

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHOOLS FORUM 12 FEBRUARY 2015 - SCHOOLS BUDGET REPORT 2015/16

1. Amendments

- 1.1 The Schools Forum (SF) report refers to a total Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget of £235.459m, it should be noted that this is before **all** academy recoupment.

This figure is referred to in recommendation 1a, section 2.4 and 5.1.

The Dedicated Schools Grant comparable to previous years, after High Needs recoupment for academies is removed, is **£233.001m**. This equates to an increase of £11.406m on the 2014/15 pre 2 year old funding which is £221.595m. This updates **Table 2** in the report as follows:

TABLE 2: 2015/16 BUDGET INCREASE ANALYSIS	
	£m
Transfer of responsibility to the LA for non-recoupment academies and free schools budgets	6.382
CRC Energy Scheme rate increase	(0.036)
Increased pupil numbers (City total 34,842 in 2014/15 36,025 in 2015/16)	3.825
Indicative Early Years Pupil Premium	0.525
Increase in High Needs	0.710
TOTAL	11.406

- 1.2 **Appendix B iii** showed the Contingency for alignment Home Tuition charges to Average Weighted Pupil Unit of £0.100m as a reduction in cost associated with Pupil Referral Units.

- 1.3 This was incorrect as the contingency is an additional cost. This has now been amended and a replacement **Appendix B i, ii and iii** is attached.

2. Additional information

- 2.1 **Table 5** below provides a summarised analysis of DSG. In 2015/16 there are elements of funding that are being allocated outside of the

DSG settlement. These are now shown as a separate line within the table.

- 2.2 Early years funding in 2015/16 is being allocated based on participation and not place numbers. To support the indicative budget, an element of the ring fenced Early Years (EY) under spend from previous years, held in the Statutory Schools Reserve (SSR) from is required. The amount required is £0.537m and was included in the SSR SF report on 18 December 2014.

TABLE 5: DSG BUDGET BLOCK ALLOCATION

	Schools £m			Early Years £m			High Needs £m			TOTAL £m		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Budgets	170.435	175.410	187.666	15.763	18.246	12.849	18.377	20.025	20.330	204.575	213.681	220.845
Central Expenditure	8.589	8.194	7.965	1.160	1.159	1.159	5.656	4.677	4.677	15.405	14.030	13.801
Block Totals	179.024	183.604	195.631	16.923	19.405	14.008	24.033	24.702	25.007	219.980	227.711	234.646
Funding not included in DSG settlement												(1.108)
Early Years reserve												(0.537)
Headroom										0.534	0.599	0
TOTAL										220.514	228.310	233.001

- 2.3 There have been some changes to the funding allocation of EY and High Needs (HN), these are as follows:

Early Years

The significant changes to the EY block in 2015/16 are:

- The inclusion of funding for the EY Pupil Premium and
- Funding for 2 year olds based on participation.

The DSG allocation for EY's is indicative and will be adjusted retrospectively on the basis of actual participation numbers. The final DSG allocation for 2, 3 and 4 year olds will be based on 5/12 of the January 2015 participation numbers and 7/12 of the January 2016 participation numbers.

The DfE will conduct a survey in Autumn 2015 to check take-up of the EYPP with adjustments to allocations to be made to funding allocations in January 2016.

Indicative allocations for 2 year old participation will not be announced until June 2015 and will be based on participation as at the January 2015 census.

The Local Authority (LA) will receive £4.88 per hour for the Early Education Entitlement for 2 Year Olds for those eligible taking up a place. The LA does not propose to top-slice the £4.88 per hour received for 2 year olds to pay for central EY's costs that have historically been paid for from 2 year old funding.

The indicative 3 & 4 year old funding allocations are provisional as further work to verify allocations will be undertaken before release of funding to educational setting in February 2015.

High Needs

The LA's HN allocation has increased, as stated in **Table 2** above; this is to allow for growth the LA's share of £47m national growth in top-up funding which has been allocated on the basis of 2-19 population projections.

The figure included in this report for HN's includes an estimate of the recoupmnt by the Education Funding Agency for places in directly funded educational settings; these are academies, non-maintained special schools, Alternative Provision free schools and post-16 places funded through a separate sixth form grant.

- 2.4 **Appendix C** is the statutory proforma showing the factors and associated rates used to construct the schools budgets.