

Appendix B

Maintained Primary School Medium Term Financial Plans

All 29 maintained primary schools complied with the request to submit a revised 3 year financial plan to the LA by 21 November 2021.

Schools were asked to take account in the updated MTFPs of their latest staffing structures, the 2022 pay awards for teachers and support staff and a funding projection based on the indicative schools funding settlement for 2023/24 as published in July. Schools were provided with an excel MTFP funding tool to enable them to forecast their future funding.

The MTFPs are now being reviewed by the Schools Finance Support team who will raise any queries and discuss next steps with schools where there are concerns.

There are 5 maintained primary schools projecting a revenue deficit at the end of 2022/23, based on the latest submitted outturn forecasts. The projected deficits range in size from £690 to £78,170.

For 2023/24, the MTFP projections put 14 primary schools in deficit. The sum of the projected deficits is £1,441,791 making the average deficit £102,985.

The size and scale of the 14 projected deficits for 2023/24 are summarised as follows:

Size of Projected deficit	Number of schools	Projected deficit per pupil	Number of schools
£0-£25,000	1	£0-£85	1
£25,001-£50,000	3	£86-£150	2
£50,001-£75,000	1	£151-£250	4
£74,001-£100,000	2	£251-£350	3
£100,001-£125,000	1	£351-£450	2
£125,001-£150,000	4	£451-£550	1
£150,001-£175,000	1	£551-£700	1
£175,001-£200,000	-		
£200,001+	1		
Total	14		14

By 2024/25, the MTFP projections put 22/29 maintained primaries into deficit. The sum of the projected deficits in 2024/25 is £4,905,856 making the average deficit £222,993.

Nine of the 14 schools projecting a deficit (and around a half of all Nottingham City's mainstream schools) are on the Minimum Funding Guarantee. The MFG increase announced in the July 2023 indicative settlement was only a 0.5% per pupil increase which for our primary schools typically only equates to around £25 per pupil.

The Autumn statement announced an extra £2bn for the national core school budget in 2023/24 compared to the July indicative settlement; an increase of £3.5bn overall instead of £1.5bn. We will need to wait for the DSG settlement announcement due in December to determine how this will be distributed. It will be most beneficial for schools on the MFG if this extra funding is distributed as a supplementary grant rather than by further uplifting the NFF and MFG.

For comparative purposes, the supplementary funding in 2022/23 amounted to £1.525bn of which £1.2bn was provided to mainstream schools and £325m for high needs. For Nottingham's mainstream schools, last year's supplementary funding equated to around £157 per pupil on average.

The extra funding for 2023/24 announced in the Autumn 2022 statement, in combination with the proposed extra c.£85 per pupil one-off funding could potentially help bring around half of the schools projecting deficits back into a surplus position for 2023/24.