

To all members of the Sunderland Schools Forum

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Dear Colleague

SUNDERLAND SCHOOLS FORUM -MEETING 25 MAY 2023

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Schools Forum to be held via Teams from **8.30am on Thursday 25 May 2023** (and scheduled to end no later than 10.30am).

AGENDA

1. STANDING ITEMS

1.1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Apologies submitted by: Mr A Lewis, Mr M Little and Mrs N Ashton (observer)

- 1.2 Declarations of Interest
- 1.3 Minutes of last Virtual Meeting held on 9 March 2023 (attached)
- 1.4 Matters Arising / Action Log (attached)
- 1.5 Feedback from Short Life Working Groups
 - Schools Forum MembershipSchool Meal ProvisionSimon MarshallSimon Marshall

2. PRESENTATIONS

3. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- 3.1 Dedicated Schools Grant Outturn 2022/23 and Budget 2023/24 (to follow) Steve Renwick
 3.2 Birth Rates Impact on Early Years Schooling (deferred until July) Alan Rowan
- 4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6 July 2023

MINUTES OF THE TEAMS™ MEETING OF THE SUNDERLAND SCHOOLS FORUM HELD ON THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2023

The following members of the Forum were on the call

Michael Hartnack (Maintained Governor) - Chair

David Airey (Church of England Diocese)

Ann Blakey (Maintained Catholic School)

Emma Monaghan (Academy Primary)

Catherine Jones (Maintained Primary)

Lisa Woods (Maintained Primary)

Donna Walker (PRU)

Michael Little (Special Academy)

Julie Heron (Maintained Nursery) - Vice Chair

David Martyn (PVI Nurseries)

Sara Bainbridge (Maintained Primary)

Madeleine Hope (Secondary Academy)

Paula Hegarty (Secondary Academy)

Dean Juric (Secondary Academy)

James Waller (Maintained Special)

Joanne Maw (Secondary Academy)

Nancy Wakeham (Trade Unions Teacher Assoc)

In attendance

Steve Renwick (TfC Director of Finance)

Simon Marshall (TfC Director of Education)

Cllr Louise Farthing (Lead Member, Children's Services)

Deborah Orr (TFC Head of Accounting and Finance)

Nicky Ashton (Associate Member)

Leigh Morris (TfC Team Manager: Schools Finance)

Debbie Dixon (TfC Team Manager: Management Accounting)

John Hope (TfC Technical Accountant: Education Funding)

Stephen Colvin (TFC Apprentice Accountant) (observer)

Emma Nolan (TFC Schools Finance Team)

Jill Wilson (TFC Schools Finance Team)

Pam Robertson (TFC Strategic SEND Lead)

Keith Miles (Sunderland City Council)

Graham Hoban (Sunderland City Council)

Sara Chapman (observer)

Gordon Brown

Apologies

Paul S Wilson (Asst Director of Finance, SCC)

Andy Lewis (Trade Unions Teacher Assoc)

Phil Smith (Secondary Academy)

Cllr John Price (Councillor, Sunderland City Council) (observer)

23/13	Introductions and Apologies	
	Apologies were received as noted above.	
23/14	Declaration of Interest	
	There were the following declarations of Interest:	
	MH informed members that he would declare an interest in a subject if it affected his role as an elected Councillor.	
23/15	Minutes of Last Meeting	
	The minutes of the previous Teams [™] meeting held on 12 January 2023 were agreed as a true record.	
	Mrs Ashton informed the meeting that she had attended the last meeting but had been missed off the attendee list.	
23/16	Matters Arising/Action Log	
	23/05 Matters Arising/Action Log	
	The Chair asked if old actions could still be made visible.	SGR
23/17	Short life Working Groups - Feedback	
	Nothing to report	
23/18	Overview of the Challenges Around School Meal Provision and the Resulting Cost Pressures Faced by Schools	
	KM gave a presentation around the challenges and pressures faced by schools for the cost of providing School Meals. A copy of the presentation is attached	
	oce22843 Schools Forum School Meals	
	The issue was discussed at length with KM being asked if he could share details as to an overview of how much individual schools pay/subsidise school meals and he agreed to include neighbouring authorities.	КМ
	Also discussed was the issue of subsidising very small schools, as defined by DfE criteria, which the Forum did last year, Evolve system and transport.	
	It was decided that a SLWG should be set up to investigate the issues raised. SM will send out a Teams invite to members so that if they wish to partake, they can.	SM

	The Chair thanked KM and his colleague for the presentation.	
23/19	Dedicated Schools Grant Update & Projected Outturn 2022/23	
	A report was circulated to members. SGR reported that the current in-year deficit forecast is £1.5 Million added to the £3million B/fwd deficit giving a cumulative deficit of £4.5Million. Although the deficit looks big it must be noted that the current deficit is only1.5% of the annual DSG. Also of note is that Sunderland is better placed with the deficit than other areas in the region.	
	Also discussed was the addition cost for non-Maintained/Independent schools. SM reported that it is intended to visit these schools and Dip Sample to ensure the school is providing what it says it is and Sunderland is getting best value.	
	The Recommendations contained within the Report were approved	
23/20	Early Years Funding Update 2023/24	
	Members were reminded that Early Years has been funded through the National Funding Formula since 2017 and is based on lagged Census data.	
	SGR pointed out that the 'rules of Engagement' at Para 3 of the report give little latitude for discretion. 75% of Schools surveyed/consulted agreed with the approved methodology.	
	SGR highlighted the increases in rates for 3 and 4 year olds.	
	The Recommendations contained within the Report were approved	
23/21	High Needs Block Additional Funding for 2023/24	
	A report was circulated to members and SGR thanked DD for her efforts in distilling a well-structured paper and ML for his advice during the process. SGR/DD explained to members that £1.8million of additional non-recurrent funding required distributing to schools (with cognisance of growing demand and EHCP numbers) and the paper gave three options for distribution. The report also provided 5 options wherewith to recognise inflation for top-ups and commissioned places, he noted that this would be a recurrent uplift.	
	The report was discussed at length with topics of equity, transparency, timeliness (including of Forum papers) and mainstreaming for inclusivity all covered.	

	On inclusivity, KR reported that the first Inclusive Forum had recently taken place and was well attended and very constructive.	
	JW reported that on the 19 May 2023 that he would be taking every school through the process of ensuring schools are ready to deal with children who are not yet ready for maintained schooling. Members were asked to take this back to there representative groups to ensure as many schools sign up to the day as possible.	All
	After further discussions members were asked two questions, posed by SGR:	
	In regards to the £1.8m non recurrent additional HNB funding, and in the light of the detailed discussion just held, would Forum members be minded to support Option 1 in the paper?	
	In regards to the recurrent uplifting of top-ups and commissioned places, again, in the light of the detailed discussion just held, would Forum Members again be minded to support Option 1 in the paper?	
	Forum affirmed support for both Option 1s from the report.	
23/22	Schools Forum Membership Report	
	A report was circulated and the Chair informed members that it was imperative to get the right representation from settings and geographically. There have been a lot of changes and a new structure needs to be agreed. To enable this to happen it was agreed that this should go back to representative groups to be discussed and feed back should be directed to KR.	KR
23/23	Any Other Business	
	Business Rates – Nursery Heads Query	
	JH asked if there was anything that could be done regarding Business rates for Nursery Schools. SGR agreed that the Finance team would investigate the issue and revert.	SGR/Finance Team
	Birth Rates	
	SM reported that the NHS are now sharing birth rate data which will have an impact on early years schooling in coming years. AR has been asked to start planning for this and has been asked to bring a report to the next meeting	SM/AR
	Hetton Site	
	DW reported that the new site at Hetton scheduled to open from September 2023 will not now open until January 2024.	

	The funding for the additional 24 places allocated will now go back into the HNB.	
23/12	Date and Time of Next Meeting	
	Thursday 25 May 2023. This will be a Teams meeting though MH considering an in-person approach.	



REPORT TO SUNDERLAND SCHOOLS FORUM

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

25 May 2023

Schools Forum Membership 2023/24

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report provides information to Schools Forum members on the balance of representation of school and academy members and proposes the distribution of representation for the maintained group for 2023/24.
- 1.2 It is proposed that the number of voting school and academy places remains at 23 as had been agreed previously.
- 1.3 Annexe 1 to this report sets out the representation currently for 2022/23.
- 1.4 Annexe 2 to this report sets out the proposal representation for 2023/24.

2. Summary of Representation within Each Group

2.1 On review of the October 2022 census and the distribution of pupil numbers between the school and academy groups there will be 17 academy places and 6 maintained school places, a change from the current 13 academy places and 10 maintained school places respectively.

2.2 It is proposed that the following representation for the maintained school membership is as shown in the table below.

Representative Group	Number and Type of Representative					
	Current	Proposed				
Primary Headteachers (M ¹)	3 Headteachers	1 Headteacher				
Secondary Headteachers (M)) 1 Headteacher 0 Headteache					
Nursery (M)	1 Headteacher	1 Headteacher				
Special (M)	1 Headteacher	1 Headteacher				
Pupil Referral Services (M)	1 Headteacher	1 Headteacher				
Faith Representative	1 Headteacher (Primary)	1 Headteacher (Primary)				
Governors	2 Governors 1 Gover					
Total	10	6				

2.3 In order to assist Academies to select their representation, the table below shows the rounded distribution of places based on pupil numbers in each phase, compared to the current distribution for reference.

Phases within Group	Number of Places	Number of Places
	Current	Proposed
Academy Primary, Infants and Junior	4	8
Academy Secondary and All Through	8	8
Academy Special (Mandatory)	1	1
Total	13	17

3. Election of Members

- 3.1 Academy Trusts in the local area are required to consider the type of representative and from which sectors within their group. However, at least one member must represent special academies as required by Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) regulations.
- 3.2 Maintained primary representatives will be elected from within their area Headteacher groups. It will be the responsibility of current Forum representatives to ensure that appropriate discussion and representation takes place.

¹ M – denotes Mandatory place

² No Maintained Secondary Schools now

- 3.3 Maintained primary members will be required to elect from their maintained primary membership group the representative who is to hold voting rights to vote on their behalf. It is recommended that a deputy is also identified for occasions where the voting member is unable to attend Forum.
- 3.4 Faith schools will continue to have a primary place available in the school's group as well as two non-school places representing the Church of England and Roman Catholic Diocese.
- 3.5 It is recommended that the current members transfer to the newly proposal structure with vacancies being filled in line with forum Terms of Reference. An updated Terms of Reference will be presented at the next meeting of Forum.
- 3.6 It is also recommended that current members who have not attended three or more Forum meetings are discharged from their membership duties and replaced via the Terms of Reference membership process.
- 3.7 It is intended that the new membership of the Forum will be in place for the September 2023 meeting. An induction session could be arranged if necessary and is dependent on the changes to the agreed membership.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Schools Forum is recommended to:
 - Consider, discuss and approve the proposal outlined in the paper in relation to maintained school places for application from September 2023;
 - ii. Note the information provided in this report when determining their representatives for the academy places for the 2023/24 year.
 - iii. Agree to receive an updated Terms of Reference for Schools Forum.

Annexe 1: Representation on Schools Forum March 2023.

Sunderland Schools Forum - Membership and Voting Rights

No	Representing		Member			Voting	Right	S	
	NB: M denotes mandatory place			1	2	3	4	5	6
Schoo	ols Members		•						
1	Maintained Primary Sunderland South		Catherine Jones	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
2	Maintained Primary Sunderland North		Lisa Woods	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
3	Maintained Primary Washington		Sara Bainbridge	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
4	Maintained Sector School Governor		Michael Hartnack	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
5	Maintained Catholic School Headteacher		Ann Blakey	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
6	Maintained Special Headteacher (M)		James Waller	✓	✓			✓	✓
7	Maintained Secondary Headteacher (M)		vacant	✓	✓		✓		✓
8	Maintained Sector School Governor		Simon Tate	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
9	Maintained Nursery Headteacher (M)		Julie Heron	✓	✓			✓	✓
10	Maintained Pupil Referral Service Headte	acher (M)	Donna Walker	✓	✓				✓
Acade	emy Members								
1	Academy Primary – Headteacher / Repre	sentative	Emma Monaghan		✓			✓	✓
2	Academy Primary - Headteacher / Repre	sentative	vacant		✓			✓	✓
3	Academy Primary - Headteacher / Repre	sentative	Julia Belshaw		✓			✓	✓
4	Academy Primary - Headteacher / Repre	sentative	Vacant		✓			✓	✓
5	Academy Secondary – All Through		Rachel Donohue		✓				✓
6	Academy Secondary – Voluntary Aided		Madeleine Hope		✓				✓
7	Academy Secondary – 11 to 16		Dean Juric		✓				✓
8	Academy Secondary – 11 to 16		Andrew Carr		✓				✓
9	Academy Secondary – 11 to 16		Paula Hegarty		✓				✓
10	Academy Secondary – 11 to 16		Phil Smith		✓				✓
11	Academy Secondary – 11 to 16		Joanne Maw		✓				✓
12	Academy Secondary – 11 to 16		Craig Knowles		✓				✓
13	Special Academy (M)		Mick Little		✓				✓
Non-S	chools Members								
1	Private, Voluntary & Independent Nurser	ies	David Martin					✓	✓
2	Private, Voluntary & Independent Nurser	ies	Norman Vincent					✓	✓
3	Post 16 Provision		Vikki Morton						✓
4	Teacher Associations		Andy Lewis						✓
5	Roman Catholic Diocese		Vacant						✓
6	Church of England Diocese		David Airey						✓
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	Director of Finance		Steve Renwick (0191 561						
	Head of Accounting and Finance		Deborah Orr (0191 561 1	_					
	Director of Education		Simon Marshall (0191 561 1356)						
	Strategic Service Lead - Education		Kim Richardson						
	Lead Member Children's Services		Cllr Louise Farthing						
	BERSHIP VOTING RIGHTS								
	. ,	(6) All other School							
	hools Block Funding Formula		ture relating to schools block						
	-delegation maintained primary		al expenditure to be funded	from fo	llowin	g year	's DSG	i	
	-delegation maintained secondary	c. Voting procedur	es						
(5) Ea	rly Years Single Funding Formula								

	Annexe 2: Proposed Membership 2023/24	1	2	3	4	5		
SCH	OOL MEMBERS							
1.	Maintained Primary School	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ		
	Headteacher (Mandatory)							
	Maintained Primary Schools South	No vot	No voting rights: the views of the individu					
	Headteacher	Primary	Primary Headteacher Clusters Groups will b					
	Maintained Primary Schools North	put f	orward by	the Mair	itained I	Primary		
	Headteacher		Schools	represe	ntative.			
	Maintained Primary Schools							
	Washington Headteacher		e event of			•		
	Maintained Primary Schools		ol Teacher		•	•		
	Hetton/Houghton Headteacher	1				individual		
		Prin	nary Headt	eacher C	luster G	roups.		
2.	Maintained Special School Teacher	Y	Υ		Υ	Υ		
	(Mandatory)							
3.	Maintained Nursery Headteacher	Y	Υ		Υ	Υ		
	(Mandatory)							
4.	Maintained Pupil Referral Service	Y	Υ		Υ	Υ		
	Headteacher (Mandatory)							
5.	Maintained Faith School	Y	Υ		Υ	Υ		
	Headteacher/Representative							
6.	Maintained Sector School Governor	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ		
7.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ		
8	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior		Y		Υ	Υ		
9.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior		Υ		Υ	Υ		
10.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior		Υ		Υ	Υ		
11.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior		Υ		Υ	Υ		
12.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior		Υ		Υ	Υ		
13.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior		Υ		Υ	Υ		
14.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior		Υ		Υ	Υ		
15.	Academy Secondary and All Through		Υ			Υ		

16.	Academy Secondary and All Through			Υ			Υ
17.	Academy Secondary and All Through			Υ			Υ
18.	Academy Secondary and All Through			Υ			Υ
19.	Academy Secondary and All Through			Υ			Υ
20.	Academy Secondary and All Through			Υ			Υ
21.	Academy Secondary and All Through			Υ			Υ
22.	Academy Secondary and All Through			Υ			Υ
23.	Academy Special (Mandatory)			Υ			Υ
NON	SCHOOL MEMBERS						
1.	Private, Voluntary & Independent					Υ	Υ
	Nurseries						
2.	Private, Voluntary & Independent					Υ	У
	Nurseries						
3.	Post 16 Provision						Υ
4.	Teacher Associations						Υ
5.	Roman Catholic Diocese						Υ
6.	Church of England Diocese						Υ
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	Strategic Service Lead – Education	Kim Richardson					
	Lead Member Children's Services	Cllr L Williams					
	Lead Member Children's Services	Cllr I Scott					
	Deputy						
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REPORT TO SUNDERLAND SCHOOLS FORUM

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

25 May 2023

Dedicated Schools Grant 2022/23 Final Outturn and 2023/24 Allocation

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Schools Forum with the final outturn position in relation to the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2022/23, which is subject to external audit, and update on the 2023/24 DSG Allocation.

2. Dedicated Schools Grant Final Outturn 2022/23

- 2.1 Forum members will recall that the draft DSG outturn was presented to the meeting held on 9 March 2023, where it was reported that it was expected the DSG would overspend in year by £1,479,569 in 2022/23. This is before including the deficit Reserve balance as at 31 March 2022 of £3,079,467, which would give an estimated overall DSG Reserve balance as at 31 March 2023 of £4,559,036.
- 2.2 The High Needs block allocation from the ESFA has been reduced since reporting in March 2023 by £18,025 relating to Commissioned place funding for a school converting to academy on 1 January 2023 with an SEN Resource Provision.
- 2.3 In finalising the Early Years block for 2022/23, it is necessary to predict if the final allocation will be amended following changes arising from the January Census data when notified by the ESFA in June 2023. From information held from the January 2023 Census it is estimated that the 2022/23 Early Years funding allocation will decrease by £240,424. This is reflected in the final outturn position.
- 2.4 Forum members will also recall that the DSG is managed holistically rather than block-by-block with a long-established pattern that some blocks may effectively subsidise others across the DSG as a whole.
- 2.5 The final unaudited overall DSG in year outturn position is an overspend of £1,347,868, as shown in the table overleaf:

	2022/23 Revised DSG Budget	2022/23 Unaudited Outturn	2022/23 Total Unaudited (Over) / Underspend	Total Projected (Over) / Underspend March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Schools Block	43,896,342	43,388,323	508,019	440,818
Central Services Block	1,352,553	1,301,023	51,530	39,477
Early Years Block	19,099,925	18,856,173	243,752	102,339
High Needs Block (HNB)	29,548,659	31,699,828	(2,151,169)	(2,062,203)
TOTAL DSG	93,897,479	95,245,347	(1,347,868)	(1,479,569)

Schools Block

2.6 The School's Block is reporting a final unaudited underspend of £508,019 for 2022/23, which represents a £67,201 change to the underspend reported in March 2023. The underspend is primarily due to further Growth Funding underspend.

Central Services Block

2.7 The Central Services Block shows a final unaudited underspend of £51,530 for 2022/23, which is only a slight movement to the underspend reported in March 2023. The overall underspend of £51,530 relates to underspends in the Admissions Team and Schools historic redundancy budget, which following prior agreement with the Local Authority, can be used to partially offset the overall DSG position.

Early Years Block

- 2.8 The Early Years Block shows a final unaudited underspend of £243,752. This represents a £141,413 improvement from the position reported in March 2023 mainly due to further staffing slippage in the Early Years Team and Early Years Pupil Premium Grant.
- 2.9 Paragraph 2.3 refers to the detail of the Early Years funding accrual for the estimated reduction in Early Years block funding in 2022/23.

High Needs Block

2.10 As with regional and national experience, the volatility, level of uncertainty and unknown variables in the High Needs Block (HNB) make budget monitoring and predicting the outturn position challenging.

- 2.11 The final unaudited outturn position for the HNB in 2022/23 is an overspend of £2,151,169. The final position is £88,966 worse compared to the position reported in March 2023. The main reasons for the increase in the High Needs overspend is due to increased Post 16 top-up fees of £324,208, partially offset by an increase in underspend in the Retained HNB teams of £238,316.
- 2.12 The overall overspend in the HNB position is primarily as a result of additional commissioned placements and top-ups paid following the outcome of EHCPs and includes the education contribution to residential placements for both SEND and Cared for Children. The HNB final outturn in analysed in the table below:

High Needs Block	2022/23 Budget	2022/23 Final Outturn	Variance
	£	£	£
Commissioned Places - Special	2,942,088	3,152,808	(210,720)
Commissioned Places – Link School & Alt Prov's	2,170,281	2,345,860	(175,579)
Commissioned Places - Resource Provisions	336,142	367,929	(31,787)
Teachers Pay & Pensions Grant £660 per place	745,459	745,459	0
Top Ups	12,660,445	13,483,781	(823,336)
Top Ups - Post 16	1,270,000	1,584,455	(314,455)
Virtual School	359,993	321,655	38,338
Residential - Non-Maintained Independent	6,085,783	6,859,950	(774,167)
Retained HNB	2,978,468	2,837,931	140,537
Total HNB - Together for Children	29,548,659	31,699,828	(2,151,169)

Use of Reserves

- 2.13 As referenced in paragraph 2.5, the final DSG in year outturn position for 2022/23, but subject to audit, is an overall overspend of £1,347,868. This overspend will be carried forward as a deficit DSG Reserve to 2023/24 along with the deficit Reserve balance as at 31 March 2022 giving an overall DSG Deficit reserve of £4,427,335.
- 2.14 Appendix A provides a summary position of the 2022/23 budget and final outturn.

Council Statement of Accounts

2.15 As part of the Statement of Accounts the Local Authority is required to include a note (shown overleaf) within its accounts, which demonstrates that the DSG has been deployed in accordance with regulations (subject to audit). The note and this report will be included in returns to be made to ESFA on the use of the DSG and use of reserves.

Details	of the deployment of DSG receivable for 2022/23 are as follows:			
Notes		Central expenditure	Individual schools budget	Total
A	Final DSG for 2022/23 before academy and high needs recoupment			250,667,468
В	Academy and high needs figure recouped for 2022/23			156,529,565
С	Total DSG after academy and high needs recoupment for 2022/23		_	94,137,903
D	Plus: Brought forward from 2021/22			0
E	Less: Carry-forward to 2023/24 agreed in advance			0
F	Agreed initial budgeted distribution in 2022/23	51,205,988	42,931,915	94,137,903
G	In-year adjustments	-285,783	0	-285,783
Н	Final budget distribution for 2022/23	50,920,205	42,931,915	93,852,120
I	Less: Actual central expenditure	52,313,432		52,313,432
J	Less: Actual ISB deployed to schools		42,931,915	42,931,915
K	Plus: Local authority contribution for 2022/23	0	0	0
L	In-year carry-forward to 2023/24	-1,393,227	0	-1,393,227
М	Plus: Carry-forward to 2023/24 agreed in advance			0
N	Carry-forward to 2023/24			0
0	DSG unusable reserve at the end of 2021/22			-3,034,108
Р	Addition to DSG unusable reserve at the end of 2022/23			-1,393,227
Q	Total of DSG unusable reserve at the end of 2022/23			-4,427,335
R	Net DSG position at the end of 2022/23			-4,427,335

3. Dedicated Schools Grant 2023/24

3.1 Appendix B provides a summary of the 2023/24 DSG Allocation position. Note the Schools Forum approved the transfer of 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block of £1,012,590. Below is a summary of the 2023/24 DSG Allocations after the transfer:

	2023/24 DSG Allocation £
Schools Block	42,684,426
Central Services Block	1,407,262
Early Years Block	20,567,499
High Needs Block (HNB)	33,393,088
TOTAL DSG	98,052,275

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Schools Forum is recommended to:
 - i. Note the contents of the report.
 - ii. Approve the carry forward of the deficit sum of £4,427,335.
 - iii. Agree to receive regular updates on the 2023/24 projected outturn position and how to mitigate the deficit brought forward.

If you have any queries in relation to the above report, please contact steve.renwick@togetherforchildren.org.uk

2022/23 DSG Funding	g FINAL OUTTURN				APPENDIX A		
	Schools Block	Central School Services Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Total 2022/23 BUDGET £		
Funding Settlement 2022/23 (includes Pay & Pensions)	191,962,296	1,352,553		19,529,381			
Rates Deduction	(1,845,714)		0		(1,845,714)		
Central Teachers & AP provision Pay/Pension Grant NEW 21/22			181,759		181,759		
Additional HNB Allocation NEW Supplementary fuding 22/23			1,478,492		1,478,492		
Less import/Export adj for High Needs block			(618,000)		(618,000)		
Free Special Schools funding	400 446 500	4 252 552	746,000	0			
Total DSG (Before High Need Deductions)	190,116,582	1,352,553	(9,414,193)	19,529,381			
Less Academy Recoupment high Needs places Early Years Adjustment 22/23			(9,414,193)	(189,032)	(9,414,193) (189,032)		
Lany Tears Adjustment 22/25	190,116,582	1,352,553	28 598 077	19,340,349			
Transfer from Schools Block to High Needs block	(950,582)	1,332,333	950,582	13,340,343	233,407,301		
Total Adjusted DSG (Before Academy Recoupment)	189,166,000	1,352,553		19,340,349			
Academy Recoupment estimate from JAH	(145,269,658)				(145,269,658)		
Total DSG & YPLA After Schools recoupment	43,896,342	1,352,553	29,548,659	19,340,349	94,137,903		
	44,846,924	1,352,553	28,598,077	19,340,349	44,937,919		
					-49,152,959		
						Projected	(Over)/
Local Authority						Spend	Underspend
Schools Block Breakdown							
Maintained Schools Budgets - Primary	41,301,027				41,301,027	41,301,027	(
Maintained Schools Budgets - Secondary	1,630,888				1,630,888	1,630,888	(
NEW De delegation Union Facility	17,708				17,708	17,708	450.04
Academy Recoupment Rates Saving	158,624	F02 000			158,624	(419)	159,04
ESG Transfer into DSG - Retained functions Admissions		583,000 168,000			583,000 168,000	583,000 139,566	28,434
Termination Of Employment Costs		125,440			125,440	139,300	
Growth Fund	788,095	123,440			788,095	439,119	348,976
Copyright Licencing	700,033	212,162			212,162	212,162	340,570
Total DSG - Local Authority	43,896,342	1,088,602	0	0		44,323,051	661,893
To each or fee Children							
Together for Children CSSB Retained including Schools Forum & NMIS Fees No EHCP		202,375			202,375	304,719	(102,344
SACRE		13,000			13,000	13,000	
Teachers Pensions Grant-Retained Teachers		48,576			48,576	48,576	
Commissioned Places - Special		.,	2,942,088		2,942,088	3,152,808	
Commissioned Places - Link School & Alternative Provisions			2,170,281		2,170,281	2,345,860	(175,579
Commissioned Places - Resource Provisions			336,142		336,142	367,929	(31,787
Teachers Pay & Pensions Grant £660 per place			745,459		745,459	745,459	(
Top Ups			12,660,445		12,660,445	13,483,782	(823,337
Top Ups - Post 16			1,270,000		1,270,000	1,584,455	(314,455
Virtual School			359,993		359,993	321,655	38,338
Residential - Non Maintained Independent			6,085,783		6,085,783	6,859,950	(774,167
Retained HNB			2,978,468		2,978,468	2,837,931	140,537
3&4 Year old				9,606,680		9,301,680	305,000
Additional hours 3 & 4 year olds				4,508,946		4,508,946	36.86
Pupil Premium Additional Nursery funding				375,130 599,629		338,264 599,629	36,866
Retained by LA 5%				770,000		645,931	124,069
2 year olds				2,805,564		2,769,378	36,186
SEN inclusion				500,000		614,931	(114,931
Disability allow				174,400		77,415	96,985
Total High Needs Block	0	263,951	29,548,659	19,340,349		50,922,296	
Total Adjusted DSG	42 OOC 242	1 353 553	20 549 650	19,340,349	04 127 002	OE 245 240	(1,107,445
Total Adjusted DSG	43,896,342	1,352,553	29,348,059	19,540,349		95,245,348	
					Early Years Accrual 2	:2/23 Pupil adj tturn 2022/23	
					DSG Reserve Balance		
							13.034.108
					arly Years Pupil Numb		(45,359

2023/24 DSG Fund	ding as at May 2023	<u> </u>			APPENDIX B
	Schools Block	Central School Services Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	BUDGET
	£		£	£	£
Funding Settlement 2023/24 (includes Pay & Pensions)	204,273,125	1,407,262		20,567,499	266,733,209
Rates Deduction	(1,754,563)		0		(1,754,563
Central Teachers & AP provision Pay/Pension Grant			181,759		181,759
Additional HNB Funding NEW 23/24			1,843,253		1,843,253
Less import/Export adj for High Needs block			(618,000)		(618,000)
Free Special Schools funding Tatal DSC (Refere High Mend Reductions)	202 510 562	1 407 262	746,000		.,
Total DSG (Before High Need Deductions) Less Academy Recoupment high Needs places	202,518,562	1,407,262	(10,257,836)	20,567,499	
Early Years Adjustment 23/24			(10,257,650)		(10,257,836
Larry Tears Aujustinent 23/24	202,518,562	1,407,262	22 290 400	20,567,499	
Transfer from Schools Block to High Needs block	(1,012,590)	1,407,202	1,012,589		(1
Total Adjusted DSG (Before Academy Recoupment)	201,505,972	1,407,262		20,567,499	
Academy Recoupment	(158,821,546)		33,393,000	20,307,433	(158,821,546
Total DSG & YPLA After Schools recoupment	42,684,426	1,407,262	33 393 088	20,567,499	98,052,275
Total B3G & Tr LA Arter Schools recouplinent	43,697,015.66		32,380,499		38,032,273
Local Authority					
Schools Block Breakdown					
Maintained Schools Budgets - Primary	41,551,727				41,551,727
Maintained Schools Budgets - Secondary					(
NEW De delegation Union Facility	23,425				23,425
Academy Recoupment Rates Saving	118,054				118,054
ESG Transfer into DSG - Retained functions		583,000			583,000
Admissions		168,000			168,000
Termination Of Employment Costs		100,352			100,352
Growth Fund	991,220				991,220
Copyright Licencing		236,354			236,354
Total DSG - Local Authority	42,684,426	1,087,706	0	0	43,772,132
Together for Children					
CSSB Retained including Schools Forum & NMIS Fees No EHCP		257,980			257,980
SACRE		13,000			13,000
Teachers Pensions Grant-Retained Teachers		48,576			48,576
Commissioned Places - Special			4,394,696		4,394,696
Commissioned Places - Link School & Alternative Provisions			2,740,476		2,740,476
Commissioned Places - Resource Provisions			104,000		104,000
Teachers Pay & Pensions Grant £660 per place			854,700		854,700
Top Ups			14,788,114		14,788,114
Top Ups - Post 16			1,600,000		1,600,000
Virtual School			355,163		355,163
Residential - Non Maintained Independent			5,502,102		5,502,102
Retained HNB			3,053,837		3,053,837
3&4 Year old				10,287,221	10,287,221
Additional hours 3 & 4 year olds				4,508,946	
Pupil Premium	-			387,634	
Additional Nursery funding	-			1,156,644	
Retained by LA 5%	-			700,000	
2 year olds				2,835,786	
SEN inclusion				500,000	
Disability allow Total High Needs Block	0	319,556	33,393,087	191,268 20,567,499	191,268 54,280,14 3
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Total Adjusted DSG	42,684,426	1,407,262	33,393,087	20,567,499	98,052,275