

Appendix to minute 28

As stated during the presentation of item 4, 'Schools Budget 2024/25', the following amendments have been made to the report:

TABLE 8A: EY INDICATIVE BUDGET BREAKDOWN (£m)							
ELEMENT	3 & 4 YO	Disadvant aged 2 YO	2 YO Working Parent	Under 2 YO	DLA	EYPP	TOTAL
Base rate/hour	£5.16	£8.31	£7.63	£10.76		£0.68	
Base rate total	£17.251	£4.320	£3.728	£2.663			
Supplements							
-Deprivation/hour	£1.00						
-Flexibility/hour	£0.10						
DLA/annum					£910		
Supplements total	£0.836				£0.237		
MNS lump sum	£0.202						
SEN inclusion fund	£0.006		£0.173	£0.011			
Contingency	£0.314			£0.055			
TOTAL PROVIDERS	£18.609	£4.320	£3.901	£2.729	£0.237	£0.717	£30.512
Central Expenditure	£0.716	£0.025	£0.184	£0.100			£1.025
TOTAL	£19.325	£4.345	£4.084	£2.829	£0.237	£0.717	£31.537
Allocation excluding MNS Lump Sum	£18.407	£4.320	£3.901	£2.729			
Pass rate	96.3%	99.4%	95.5%	96.5%			
Settlement figure Excl MNS Lump sum	£19.123	£4.345	£4.084	£2.829			
Central Expenditure	3.7%	0.6%	4.5%	3.5%			

1. Central Expenditure

Central Expenditure has been revised and re-allocated as stated in Table 8A above, but the total allocation remains £1.025m as reported at the meeting and the Local Authority (LA) is still within 95% pass rate as required by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

2. 3 & 4-year-old funding

The LA has proposed a funding-base rate of £5.16/hour, as against £5.01 reported at the meeting.

Settings will receive £1.00/hour deprivation funding where the child attracts Early Years Pupil Premium funding (EYPP). The deprivation supplement for 3 & 4-year-olds is the only mandatory supplement the LA will pay.

In 2023/24, the LA also funded a £0.10/hour flexibility supplement. This is not mandatory, and the proposed local consultation suggests the removal of this supplement to simplify the formula and allow for this additional funding to be added to the hourly base rate formula.

This funding formula is the same for children accessing both the universal and the extended entitlements in this age group.

3. 2-year-old funding

The new 2-year-old working parent entitlement comes into force in April 2024 and the report proposed to use the same rate for both the 2-year-old disadvantaged entitlement and the 2-year-old working parent entitlement.

The LA is not allowed to fund 2-year-old working parent entitlements at a higher level than the 2-year-old disadvantaged entitlements, which could have been the case if both were funded at the same rate, but a working parent also attracted EYPP funding.

Therefore, the proposal has been amended to establish a separate 2-year-old formulae for the two entitlements, with a higher base rate for the 2-year-old disadvantaged entitlement, at a sufficient level to be higher than the equivalent of the base rate for a 2-year-old working parent entitlement that also attracts EYPP.

The higher base rate for the 2-year-old disadvantaged has been established through a higher pass-through rate and is necessary in recognising the additional costs associated with supporting children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Whilst not paid as supplement, LAs are expected to ensure funding for deprivation is reflected in the relevant formulae and this higher base rate support this.

The LA will fund Settings at £8.31/hour as against £7.46 reported at the meeting, for the 2-year-old disadvantaged entitlement and the newly funded 2-year-old entitlement for working parents' entitlement will be funded at £7.36/hour. These will be hourly base rates with no additional supplements.

4. 9 months and up to 2-year-old entitlement

The base rate for the under 2-year-old starting from September 2024 will be £10.76/hour as against £9.72 reported at the meeting. Again, this will be a simple, single funding formula of an hourly base rate with no additional supplements.

This is the highest hourly base rate to reflect the higher staffing ratio and costs associated for caring with children under the age of 2.

The base rates can be summarised as:

In summary, the proposed local funding formulae would be:

Under 2-year-olds	£10.76/hour + No Supplements
2-year-olds (working parents)	£7.36/hour + No Supplements
2-year-olds (disadvantaged entitlement)	£8.31/hour + No Supplements
3 & 4-year-olds	£5.16/hour + £1.00/hour Deprivation Supplement for eligible EYPP children

In addition, eligible children across all the entitlements may receive additional funding for EYPP, SENIF and DAF.

5. SEN Inclusion Fund (SENIF)

A total allocation of £293,000, with £283,000 and £10,000 allocated to 3 & 4 and 2-year-old respectively, was reported at the meeting.

A revised allocation of £190,000 has been calculated.

This allocation has been retained across the early years' entitlements, as per Table 8A above, and will secure an overall SENIF allocation for all eligible children across the early years' entitlements.

6. Individual School budgets 2024/25

Following a request at the meeting, the table below shows the year-on-year movement on school's budgets between financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25, and the movement in post de-delegation and deduction of business rates (NDR), and after leaving in the additional funding given to mainstream schools and academies (£85 per pupil) in the 2023/24 Minimum Funding Guarantee per pupil in 2024/25.

Year on year movement between 2023/24 and 2024/25 on Post De-delegation and after the deduction of NNDR allocation

	Number of Primary Schools	Number of Secondary Schools	Movement in primary numbers on roll	Movement in secondary numbers on roll
Less than -2% but greater than or equal to -6%	1	0	Reduction of 16 pupils	
Less than -1% but greater than or equal to -2%	2	0	Reduction of either 9 or 17 pupils	
Less than 0% but greater than or equal to -1%	1	0	Reduction of 17 pupils	
Greater than or equal to 0% but less than 1%	4	1	Reduction of either 12,14 or 21 pupils	Reduction of 31 pupils
Greater than or equal to 1% but less than 2%	8	0	Reduction of either 4,6,7,8,9 or 11 pupils	
Greater than or equal to 2% but less than 3%	7	0	Reduction of either 2,3,4 or 5 pupils	
Greater than or equal to 3% but less than 4%	21	1	Reduction of either 1,2,3 or 4 pupils, pupil numbers stayed the same or the schools increased by 1 pupil	Reduction of 10 pupils
Greater than or equal to 4% but less than 5%	3	3	Increase of either 1 or 2 pupils	Schools gained pupils either 1, 2 or 7 pupils
Greater than or equal to 5% but less than 6%	11	1	Increase of either 1,3,4,5,7,14 pupils or the pupil numbers stayed the same	Increase of 9 pupils
Greater than or equal to 6% but less than 7%	8	5	Increase of either 1,5,6,12,13 or 14 pupils	Increase of either 12,18,19 or 20 pupils
Greater than or equal to 7% but less than 8%	2	1	Increase of either 11 or 25 pupils	Increase of 35 pupils
Greater than or equal to 8% but less than 9%	3	2	Increase of either 14,18 or 19 pupils	Increase of either 29 or 48 pupils
Greater than or equal to 9% but less than 10%	0	0		
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 11%	1	1	Increase of 23 pupils	Increase of 40 pupils
Greater than or equal to 11% but less than 12%	0	1		Increase of 69 pupils
Greater than or equal to 12% but less than 13%	2	0	Increase of either 14 or 24 pupils	
Greater than or equal to 13% but less than 14%	0	1		Increase of 108 pupils
Greater than or equal to 14% but less than 15%	1	0	Increase of 17 pupils	
Grand Total	75	17		