London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Report to: Cabinet

Date: 3 February 2020

Subject: School Budget Shares (Dedicated Schools Grant) 2020

Report of: The Cabinet Member for Children and Education

Responsible Director:

The Strategic Director, Finance and Governance and The Director of

Children's Services

Summary

This report seeks approval of the final proposed 2020/21 schools block allocation and funding to schools through the schools funding formula for the financial year ending 31 March 2021. Hammersmith and Fulham Schools Forum agreed the model for 2020/21 budget shares on 14 January 2020. The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) require political endorsement of the schools' forum decision to agree the 2020/21 budget.

A total schools block of £105,118,162 has been confirmed for Hammersmith & Fulham for 2020/21 by The Department of Education. This represents a 2.18% increase in grant funding in cash terms versus 2019/20. It should be noted that schools face significant cost pressures and therefore this is unlikely to represent a real terms increase in government grant funding for individual schools in Hammersmith & Fulham.

Recommendations

- 1. To approve the Local Authority formula for allocating resources to Hammersmith & Fulham schools for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1, the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) for setting school budgets.
- 2. To approve the National Funding Formula (NFF) transitional factors (as set out in Appendix 1) as the basis for calculating the 2020/21 schools funding formula, together with a 0.5% per pupil Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) protection for individual schools versus 2019/20 pupil led funding levels.
- 3. To approve the disapplication request to transfer £1.051m (1.0% of the total schools block allocation) from the schools block to the high needs block in the 2020/21 financial year as agreed by Schools Forum on 14 January 2020.

- 4. To approve the proposal to top-slice the 2020/21 Schools Block to the value of £0.1m or 0.01% of the total for the Falling Rolls protection fund in 2020/21 as agreed by Schools Forum on 14 January 2020.
- 5. To approve de-delegation budgets of £709,027 for maintained mainstream schools only and as approved by Schools Forum on 14 January 2020.

Area of expenditure	2020/21
	(£)
Maintained Schools in Financial Difficulty/Contingency	200,000
Maintained Schools Trade Union Facilities Cover	30,000
Maintained Schools Maternity Cover	140,000
Maintained Schools Licence Fees	40,000
Behavioural Support (SEND)	32,027
Free School Meals Eligibility	32,000
Underperforming Ethnic Groups	125,000
Additional School Improvement	110,000
Total	709,027

6. To approve the education functions budgets of £323,024 for maintained mainstream schools only and as approved by Schools Forum on 14 January 2020.

Area of expenditure	2020/21 (£)		
Finance	95,000		
Asset management	95,000		
Asbestos management and risk	50,000		
SIMS support	32,100		
Clothing grants	50,910		
Total	323,024		

Wards Affected: All

H&F Priorities

Our Priorities	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Priorities				
Building shared prosperity	The allocation of funding to local				
	schools who are employers within the				
	borough				
Creating a compassionate council	Enables pupils within the borough to				
	receive a good quality education				
Doing things with local residents, not to	Providing educational opportunities for				
them	all pupils within the borough				
Being ruthlessly financially efficient	Contributes to a level of financial				

	stability for schools. The high needs block transfer enables this support to schools to continue and helps to reduce the high needs budget pressure.
Taking pride in H&F	Ensures continuing good quality provision in the borough's schools enabling pupils to take pride in their school and the borough.

Financial Impact

This report covers the allocation of the funding for all mainstream schools in Hammersmith & Fulham for education between reception and year 11. The basis for the distribution of funds within the schools Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant across all schools is in line with the regulated range of allowable variables.

A disapplication of the regulations has been requested by the local authority to the EFSA with respect to a proposed transfer of £1.051m from the schools block to the high needs block of the Dedicated Schools Grant. A disapplication is required to transfer more than 0.5% of the total schools block per the grant regulations. This is to support children in Hammersmith & Fulham with Special Educational Needs where current demand-led expenditure against the high needs block of the Dedicated Schools Grant is forecast to exceed the grant funding allocation received by the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham from the ESFA.

Agreement to this transfer was confirmed at Schools Forum on 14 January 2020 and the transfer disapplication is progressing with the EFSA. Other than the proposed transfer between blocks, the remaining funds are distributed to individual schools in line with their individual characteristics and with regard to the local formula.

The budget for the falling rolls protection fund for 2020/21 is available from the budget top sliced from the 2020/21 budget shares.

De-delegated budgets are budgets managed for schools centrally by the local authority on their behalf.

Funding for education functions is to meet the cost of providing statutory education functions on behalf of maintained schools and in line with the education funding regulations.

Legal Implications

Schools block funding to schools and the method of allocation of funding to schools is heavily regulated and determined by the NFF for schools. There is limited local area discretion for how funding is allocated to schools. The recommended budget allocations follow extensive engagement and consultation with schools since November 2019 and detailed discussions with Schools Forum on 12 November 2019 and 14 January 2020.

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Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

Schools Forum 14/01/20 Papers and draft minutes – published <a href="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=473&Mld=6890&Ver="http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx.uk/ieLi

Schools revenue funding 2020 to 2021 Operational Guide https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/831848/Schools_operational_guide_2020_to_2021.pdf

DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. The recommended model of distribution of the schools block of the Dedicated Schools Grant through the Authority Proforma Tool provides stability to schools in 2020/21 by ensuring that schools benefit from a 0.5% minimum funding guarantee on a per pupil basis. The proposed factors represent a further move to National Funding Formula (NFF) rates from the 2019/20 local formula rates used, NFF factors being uprated by 7.06% to ensure the full schools block allocation is distributed to schools.

Reasons for Decision

- 2. Schools' budget shares from the schools block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) are agreed annually according to the process and regulations set out by the Education and Schools Funding Agency (ESFA).
- 3. Schools Forum and the Local Authority must approve the basis for the allocation to schools in January/early February. Hammersmith and Fulham Schools Forum agreed the budget model proposed at a meeting on 14 January 2020.

4. The ESFA require confirmation of schools' budget approval in order to pass the request for £1.051m transfer from the schools block to high needs block for Ministerial approval.

Equality Implications

- 5. There are no direct negative equality implications for groups with protected characteristics, under the Equality Act 2010, by the approval of these funding proposals set out in the Recommendations.
- 6. Officers anticipate a neutral impact as the funding model outlined in this report is intended to provide some financial stability to schools in the final year of the transitional period before changes in funding and allocations arrangements.

Implications completed by: Fawad Bhatti, Policy and Strategy Officer, 07500 103617

Risk Management Implications

- 7. The council has experienced growing pressures on the High Needs budget as a result of demographic growth, government policy changes and the impact of the government's austerity. Ensuring that resources available to schools are appropriately allocated supports the delivery of the council's corporate priorities to ensure that children and young people will receive a great start in life and that schools will be amongst the best in the country, with enough places for all and with all children achieving the best that they can.
- 8. In line with the Council's objective of being Ruthlessly Financially Efficient and given the significant financial pressures faced by schools, it is important that strong oversight and financial monitoring is maintained and appropriate ongoing assurances provided on the management of these risks.

Implications completed by: David Hughes, Director of Audit, Fraud, Risk and Insurance, 020 7361 2389

Consultation

- 9. The local authority consulted with Schools Forum in November 2019 with respect to two potential models for the distribution of the provisional schools' block allocation advised in October 2019 by the ESFA. Two different models were discussed. One based around the current local model for Hammersmith & Fulham and another based on a transitional move to NFF rates.
- 10. The local authority consulted with the wider schools' community in November 2019 with respect to the proposed options for budget allocation. Budget workshops were held for schools to review the key elements of the proposed model on 8 and 10 January 2020. These included details of the proposals and the updated provisional allocations based on the final Hammersmith & Fulham allocation by the ESFA.

11. Hammersmith and Fulham Schools Forum agreed the model for 2020/21 budget shares on 14 January 2020.

List of Appendices:

Appendix 1, the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) for setting school budgets.

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Pupil Led Factors								l		
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	Description	Amount	per pupil	Pupi	I Units	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG	Notiona	I SEN (%)
1) Basic Entitlement	Description.	Amount	. рег рарп	Pupil Units		345 10441	10.0.1	funding (%)	funding (%) Notional SEN (%) 34.49% 2.95%	
Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	Primary (Years R-6)		520.92	9,766.50 £35,363,715						
	Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£5,092.36		4,375.00		£22,279,075	£74,143,370	21.73%	2.53%	
	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£5,7	80.55	2,8	54.50	£16,500,580		16.09%	2.53%	
	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN	Secondary Notional SEI
	FSM	£0.00	£0.00	2,236.12	1,432.53	£0			18.41%	0.00%
	FSM6	£709.74	£1,032.92	3,107.07	2,708.26	£5,002,633	_		0.00%	26.40%
	IDACI Band F	£266.15	£380.22	878.22	561.97	£447,410			7.00%	8.90%
	IDACI Band E	£316.85	£513.29	1,098.98	701.87	£708,477		11.33%	11.10%	15.40%
2) Deprivation	IDACI Band D	£475.27	£678.05	979.78	681.13	£927,497	£11,621,878		27.00%	33.00%
	IDACI Band C	£513.29	£735.08	1,304.36	816.05	£1,269,372			31.40%	35.40%
	IDACI Band B	£551.31	£792.12	1,652.62	1,291.29	£1,933,963			1.00%	1.00%
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	IDACI Band A	£760.43	£1,064.61	879.58	623.39	£1,332,526			1.00%	1.00%
	Description	Primary amount	Secondary amount		Eligible proportion of	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG	Primary Notional SEN	Secondary Notional SEI
		per pupil	per pupil	of primary NOR	secondary NOR			funding (%)	(%)	(%)
3) Looked After Children (LAC)	LAC X March 19	£55	51.23	52	2.70	£29,048		0.03%	100.	.00%
4) English as an Additional	EAL 3 Primary	£678.05		2,516.45		£1,706,282			100.00%	
Language (EAL)	EAL 3 Secondary		£1,825.04		378.90	£691,510	£2,789,472	2.34%		100.00%
5) Mobility	Pupils starting school outside of	£1,108.96	£1,584.23	217.14	76.90	£362,633		0.35%	100.00%	100.00%
	normal entry dates		Amount per pupil	2224	Eligible proportion of					
	Description	Weighting	(primary or secondary	Percentage of eligible pupils	primary and secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN	Secondary Notional SEI
			respectively)	Sugnie pupils	respectively			.c.numg (70)	(%)	(%)
	Primary Low Attainment		£1,349.77	28.60%	2,793.10	£3,770,046			100.00%	
	Secondary low attainment (year 7)	64.53%		14.23%						
6) Prior attainment	Secondary low attainment (year 8)	63.59%		14.25%			£5,846,540	5.70%		
oj Prior attainment	Secondary low attainment (year 9)	58.05%	£2,040.49	14.29%	1,017.64	£2,076,493	£5,846,540	3.70%		100.00%
	Secondary low attainment (year 10)	48.02%		16.34%						
	Secondary low attainment (year 11)			11.26%						
Other Factors										
				Lump Sum per						
Factor			Lump Sum per Primary School (£)	Secondary School	Lump Sum per Middle School (£)	Lump Sum per All- through School (£)	Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notiona	I SEN (%)
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7) Lump Sum			£144,989.07	£144,989.07			£6,814,486	6.65%	0.00%	0.00
8) Sparsity factor			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Please provide alternative distance	e and pupil number thresholds for the sp	parsity factor below	. Please leave blank	if you want to use the	default thresholds. Als	o specify whether you	want to use a tapered lump sum o	r the NFF weighting for any of ti	he phases.	
Primary distance threshold (miles		Primary pupil num	ber average year			Fixed tanered or NEE	sparsity primary lump sum?	Fixed		
Secondary distance threshold		group threshold Secondary pupil nu	imher average vear							
(miles)		group threshold				Fixed, tapered or NFF sparsity secondary lump sum?		Fixed		
Middle schools distance threshold (miles)		Middle school pupi year group thresho				Fixed, tapered or NFF	sparsity middle school lump sum?	Fixed		
All-through schools distance threshold (miles)		All-through pupil n group threshold	umber average year			Fixed, tapered or NFF :	sparsity all-through lump sum?	Fixed		
9) Fringe Payments		group threshold					£0	0.00%		
10) Split Sites							£217,312	0.21%	0.0	00%
11) Rates							£1,112,173	1.08%	0.0	
12) PFI funding							£0	0.00%	0.0	
		5054)					20	0.00/0	0.0	7070
13) Exceptional circumstances (car	n only be used with prior agreement of	ESFA)					1			
Circumstance							Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notiona	I SEN (%)
Additional lump sum for schools a	malgamated during EV10-20						£0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Additional sparsity lump sum for s	men schools						60	0.00%	0.0	
Exceptional Circumstance3							£0	0.00%	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance4							£0	0.00%	0.0	
Exceptional Circumstance5							£0	0.00%	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance6							£0	0.00%	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance7							£0	0.00%	0.0	00%
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iotal Funding for Schools Block Fo	rmula (excluding minimum per pupil fur	nding level and MFG	Funding Total)				£102,545,231	100.00%		
14) Additional funding to meet mir							£0	0.00%	0.0	00%
Total Funding for Schools Block Fo	rmula (excluding MFG Funding Total)						£102,545,231	100.00%		
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15) Minimum Funding Guarantee						50%	£1,547	,672		
Where a value less than 0.5% or gr	reater than 1.84% has been entered plea	ase provide the disa	pplication reference	number authorising t	he value					
	(gains may be capped above a specific	ceiling and/or scaled	d)				No			
Capping Factor (%)		Scaling Factor (%)								
Total deduction if capping and scal	ing factors are applied						£0			
							Total (£)	Proportion of Total funding(%)	Notiona	I SEN (%)
MFG Net Total Funding (MFG + de	duction from canning and scaling)						61 547 672		0.1	00%
							£1,547,672	1.49%		
Total Funding for Schools Block Fo	rmula						£104,09	2,903	£12,20	61,773
High Needs threshold (only fill in if, exceptionally, a high needs threshold different from £6,000 has been approved)						£0.00				
Additional funding from the high needs budget Growth fund (if applicable)										
					£0.0	0				
Growth fund (if applicable)							£97,87	8.41		
Growth fund (if applicable) Falling rolls fund (if applicable)						_				
	Shares						-£123,	801		
Falling rolls fund (if applicable) Other Adjustment to 19-20 Budget	Shares	s funding)				,	-£123,			
Falling rolls fund (if applicable) Other Adjustment to 19-20 Budget	ormula (including growth and falling rolls	s funding)						6,980		
Falling rolls fund (if applicable) Other Adjustment to 19-20 Budget Total Funding For Schools Block Fo	ormula (including growth and falling rolls	is funding)					£104,06	6,980		