

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
19th January 2021

Directorate of Children, Learning and Skills

Dedicated Schools Grant and Schools Budget Settlement 2021-22

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Schools' Forum of the DSG settlement issued by the DfE and also to provide Forum with the indicative school budgets for 2021-22 using the criteria previously agreed with both the 5-16 task group and schools Forum

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Schools' Forum;
Note the initial settlement for 2021-22
Note the schools indicative budgets and comparisons for 2021-22

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To comply with regulation and to furnish Schools Forum with the relevant information regarding schools funding.

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The DfE published the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) settlement for 2021-22 on 17 December 2020. The DSG is divided into 4 blocks. The breakdown of the allocation into each of the four blocks; Schools Block (SB), Central Schools Services Block (CSSB), Early Years Block (EYB) and the High Needs Block (HNB) is shown in **Table 2**.

5 SETTLEMENT 2021-22

- 5.1 The Primary Unit of Funding (PUF) and the Secondary Unit of Funding (SUF) unit values were increased by 6.56% and 7.19% respectively against the 2020-21 unit values.
- 5.2 The Teachers Pay and Pensions grant has been included within the overall Schools Block settlement for 2021-22. This will account for part of the increase in the PUF and SUF unit values. **Table 1** below shows the high level changes.
- 5.3 The indicative school budget allocations along with the comparison to the agreed model from the schools consultation is shown in **Appendix 1**

Table 1		Schools Block Funding												
Final Settlement 2020-21				Final Settlement 2021.22				Variance		Unit Rate	funding rates % increase	Pupil Nos	Funding Variance 2020-21 to 2021-22	TOTAL
		Final Pupil Nos	Final Funding			Final Pupil Nos	Final Funding							
PUF	£4,215.78	16,768	£70,690,199	PUF	£4,492.16	16,609	£74,608,039	PUF	£276.38	6.56%	-160	-£716,500		
SUF	£5,706.43	11,173	£63,755,089	SUF	£6,116.68	11,663	£71,338,839	SUF	£410.25	7.19%	491	£3,000,232		
		27,218	£134,445,288			28,272	£145,946,878						£2,283,732	£2,283,732
Premises			£2,667,922	Premises			£2,471,365	Premises					-£196,557	
Growth			£1,871,785	Growth			£1,284,445	Growth					-£587,340	
			£4,539,707				£3,755,810						-£783,897	-£783,897
TOTAL SETTLEMENT			£138,984,995	TOTAL SETTLEMENT			£149,702,688	TOTAL INCREASE/DECREASE over 2020-21 *					£1,499,835	

* Total doesn't take account of all the pupils just the variance

Table 2 DSG Allocation 2021-22

Application of 2021/22 DSG	DfE		
	Total £	Deductions £	Net £
Schools Block			
Schools Budget Share	145,946,879		145,946,879
Growth	1,284,445		1,284,445
Premises	2,471,365		2,471,365
Total	149,702,689	0	149,702,689
Transfer to CSSB	100,000		100,000
Adjusted Grand Total SB	149,602,689	0	149,602,689
Central School Services Block			
Historic Commitments	49,920		49,920
Ongoing functions	657,878		657,878
Total	707,798	0	707,798
Transfer from SB	100,000		100,000
Transfer from HNB	207,172		207,172
Adjusted Grand Total CSSB	1,014,970	0	1,014,970
High Needs Block	28,264,986		28,264,986
DfE Direct funded places		-7,562,000	-7,562,000
Total	28,264,986	-7,562,000	20,702,986
Transfer to CSSB	207,172		207,172
Adjusted Grand Total HNB	28,057,814	-7,562,000	20,495,814
Early Years Block			
Early years budget Share 3 & 4 Yr olds (universal £10,373,527 and Additional £2,711,044)	13,084,571		13,084,571
MNS	722,350		722,350
DAF	51,045		51,045
2 YO (incl. central £0.82)	1,285,267		1,285,267
EYPP	86,652		86,652
Total	15,229,885		15,229,885
Total DSG	193,905,358		186,343,358

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 N/A

7 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

7.1 Not applicable

8 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

8.1 Monitoring Officer

The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of this report.

8.2 Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Finance and Resources
The financial implications of the report are outlined in the supporting information.

8.3 Access Implications
There are no access implications.

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 N/A

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