.	Primary: rate	Primary: allocation	K33: pupil no.	K33: rate	K33: allocation	K54: pupil no.	K54: rate	K54: allocation	FSM6 Primary: pupil no.	FSM6 Primary: rate	FSM6 Primary: allocation	FSM6 Secondary: pupil no.	FSM6 Secondary: rate	FSM6 Secondary: allocation	Lump sum	Total Indicative Allocation 2023-24	Total Indicative Allocation 2024-25
137331	2052000	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Ark Conway Primary Academy	Free schools	1.18891664	204	£ 42.80	£ 8,731.20	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	82	£ 36.86	£ 3,022.52	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 13,353.00	£ 22,890.86
139546	2052001	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	West London Free School Primary	Free schools	1.18891664	415.5	£ 42.80	£ 17,783.40	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	102	£ 36.86	£ 3,759.72	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 23,142.00	£ 39,672.00
100321	2052002	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Addison Primary School	Community school	1.18891664	224	£ 42.80	£ 9,587.20	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	85	£ 36.86	£ 3,133.10	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 14,319.00	£ 24,546.86
139820	2052003	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Ark Swift Primary Academy	Academy sponsor led	1.18891664	173	£ 42.80	£ 7,404.40	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	89	£ 36.86	£ 3,280.54	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 12,284.00	£ 21,058.29
140811	2052004	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Earl's Court Free School Primary	Free schools	1.18891664	207	£ 42.80	£ 8,859.60	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	50	£ 36.86	£ 1,843.00	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 12,302.00	£ 21,089.14
141685	2052005	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Langford Primary School	Academy sponsor led	1.18891664	250.5	£ 42.80	£ 10,721.40	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	90	£ 36.86	£ 3,317.40	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 15,638.00	£ 26,308.00
100322	2052026	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Avonmore Primary School	Community school	1.18891664	185	£ 42.80	£ 7,918.00	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	78	£ 36.86	£ 2,875.08	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 12,392.00	£ 21,243.43
138680	2052045	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Ark Bentworth Primary Academy	Academy converter	1.18891664	171	£ 42.80	£ 7,318.00	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	89	£ 36.86	£ 3,280.54	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 12,158.00	£ 20,910.86
100324	2052061	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Brackenhurst Primary School	Community school	1.18891664	338	£ 42.80	£ 14,466.40	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	141	£ 36.86	£ 5,197.26	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 21,263.00	£ 36,450.86
100326	2052134	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Miles Coverdale Primary School	Community school	1.18891664	202	£ 42.80	£ 8,645.60	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	92	£ 36.86	£ 3,391.12	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 13,636.00	£ 23,376.00
100328	2052223	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Flora Gardens Primary School	Community school	1.18891664	162	£ 42.80	£ 6,933.60	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	80	£ 36.86	£ 2,948.80	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 11,481.00	£ 19,681.71
143213	2052286	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Fulham Primary School	Academy converter	1.18891664	232.5	£ 42.80	£ 9,951.00	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	108.5	£ 36.86	£ 3,999.31	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 15,549.00	£ 26,655.43
142256	2052309	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Thomas's Academy	Academy converter	1.18891664	195	£ 42.80	£ 8,346.00	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	50	£ 36.86	£ 1,843.00	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 11,788.00	£ 20,208.00
100331	2052350	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Kenmont Primary School	Community school	1.18891664	171	£ 42.80	£ 7,318.00	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	69	£ 36.86	£ 2,543.34	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 11,461.00	£ 19,647.43
100334	2052408	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Melcombe Primary School	Community school	1.18891664	173	£ 42.80	£ 7,404.40	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	81	£ 36.86	£ 2,985.66	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 11,989.00	£ 20,552.57
100335	2052444	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Old Oak Primary School	Community school	1.18891664	185	£ 42.80	£ 7,918.00	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	74	£ 36.86	£ 2,727.64	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 12,245.00	£ 20,991.43
143212	2052484	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Queen's Manor School and Special Needs Unit	Academy converter	1.18891664	207	£ 42.80	£ 8,859.60	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	60	£ 36.86	£ 2,211.60	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 12,670.00	£ 21,720.00
100338	2052555	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Sir John Lillie Primary School	Community school	1.18891664	227	£ 42.80	£ 9,715.60	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	128	£ 36.86	£ 4,718.08	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 16,033.00	£ 27,485.14
143214	2052577	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Sulivan Primary School	Academy converter	1.18891664	172	£ 42.80	£ 7,361.60	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	76	£ 36.86	£ 2,801.36	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 11,762.00	£ 20,163.43
100340	2052632	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Wendell Park Primary School	Community school	1.18891664	328	£ 42.80	£ 14,038.40	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	81	£ 36.86	£ 2,985.66	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 18,622.00	£ 31,925.14
100341	2052660	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Wormholt Park Primary School	Community school	1.18891664	325	£ 42.80	£ 13,910.00	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	186	£ 36.86	£ 6,855.96	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 22,365.00	£ 38,340.00
141902	2052913	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Greenside Primary School	Academy converter	1.18891664	202	£ 42.80	£ 8,645.60	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	60	£ 36.86	£ 2,211.60	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 12,455.00	£ 21,353.14
100344	2053300	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	All Saints CofE Primary School	Voluntary aided school	1.18891664	187	£ 42.80	£ 8,003.60	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	18	£ 36.86	£ 663.48	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 10,266.00	£ 17,598.86
100345	2053354	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Holy Cross RC School	Voluntary aided school	1.18891664	559	£ 42.80	£ 23,925.20	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	70	£ 36.86	£ 2,580.20	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 28,104.00	£ 48,178.29
100346	2053368	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	John Betts Primary School	Voluntary aided school	1.18891664	208	£ 42.80	£ 8,902.40	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	31	£ 36.86	£ 1,142.66	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 11,644.00	£ 19,961.14
100347	2053378	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	St Augustine's RC Primary School	Voluntary aided school	1.18891664	202	£ 42.80	£ 8,645.60	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	46	£ 36.86	£ 1,695.56	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 11,940.00	£ 20,468.57
100349	2053463	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	St Johns Waltham Green Church of England Primary Scl	Voluntary aided school	1.18891664	333	£ 42.80	£ 14,252.40	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	74	£ 36.86	£ 2,727.64	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 18,579.00	£ 31,849.71
100350	2053529	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Voluntary aided school	1.18891664	154	£ 42.80	£ 6,591.20	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	81	£ 36.86	£ 2,985.66	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 11,176.00	£ 19,158.86
100351	2053566	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	St Paul's CofE Primary School	Voluntary aided school	1.18891664	180	£ 42.80	£ 7,704.00	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	59	£ 36.86	£ 2,174.74	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 11,478.00	£ 19,676.57
100352	2053578	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	St Peter's Primary School	Voluntary aided school	1.18891664	204	£ 42.80	£ 8,731.20	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	22	£ 36.86	£ 810.92	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 11,141.00	£ 19,098.86
100353	2053600	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	St Stephen's CofE Primary School	Voluntary aided school	1.18891664	418	£ 42.80	£ 17,890.40	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	49	£ 36.86	£ 1,806.14	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 21,296.00	£ 36,507.43
100354	2053602	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Good Shepherd RC Primary School	Voluntary aided school	1.18891664	203	£ 42.80	£ 8,688.40	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	31	£ 36.86	£ 1,142.66	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 11,430.00	£ 19,594.29
140641	2053645	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	St John XXIII Catholic Primary School	Academy converter	1.18891664	317	£ 42.80	£ 13,567.60	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	119	£ 36.86	£ 4,386.34	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 19,553.00	£ 33,519.43
100357	2053648	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School	Voluntary aided school	1.18891664	132	£ 42.80	£ 5,649.60	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	48	£ 36.86	£ 1,769.28	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 9,018.00	£ 15,459.43
134009	2053649	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Larmerie & Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	Voluntary aided school	1.18891664	409	£ 42.80	£ 17,505.20	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	62	£ 36.86	£ 2,285.32	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 21,390.00	£ 36,668.57
134273	2053650	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Normand Croft Community School for Early Years and	Community school	1.18891664	184	£ 42.80	£ 7,875.20	0	£ 59.45	£ -	0	£ 67.77	£ -	120	£ 36.86	£ 4,423.20	0	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 1,599.00	£ 13,897.00	£ 23,823.43
136750	2054000	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	West London Free School	Free schools	1.18891664	0	£ 42.80	£ -	389.5	£ 59.45	£ 23,155.78	259	£ 67.77	£ 17,552.43	0	£ 36.86	£ -	165.5	£ 53.50	£ 8,854.25	£ 1,599.00	£ 51,162.00	£ 87,706.29
141135	2054001	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	The Fulham Boys School	Free schools	1.18891664	0	£ 42.80	£ -	385	£ 59.45	£ 22,888.25	239.5	£ 67.77	£ 16,230.92	0	£ 36.86	£ -	180.5	£ 53.50	£ 9,656.75	£ 1,599.00	£ 50,375.00	£ 86,357.14
141617	2054002	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	The Hurlingham Academy	Academy sponsor led	1.18891664	0	£ 42.80	£ -	413	£ 59.45	£ 24,552.65	280	£ 67.77	£ 18,975.60	0	£ 36.86	£ -	288	£ 53.50	£ 15,408.00	£ 1,599.00	£ 60,536.00	£ 103,776.00
143129	2054004	205	Hammersmith and Fulham	Phoenix Academy	Academy sponsor led	1.18891664	0	£ 42.80	£ -	301	£ 59.45	£ 17,894.45	201	£ 67.77	£ 13,621.77	0	£ 36.86	£ -	265	£ 53.50	£ 14,177.50	£ 1,599		

Agenda Item 6

	<p>London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham</p> <p>SCHOOLS FORUM</p> <p>Tuesday 3rd October 2023</p>
<p>DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MONITORING QUARTER 2 2023/24</p>	
<p>Open</p>	
<p>Wards Affected: (All Wards); All</p>	
<p>Accountable Director: Jacqui McShannon, Strategic Director of Children’s Services</p>	
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<p>Purpose of the report</p> <p>This report updates forum on:</p> <p>The 2022/23 closing balances on the Dedicated Schools Grant 2022/23</p> <p>The 2023/24 quarter 2 budget monitoring position after updates to the allocation received in July 2023 from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).</p> <p>It also includes the forecast accumulated Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) carry forward deficit position.</p>	

1. Introduction

1.1. This paper sets out:

- Carry forward balances at 1st April 2023
- Forecast variances in each of the blocks of the Dedicated Schools Grant in 2023/24.
- Projected closing balances at 31st March 2024
- Changes in 2023/24 dedicated schools grant allocations advised by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA)

2. Summary Position

2.1. Table 1 below shows the high-level position for 2023/24 financial year at quarter 1.

Table 1 – Accumulated Adjusted DSG Carry Forward from 2022/23 (balances at 31/03/23 and forecast balances at 31/03/24)

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Balances by Block				
Figures in red and brackets represent surplus	Balance 31/03/23	2023/24 Forecast Variance	Forecast Balance 31/03/24	Comments
	£m	£m	£m	
Schools Block	(0.315)	0.315	0	22/23 maintained schools balance held for reimbursement for schools in financial difficulty
Central Services Schools Block	0	0	0	Nil variance after budgeted £0.908m transfer to support HNB expenditure
High Needs Block (including Safety Valve £4m)	4.749	(1.901)	2.848	Final 2022/23 retained deficit after £7m Safety Valve funding received in 2022/23 financial year. Further £1.5m Safety Valve funding expected in 2023/24.
Early Years Block	(0.575)	0.643	0.068	Retrospective clawback of £0.643m confirmed. Leaves final Early Years deficit 2022/23 of £0.068m versus funding received.
TOTAL DSG	3.859	(0.943)	2.916	

3. High Needs Block

3.1. The High Needs Block is forecast to underspend by £0.401m versus the funding allocation in 2023/24. This represents a significant improvement versus overspend on High Needs over recent years. This is after the application of £0.908m transfer from Central Services Schools Block and £1.154m transfer from the Schools Block.

3.2. The retained HNB deficit at 31/03/22 was £4.749m after receipt of £17.55m of agreed Safety Valve funding since the commencement of the agreement. The retained deficit is forecast to reduce to £2.848 at 31/03/24

following the expected receipt of £1.5m further safety valve funding in 2023/24 financial year.

- 3.3. The £2.848m balance of the retained HNB deficit at 31/03/24 is forecast to reduce further by 31st March 2026 following further expected receipts of £1.5m of DfE Safety Valve funding expected in 2024/25 and small forecast surpluses versus High Needs Block funding over the medium term.
- 3.4. It should be noted that inflationary pressures in the wider economy since early 2022 may drive unbudgeted cost pressures from 2023/24 and over the medium term. Such pressures will be monitored closely.

4. Schools Block and Maintained De-delegation 2023/24

- 4.1. The £0.315m Schools Block surplus carry forward at 31/03/23 relates to the underspend on the dedelegated contingency fund for schools in financial difficulty. Of this, £0.162m was proposed at the March 2023 Schools Forum as contingency support for 3 schools in financial difficulty. Requests are linked to clear medium term deficit reduction plans. The process with respect to these requests will progress in the Autumn Term 2023.

Table 2 - Schools Block Forecast 2023/24

	£m	£m	£m
	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Forecast	2023/24 Variance
Schools Block delegated (after academy recoupment)	37.595	37.595	0
Falling Rolls Fund	0.200	0.200	0
Maintained schools de-delegated Budget	0.691	0.691	0
Maintained schools Education Functions	0.262	0.262	0
Transfer to High Needs Block	1.154	1.154	0
Total Schools Block received by LBHF	39.902	39.902	0

- 4.2. Future requests from the balance of carried forward funding and the 2023/24 budget for maintained primary schools in financial difficulty will be progressed with the maintained schools sub-group of the schools forum and reported at subsequent meetings as these requests are made. No further formal requests for contingency funding have been made to date. However, more are expected as schools work through a challenging financial context and as the impact of salary increases on budget plans become clear.
- 4.3. Projected underspends and use of retained balances in the 2023/24 schools block are indicated in Table 2. At the present time it is assumed the £0.315m retained balance will be allocated and disbursed in 2023/24 financial year.

- 4.4. The falling rolls fund of £0.200m in the 2023/24 budget will be allocated to schools in accordance with grant regulations and Schools Forum budget decisions. Further work will take place in the Autumn Term 2023 to consider bids for funding from mainstream schools for consideration and agreement by the Schools Forum Falling Rolls Subgroup.

5. Early Years Block 2023/24

- 5.1. The £0.575m surplus carry forward at 31/03/2023 related to an expected retrospective clawback of grant by the ESFA following the January 2023 census count.
- 5.2. Clawback was confirmed by the Education Skills Funding Agency in July 2023 at £0.643m, resulting in an effective final deficit on the Early Years Block of £0.068m for 2023/24. Detailed monitoring will be needed in 2023/24 financial year to understand if the Early Years deficit carried forward can be recovered in the 2023/24 financial year.
- 5.3. The Early Years block is currently forecast to spend to budget in 2023/24 based on current data available. Funding versus activity will be monitored closely.

Table 3 Early Years Grant Funding 2023/24

	£m
Early Years Funding Element	2023/24 Budget
3 and 4 YO universal & extended offer	13.358
2 YO Disadvantaged offer	1.153
EY Pupil Premium	0.095
Disability Access Fund	0.051
MNS supplementary funding	0.814
Total 2023/24 Early Years	15.471

- 5.4. Additional supplementary funding was announced in the Summer resulting in additional funding via the Early Years Supplementary Grant for existing entitlements from September 2023.

Table 4 Existing and Additional EYSG rates as they will be paid by H&F

Entitlement		Core Rate/Hr 23-24	Additional EYSG Rate/Hr
Disadvantaged	2 year olds	£7.56	£3.24
universal	3 and 4 year olds	£6.48	£0.08
extended hours	3 and 4 year olds	£6.48	£0.08
Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)	3 and 4 year olds only	£0.62	£0.04

Disability Access Fund (DAF)	3 and 4 year olds only	£828.00	£30.92
Maintained Nursery Schools	Supplement	£6.32	£0.35

5.5. The Additional EYSG rate will be passed through to providers in its entirety for government funded hours for the period September 2023 to March 2024.

6. Central Services Schools block 2023/24

6.1. The CSSB block is forecast to outturn to budget at £2.421m, including the £0.908m budgeted contribution to the High Needs block.

Report ends

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Item 7 - Schools Forum 3rd October 2023 – Draft Work Programme 2022/23

Note: Dates and items to be confirmed

Tuesday 14th November 2023 2pm

- Schools Block Mainstream Budget Consultation Feedback
- Notional SEN Review and consultation
- Schools Block to High Needs Block Transfer Decision and Dissapplication Proforma
- High Needs Block Safety Valve Update 2023/24 Quarter 2
- Early Years Block National Funding Formula Modelling 2024/25 for Consultation (TBC – subject to availability of funding allocations and operational guidance)

Tuesday 5th December 2023 2pm (TBC – subject to timing of Early Years funding data)

- Early Years Block National Funding Formula Modelling 2024/25 for Consultation (TBC – subject to availability of funding allocations and operational guidance)

Tuesday 16th January 2024 2pm

- Final Schools Block Mainstream Budget 2024/25 Proposals
- Early Years Block National Funding Formula Modelling 2024/25 for Consultation (TBC – subject to availability of funding allocations and operational guidance)

Tuesday 5th March 2024 2pm

- Early Years Block National Funding Formula Budget 2024/25
- HNB Safety Valve Qtr3 update
- 2023/24 Dedicated Schools Grant Qtr3 Monitoring
- Review of Scheme for Financing Schools and Financial Procedures

Tuesday 2nd July 2024

- 2023/24 Dedicated Schools Grant Outturn