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## North Lincolnshire Council

<b>AGENDA</b>	
Meeting:	Schools Forum
Meeting Date:	19 January 2023
Venue:	Virtual via Microsoft Teams
Time:	2.00 pm

<b>NO.</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>PAPERS</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
1.	Welcome/Introductions/Apologies	Chair		
2.	Remit of Schools Forum Members	Chair		
3.	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests (if any)	Chair		
4.	Minutes and Actions from last meeting for approval	Chair	Attached	For agreement
5.	Membership Update	Secretary	Oral update	For information
6.	Dedicated Schools Grant 2023/2024	Tracy Elliott	Attached	For agreement/discussion
7.	Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant 2023/2024	Nicola Raines	Attached	For discussion
8.	Schools Funding Formula 2023/2024	Rosie Maughan	Attached	For agreement/discussion
9.	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) High Needs Funding 2023/2024	Julie Frost	Attached	For information
10.	Central Services to Schools	Jemima Flintoff	Attached	For discussion/agreement

### FOR INFORMATION

#### Proposed date of the next meeting(s) (all Thursday at 2pm)

- 23 March 2023
- 15 June 2023

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## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

### SCHOOLS FORUM

6 October 2022

**PRESENT:** - B Lawrance (Chairman)

#### **School Representatives**

Mr B Lawrance, Mrs A Cvijetic, Mrs R Stephenson, Mrs M Potterton and Mrs D Senior

#### **Academy Representatives**

Mr D Keogh, Mr P Raspin, Ms Z Birchall and Mr D Flowitt

#### **PVI Representatives**

Mrs C Williams

#### **Non Schools Representatives**

Dr H Beverley and Ms R Abbott

#### **Elected Representatives**

Cllr J Reed

#### **Local Authority Officers**

Ms T Elliott, Mrs R Maughan, Mrs W Holmes, Ms J Frost and Mrs A Dawson (Secretary)

The meeting was held at the Church Square House, Scunthorpe.

#### 975 **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Mr L Riley, Mr R Biglands, Mr M Adnitt, Mrs A Nuttall, Mr A Sutherland, Mrs P Whittaker, Mrs J Flintoff and Mr D Chaplin.

#### 976 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (IF ANY)**

There were no declarations of Disposable Pecuniary Interests and Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

#### 977 **MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING FOR APPROVAL**

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 7 July 2022, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded, and be signed by the Chair.

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**978 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

The Secretary advised that the position of Primary Academy representative was still vacant, however the North Lincolnshire Association of Governing Bodies was attempting to find suitable candidate.

Mr M Adnitt, representing Secondary Academies, had recently resigned his position, therefore a new representative would be required.

**Resolved** – That Mr B Lawrance asks the Chair of the Secondary Heads group to send information to headteachers/principals to look for a volunteer to fill the vacancy.

**979 DE-DELEGATION OF BUDGETS 2023/24**

Ms T Elliott presented the report.

As part of the Department for Education's School Funding Reforms introduced from April 2013, local authorities were directed to delegate specific budgets to schools and academies.

Funding for de-delegated services must be allocated through the formula but could be passed back, or de-delegated, for maintained mainstream primary and secondary schools with Schools Forum approval.

De-delegation did not apply to special schools, or pupil referral units (PRUs). However, those schools and academies would have the option to buyback these services at a cost based on the same amount per pupil as for maintained primary and secondary schools.

School Forum members for primary and secondary maintained schools must decide separately for each phase whether each service should be provided centrally. The decision would apply to all maintained mainstream schools in that phase.

Fixed contributions must be decided on for the services so that funding could then be removed through the formula before school budgets were issued.

The report set out details of services that could be de-delegated and those de-delegated in North Lincolnshire.

**Resolved** – (a) That the proposal to de-delegate budgets as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be agreed by members representing the primary maintained schools phase, and (b) that the proposal to de-delegate budgets as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be agreed by members representing the secondary maintained schools phase.

**980 SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA 2023/24**

Mrs R Maughan presented the report.

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On 19 July 2022, the Department for Education (DfE) published provisional National Funding Formula (NFF) allocations at local authority level for schools, high needs and central services funding blocks for 2023/24.

The 2023-24 funding allocation was the second year of the government's three year funding settlement as announced at the spending review in 2021 and was the first year of transition to direct schools NFF.

Councils were now being directed to bring their local formulae closer to the NFF. The Forum had supported the North Lincolnshire funding formula being close to the NFF for several years and it now matched where appropriate with some flexibility remaining over the sparsity factor methodology. The table at Appendix 1 to the report showed the allowable factor value ranges which local formulae could use.

The report set out key changes in 2023-34.

A discussion ensued on the impact of rising costs for schools including the pay award and rising energy costs. It was agreed that it was important for the council to be aware of the impact on schools both now and going forward, so that the situation could be fed back to the DfE.

**Resolved** – (a) That the application of the MFG at the 0.5% which was the maximum permission level it could be afforded; including the use of DSG earmarked reserve if required, be endorsed; (b) that Option 2, as set out in paragraph 3 of the report, be agreed; (c) that the continuation of the exceptional premises factor for listed buildings be agreed; (d) that final proposals for schools funding be submitted to the meeting in January 2023 on receipt of the final funding allocations in December 2022, and (e) that Headteachers feedback to Mrs R Maughan on the impact of rising costs, via the primary and secondary heads consortiums.

### **981 HIGH NEEDS UPDATE**

Ms J Frost and Mrs W Holmes presented the report.

The report provided an update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) High Needs outturn figures for 2021/22.

There were 1,149 children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) maintained by North Lincolnshire in January 2022. This was an increase from the previous year, however it was a more stable rise than seen nationally and evidenced a positive impact of the council's SEND and Inclusion strategy. Requests for assessments had continued to rise steadily, in line with the national picture.

Independent provision placements had increased slightly from 10.2% in 2017/18 to 12% in 2020/21. Whilst placement out of area had reduced significantly, some children and young people did attend provision in a neighbouring authority. The greater proportion of children and young people

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attending an independent provision out of area had a primary need of social, emotional and mental health.

Inclusion budget areas had largely finalised as near full spend. There had been some savings in the last year, however this was due to changes in alternative provision.

SEND capital projects in secondary were nearing completion. In the primary sector, a potential site had been identified for a primary hub and was currently subject to a feasibility study and possible planning. Due to its potential size, the hub would possibly provide support for all primary schools.

An expression of interest had been submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) in support of an SEMH special free school. Discussions continued to consider a request for an AP free school for SEMH with interested trusts. The expression of interest had now opened by the DfE.

**Resolved** – (a) That the developments to EHC planning and review and the recommendations for next steps, as set out in the report, be supported; (b) that local inclusion opportunities (SEND Capital Funding), so there would be continued opportunity for school to bid for support, in particular within the primary phase, be further developed; (c) that the consideration for an AP SEMH free school bid be supported, and (d) that the Special Free School Expression of Interest be supported.

## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

### SCHOOLS FORUM

#### Dedicated Schools Grant 2023/24

#### 1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 the EFA published the 2023-24 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Allocations.
- 1.2 The allocation for North Lincolnshire is £167.638m after deductions for national non-domestic rates (NNDR) and the direct funding of high needs places by the ESFA.
- 1.3 This report provides information on the planned use of the DSG for 2023/24.
- 1.4 An additional grant for schools was announced following the Autumn 2022 Statement along with additional funding for high needs to be used to increase both place and top up funding for special schools, academies and free schools.

#### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The DSG allocations are presented in four blocks. Each block is determined by a separate national funding formula:

<b>DSG Allocations after recoupment and deductions for NNDR and direct funding of High Needs Place by ESFA</b>	<b>2023/24 £m</b>	<b>2022/23 £m</b>	<b>Variance £m</b>
Schools Block	129.981	124.901	+5.080
Central Services Schools Block (CSSB)	1.029	1.059	-0.030
Early Years Block (provisional)	9.892	9.168	+0.724
High Needs Block (provisional)	25.612	23.774	+2.864
<b>Total DSG</b>	<b>166.514</b>	<b>158.902</b>	<b>+8.698</b>
Increase to High Needs Funding	1.124	0.914	+0.21
	<b>167.638</b>	<b>159.816</b>	<b>4.837</b>

- 2.2 The **Schools Block** has been set at cash rate per pupil of £4,932.43 for primary schools and a cash rate per pupil of £6,314.72 for secondary schools, plus block amounts of £1.698m for premises and £0.503m for growth.
- 2.3 Schools Block funding is ring fenced. However, Local Authorities have flexibility to transfer up to 0.5% of their schools block funding to another DSG block, with the approval of the schools forum.
- 2.4 The **CSSB Block** enables LA's to carry out its statutory functions for all schools and comprises two distinct elements: ongoing responsibilities and historic commitments.
- **Ongoing Responsibilities £879,828** – Funding for local authorities to deliver their ongoing responsibilities for which they have a statutory duty for all pupils in maintained schools and academies. North Lincolnshire receives funding for ongoing responsibilities at a rate of £37.63 per pupil.
  - **Historic Commitments £149,504** – From 2020/21 the DfE began to reduce the element of funding within the CSSB that LAs receive for historic commitments. Allocations have once again been reduced by 20%. Local authorities are not able to increase spending on historic commitments, but can with the approval of the schools forum, maintain spending in this area using other funding sources if they wish to.
- 2.5 The **Early Years Block**, introduced in 2017 sets hourly funding rates that each local authority is paid to deliver the universal and additional entitlements for 3 and 4-year-olds. There is a separate formula that sets the hourly funding rate for 2-year-olds.
- 2.6 The local authority must pass through the early years formula, 95% of its 3 and 4-year-old funding. 5% can be retained for central services or for movement out of the early years block to another block. Schools forum approval is required for central early years block provision.
- 2.7 There is no regulatory requirement to pass through a set amount of the governments funding to providers for the delivery of the 2-year-old entitlements.
- 2.8 All early years allocations are indicative and are calculated based on the number of part-time equivalents (PTEs) taking up the entitlement as recorded on the January 2022 schools, early years and alternative provision censuses multiplied by 15 hours x 38 weeks x local authority's funding rate.
- 2.9 The ESFA will update initial allocations in:
- July 2023 based on the January 2023 PTE census numbers
  - July 2024 based on 5/12ths of the January 2023 PTE census numbers (to cover April 2023 to August 2023) and 7/12ths of the January 2024 PTE census numbers (to cover the September 2023 to March 2024)



- 2.10 The **High Needs Block** is a single block for local authorities to spend on provision for pupils aged 0 to 24, with high needs.
- 2.11 The block includes funding for pre-16 and post-16 places in:
- special units and resourced provision in maintained mainstream schools, mainstream academies and free schools,
  - maintained special schools, academies and free schools,
  - Pupil Referral Units,
  - Non-maintained special schools
  - Alternative provision
  - Further education colleges, independent learning providers and special post 16 institutions
- 2.12 It also includes top up funding for pupils and students occupying places in the provider types listed above and all funding for children and young people placed in independent schools and hospital education plus funding for central high needs services.
- 2.13 National increases to high needs funding following the autumn statement 2022 means that local authorities have received a further increase in funding for 2023/24. For North Lincolnshire the overall increase (per head of 2-18 population) equates to 11.1%.
- 2.14 The additional high needs allocation (£1.124m) is in recognition of the additional costs that local authorities and schools will face in the coming year and must be used to allocate additional funding to maintained special schools, academies, free schools, PRU's and other Alternative Provision settings by increasing both place and top up funding by 3.4%.
- 2.15 Local authorities decide how much to set aside in their high needs budget for place and top-up funding given to institutions, central high needs services (which may be devolved to schools or other institutions and funded through a service level agreement) and other aspects of provision related to SEND and AP as permitted by the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations.
- 2.16 The 2022 to 2023 import/export adjustment data published in July 2022 has been used for the provisional 2023 to 2024 deduction (£570k), and this will be updated in June 2023 with the January 2023 Census data and the February 2023 ILR data.
- 2.17 Under the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations local authorities must make their initial determination of their 2023-24 schools budget by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The DSG has been set in accordance with the School Funding Arrangements 2023-24.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 The following options are the responsibility of the Schools Forum:

- Central spend on Early Years Provision £393k
- Historic Commitments (Combined Budgets) £150k
- Admissions. £118k
- Servicing of the Schools Forum. £21k
- Contributions to responsibilities that local authorities hold for all schools (retained duties) £495k

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Central spend on Early Years Provision. The maximum central spend allocation for early years is 5% of the universal plus extended hours 3 and 4 year-old allocation. The proposed central spend budget amounts to 4.71%.

4.2 Historic Commitment funding has been reduced in line with the ongoing reductions to funding.

4.3 Ongoing responsibility budgets, including admissions, servicing of schools forum and retained duties have been increased for inflation and pay awards where appropriate.

### **5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The schools forum must be consulted on the school funding formula, arrangements for early year's provision, arrangements for pupils with special needs, arrangements for use of pupil referral units and the education of children otherwise than at school. There are separate reports providing further information on the school funding formula, early years and high needs funding.

5.2 No approval is required for the high needs block provision or central copyright licences negotiated nationally by the Secretary of State.

5.3 It is the responsibility of the Local Authorities Chief Financial Officer to ensure that DSG grant monies are spent in accordance with the DSG Conditions of Grant and the Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations.

### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That schools forum approve the centrally retained schools budget as detailed in appendix 1:

- Central spend on the early years block provision.
- Historic Commitments (Combined Budgets)

- School Admissions
- Servicing of Schools Forum
- Contribution to the responsibilities that local authorities hold for all schools.

## STRATEGIC LEAD FINANCE

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Scunthorpe  
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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –**  
Schools Revenue Funding 2023 to 2024 Operational Guide  
The National Funding Formulae for Schools and High Needs 2023-2024

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	DSG BLOCK	Total DSG Allocation 2023/24
<b>INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS BUDGET (ISB)</b>		
Mainstream Primary & Secondary Schools	SB	132,294,394
ESFA Recoupment for central funding of NNDR	SB	-1,649,840
Forecast Special Schools Place Led Funding	HN	4,009,853
<b>TOTAL ISB</b>		<b>134,654,407</b>

**HIGH NEEDS BUDGET**

Top Up Funding	Top Up Funding for Maintained Schools	5,088,000		
	Top Up Funding for Academies	1,214,000		
	Top Up Funding for Independant Schools	8,454,000		
	Top Up Funding Colleges	688,000		
			HN	15,444,000
Other AP provision	Tuition and Medical Needs	247,000		
	Alternative Provision	1,217,000		
			HN	1,464,000
SEN support services	Special Needs General	550,000		
	Autism	477,000		
	Portage	226,000		
	SEND Education Inclusion	211,000		
	EISS	109,000		
	SEN Careers & Progression	25,000		
	Hearing Support Service	448,000		
	Visually Impaired Service	511,000		
	Physically Impaired Service	148,000		
	Speech & Language Therapy	206,000		
	Educational Wellbeing	398,000		
	Education Inclusion Team	836,000		
	KS2 Provision	495,000		
	Preschool SEND (SENIF)	275,000		
			HN	4,915,000

<b>TOTAL HIGH NEEDS BUDGET</b>				<b>21,823,000</b>
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**EARLY YEARS BUDGET**

Central expenditure on children under 5	3 & 4 yr old funding		EY	7,954,604
	Pupil Premium		EY	205,686
	Disability Access		EY	62,100
	Child Ptosp: SEN & Inclusion	55,000		
	Sufficiency Team	114,000		
	Best Start Early Years Support	143,000		
	Family Support	81,000		
			EY	393,000

**TWO YEAR OLD FUNDING**

				1,276,837
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<b>TOTAL EARLY YEARS BUDGET</b>				<b>9,892,227</b>
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**CENTRAL PROVISION WITHIN SCHOOLS BUDGET (CSSB)**

Historic Commitments (Contributions to combined budgets)			CB	150,000
School admissions			CB	118,000
Servicing of schools forums			CB	21,000
National copyright licence charge			CB	153,000
ESG Retained Duties				
Statutory & Regulatory Duties	198,000			
Education Welfare	96,800			
Asset Management	200,200			
			CB	495,000
Growth Fund			SB	100,000
Falling Rolls Fund			SB	50,000
SEN Transport				61,000

<b>TOTAL CSSB</b>				<b>1,148,000</b>
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**TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET**

				<b>167,517,634</b>
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**DSG FUNDING**

Schools Block after deductions				129,981,019
Central Block				1,029,332
High Needs Block (provisional)				25,611,127
Early Years Block (provisional)				9,892,227
<b>Final DSG Allocation</b>				<b>166,513,705</b>
Additional funding fo High Needs Following Autumn Statement				1,124,242
				<b>167,637,947</b>

**Additional Information:**

Funding Block Analysis	Allocation	Budget	EMR changes
Schools Block before recoupment and deductions for NNDR	131,630,859	132,444,394	813,535
NNDR	1,649,840	1,649,840	0
Schools Block after deductions for NNDR	129,981,019	130,794,554	813,535
Central Block (CSSB)	1,029,332	998,000	-31,332
High Needs Block after recoupment for AP places and FE and ILP provider	26,735,369	25,832,853	-902,516
2 year old Funding	1,276,837	1,276,837	0
Universal plus extended hours 3 % 4 year old funding	8,347,604	8,347,604	0
Early Years Pupil Premium	205,686	205,686	0
Early Years Disability Access Fund	62,100	62,100	0
	<b>167,637,947</b>	<b>167,517,634</b>	<b>-120,313</b>

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## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

### SCHOOLS FORUM

#### EARLY YEARS – DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT

##### 1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This report proposes the base rate and supplements of the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) for the year 2023/24 for two, three and four-year old early education funding from the early years block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (EYDSG). The paper is for consultation as the final decision lies with the council.

##### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Early Years funding is participation based. Funding allocations are currently provisional for 2023/24. Allocations are determined by three census counts (January 2022, 2023, and 2024) final allocations are published July 2024.
- 2.2 Funding allocations have increased for the 2023/24 financial year with an additional 6 pence and 18 pence per hour per child on the hourly rate for two-year olds (£5.63) and three and four-year olds (£4.87) respectively. Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and Disability Access Funding (DAF) have both increased (2p) to 62p per hour per child and (£28) £828 per annum respectively.
- 2.3 Two-year olds are eligible for a maximum of 15 hours funded early learning and care where their family circumstances mean that they are eligible for free school meals (FSM), where the family is in receipt of Universal Credit/Tax Credits with an income of approximately £16,000, or where the child is in or has left the care of a local authority; is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or the child has an Education, Health and Care Plan. Approximately 530 children are eligible each term in North Lincolnshire.
- 2.4 All three and four-year olds are entitled to a maximum of 15 hours funded early education in the maintained, private, or voluntary sector for 38

weeks of the year. Children with parents in employment may also be eligible for an additional 15 funded hours, if they are both employed. Approximately 44 per cent of funded children take-up the additional funded hours in North Lincolnshire. Provider payments are determined using the Early Years Single Funding formula (EYSFF), comprised of a base rate and supplements. EYPP and DAF are ring fenced funding supplements for children that meet eligibility criteria.

### 3. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

#### 3.1 Funding allocations

The provisional funding allocations for the 2023/24 financial year are:

	Funding Allocation (£)	Part-time Equivalent Number (pte) of children
2-year old funding (£5.63 per hour per child)	1,276,837	397.88
Universal Hours 3 & 4-year old funding (£4.87 per hour per child)	5,930,183	2136.31
Extended Hours 3 & 4-year old funding (£4.87 per hour per child)	2,417,421	870.86
Early Years Pupil Premium (62p per hour per child)	205,686	583.12
Disability Access Funding (£828 per annum lump sum)	48,057	58.04
<b>Total EYDSG</b>	<b>9,878,184</b>	<b>-</b>

The council are required to pass-through a minimum of 95% of EYDSG to providers of funded early education. The council retain £393,000 towards early years related support services; this complies with the requirement to pass through at least 95% of the 3&4 year old funding to early years settings.

Members should consider the proposed funding formula for the 2023/24 financial year for two, three and four-year olds.

#### 3.2 Sector consultation

The Department for Education consulted on differences to the funding formula for 2023/24, the sector was encouraged to respond to the consultation. Key changes as a result of the consultation are:

- To revert back to using the national funding formula to determine funding allocations for 2, 3 & 4 year olds by updating the formula factors with the most up to date data available, for example pupil characteristics, English as an additional language and entitlement



to Disability Living Allowance. As well as area cost adjustments, for example premises costs. Premises costs have been introduced for the first time in the calculation for 2 year olds.

- To include the early years teachers' pay grant and teachers' pension employer contribution funding (TPPG, £137,000) to the universal hours' entitlement within the formula funding, a proportion of which is set aside to pay for the minimum funding floor.
- An increased funding floor to £4.87 and a minimum of a 1% increase on the funding formula. Average national rate £5.29.

The response to the consultation, funding rates and operational guidance were published on 16 December 2022.

Modelled options are presented in the report, these have been shared with the sector, collated responses will be shared at the meeting.

### 3.3 Two-year old funding

The funding payable for two-year old early education provision is £5.63 per hour per child, with a funding allocation of £1,276,837. A higher rate of funding recognises the additional costs of working at a 1:4 staff to child ratio and that the children are from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, which may mean that they require a higher level of support to narrow the achievement gap. There is a 100 per cent pass-through for two-year old funding. The numbers of eligible children are directly related to the local economic position and are subject to change but averages 500 children per term.

Funding projections using pte numbers of children from the calendar year 2022 are illustrated below.

Projected numbers of two-year olds	Estimated budget required (£)
Summer 2022 (pte numbers – 415 children)	420,914
Autumn 2022 (pte number – 416 children)	491,745
Spring 2023 (pte numbers – 406 children)	411,189
Total Expenditure	1,323,848

Projections demonstrate an overspend of £47,011, however funding allocations are adjusted to take-up by the Education and Skills Funding Agency and the actual number of children will differ to the illustrated take-up during 2022.

### 3.4 Three and four-year old funding

The EYDSG provisional allocation for three and four-year olds after the centrally retained deduction is £5,650,944 for the universal funded hours and £2,303,610 for the extended 15 hours for three and four-year olds.

The actual funding allocation for 2023/24 will be determined based on future census counts of children's participation.

The EYSFF must include a deprivation supplement, other supplements can be tailored to the local childcare market. Supplements must be no more than 12 per cent of the total value of planned funding to be passed through to providers. Local Authorities are encouraged to use a quality supplement to distribute a proportion of the additional funding they will receive in the teachers' pay and pension grants.

The current EYSFF for three and four-year olds is as follows:

- Base rate – £4.35 per hour per child. Hourly rate payable for universal and extended hours to all three and four-year olds.
- EYPP – 60p per hour per child. For children whose families meet the FSM criteria and/or for a child in care or having left care under an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. Payable for universal hours only.
- Deprivation Supplement – 5p per hour per child. Payable for universal hours only. The funding criteria will match that of EYPP.
- DAF - £800 per annum lump sum. For children with a disability in receipt of Disability Living Allowance, to support inclusion of children.
- Sufficiency Lump Sum - £7,000/£3,000. The council have a duty to ensure that there are sufficient childcare places to meet demand. For a provider to be eligible there must be no other 0-5-year old childcare provision within 1½ miles of the provider and they must not benefit from economies of scale.

To project funding and ensure affordability of any proposed funding formula scenarios have been modelled using pte numbers of children in the calendar year 2022. It should be noted the pte numbers of children in the projections are fractionally lower than those in the EYDSG funding allocation, as such with all scenarios there is a contingency (£300K). This ensures affordability of the formula and flexibility to fund an increasing number of children.

Members should consider the following options:

- Option 1 - Base rate increase  
Base rate - £4.58 per hour per child (23p increase)  
Deprivation funding - 8p per hour per child (3p increase)  
Sufficiency lump sum £4000 for 8 rural settings to recognise cost of living increases (£1000 increase)  
plus £7,000 to support peer to peer mentoring.  
**Total expenditure - £7,658,660**
- Option 2 – Quality supplement  
Base rate - £4.52 per hour per child (17p increase)  
Deprivation Funding – 5p per hour per child  
Quality Supplement - £2000 lump sum payable in the summer term based on employment of QTS or equivalent in setting

Sufficiency lump sum £4000 for 8 rural settings to recognise cost of living increases (£1000 increase)  
plus £5,000 to support peer to peer mentoring.

**Total expenditure - £7,665,167**

- Option 3 – No change to formula

**Total expenditure - £7,265,654 contingency of £408,228**

Minimum 95% pass through requirements not met.

The average difference in funding between option one and two is minimal at £614, with the lowest difference being £8.40 and the largest difference £3038, representing as an average 1% of the total funding for each setting. Any shortfall in funding will be met from early years earmarked reserves. Projections illustrate allocations for option 1, an increase to the base rate.

### Funding projections 2022/24 (based on the 2022 calendar year)

	Universal Hours			Extended Hours		EYPP (£)
	pte children	Funding (£)	Supplements (£)	pte children	Funding (£)	
Summer 2023	2,490	2,053,325	80,724	1,030	849,324	75,332
Autumn 2023	1,575	1,514,999	7,410	679	653,744	57,432
Spring 2024	2,137	1,761,764	8,165	878	724,201	63,289
Peer Leadership			7,000			
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,330,087</b>	<b>103,300</b>		<b>2,227,269</b>	<b>196,053</b>

### Estimated grant expenditure

	Universal (£) (inc. supplements)	Extended (£)	EYPP (£)
Total projected spend	5,433,390	2,227,269	196,053
DSG Funding Allocation	5,650,994	2,303,610	206,074
Contingency	217,604	76,341	10,201
Total Early Years DSG Contingency		293,945	10,201

### 3.5 Population projections

Population projections are presented for members for three terms of the financial year 2023/24. The latest population projections demonstrate a slight decrease in the number of eligible children, from 2022/23 for the universal funding. The projections are based on doctor registrations in each ward of North Lincolnshire; adjusted to reflect average take-up of funding. In relation to the extended hours, projections are based on the average take-up of extended hours in the last year.

Based on population projections for the initial funding allocation, there is potential for a reduction in the allocation at subsequent recalculations of funding for the year 2023/24.

### Population Projections

	Universal 15 Hours		Extended 15 Hours	
	Population	Funded Hours	Population	Funded Hours
Summer 2023	2,439	438,984	1,099	197,820
Autumn 2023	1,516	318,318	647	135,928
Spring 2024	2,033	365,944	885	159,232
Total – Pte Hours (estimated North Lincs)	1,970		864	
Dedicated Schools Grant – Pte Hours	2,136.31		870.86	

## 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The statutory guidance states that all Ofsted registered childcare is eligible to deliver funded early education places, including schools, academies, private and voluntary day nurseries and pre-schools, as well as childminders and after school clubs. Each provider is subject to an agreement that includes diversity and equality.
- 4.2 The Disability Access Fund supports accessibility for children with a disability at their chosen setting. An Early Years Inclusion Fund is also available for providers to apply for additional funds to support children with emerging SEND. Additional funding is also paid to named settings on a child's Education, Health and Care Plan (both funded from High Needs Block of Dedicated Schools Grant). Of the centrally retained funding from the early years block £180,000 supports SEN and inclusion of children in the sector.
- 4.3 The funding is participation based, as such providers receive funding based on registered children's hours each term. Supplements recognise and tailor the funding to the differentiated cost of delivery where applicable. Deprivation funding and the EYPP support providers to target cohorts of children to narrow the gap in educational achievement.
- 4.4 The newly introduced quality supplement will support providers with the additional costs of employing a qualified teacher or equivalent across all sectors with a lump sum payment, it is intended that this encourages employment of a QTS in the sector.

## 5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That members note the provisional funding allocation in relation to the Early Years Block of the DSG for 2023/24.

- 5.2 That members support the proposed rate of £5.63 per hour per child for all funded two-year olds.
- 5.3 That members support the proposed local supplements of the EYSFF – deprivation, sufficiency lump sum and quality.
- 5.3 That members support an increase in EYPP and DAF to nationally funded rates (62p per hour and £828 lump sum respectively).
- 5.4 That members support option 1, a base rate of £4.58 per hour per child, deprivation supplement of 8p per hour per child and an additional £1000 to the Sufficiency lump sum.

## EARLY YEARS MANAGER SUFFICIENCY AND QUALITY

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## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

### SCHOOLS FORUM

## SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA 2023-24

### 1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 Local Authorities are required to inform Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) by 20 January 2023 of their school funding formula details following consultation with all schools.

### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 On 16th December 2022 the ESFA published the 2023-24 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Allocations, based on October 2022 School Census data. The allocation for North Lincolnshire is £167.638m (£158.902m in 2022/23) after deductions for business rates and the direct funding of high needs places by ESFA.
- 2.2 The element of DSG available for the Individual Schools Budget (ISB), for all mainstream schools is £131.631m before deductions for the funding of National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR) directly by the ESFA.

	2023/24	2022/23
Schools Block (£m)	131.631	124.901
Deduction for NNDR (£m)	1.650	1.661
Schools Block after deduction for NNDR (£m)	129.981	123.240

- 2.3 The Operational guide sets out how individual school budget (ISB) shares can be calculated. To continue the introduction of the National Funding Formula (NFF) the Department for Education (DfE) have consulted and now direct that all local authorities move closer to the NFF so that resources are distributed based on the individual needs and characteristics of every school in the country.
- 2.4 North Lincolnshire Council's local formula now reflects the NFF for all factors, except for Sparsity Funding and the Exceptional Premises factor (listed buildings). The factor values have been increased on top of the amounts

added for rolling in the schools supplementary grant and are detailed in appendix 1.

- 2.5 This report sets out the final proposals for the North Lincolnshire schools funding formula.

### **3.1 OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.2 Local authorities have the freedom to set the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) between 0 and 0.5% and on 6th October 2022 Schools Forum endorsed the application of the MFG at the maximum level affordable including use of DSG earmarked reserves as appropriate.

- 3.3 The NFF Sparsity factor has been incorporated into the formula using the optional fixed rate of £56.3k for primary schools and £81.9k for secondary schools and the new optional distance taper.

- 3.4 At the meeting in October 2022 the Schools Forum agreed to continue use of an Exceptional Factor for Listed Building Premises costs.

- 3.5 The Schools Forum needs to consider the contribution towards the costs of Educational Functions from maintained schools.

## **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.2 The proposed funding formula provides the maximum MFG of 0.5%. Six schools will receive MFG protection costing £45k.

- 4.3 The allocation of fixed rate sparsity funding will cost £1.146m and the additional distance taper a further £44k.

- 4.4 The Exceptional Factor - Premises will cost £72k in 2023-24. Two schools qualify for funding.

- 4.7 As in previous years, the local authority is proposing to set a single rate for both primary and secondary pupils to contribute 50% towards the cost of providing statutory duties for Educational Functions that it carries out for maintained schools. The rate has been static for several years and from 2023-24 an increase of £0.39 per pupil to £8.19 is proposed; this represents an increase of 5%. This keeps maintained schools on an equivalent arrangement to that of academies. Appendix 2 gives further details of the duties covered by this funding.

## **5 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 A Growth Fund of £100,000 and a Falling Rolls Fund of £50,000 is expected to meet any requirements.

- 5.2 A full breakdown of the cost of each factor is shown on the pro forma – appendix 3.



- 5.3 At the October meeting the Schools Forum supported funding the Sparsity Factor at the fixed rate and this is affordable in 2023-24 by using DSG earmarked reserve. However, it should be noted that this is unlikely to be sustainable in the longer term and would not be the continued option under the NFF when this is introduced formally. Funding the Sparsity factor at NFF levels would reduce the impact on reserves by £264k for 2023-24.
- 4.5 The proposed funding formula for 2023/24 will cost £132.444m and would require a contribution of £0.814m from the DSG earmarked reserve.
- 4.6 The DSG reserve for the Schools Block as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was £1.343m.

## **6 OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 All schools have been consulted on the funding formula. Seven responses were received.
- 6.2 Local authorities were directed to set a Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) be between nil and +0.5%; the consultation asked whether the maximum affordable MFG should be used. Most respondents supported using the maximum affordable MFG.
- 6.3 Schools were consulted on the methodology for the Sparsity factor, whether to adopt the NFF (taper the funding according to year group size meeting the average minimum); whether to taper according to year group size; or whether to give a fixed value to this factor so all eligible schools receive the same amount (albeit differing for primary & secondary phase). One school supported the fixed value for funding, four schools preferred using the NFF, one school preferred the taper by year group size and one school gave no clear response.
- 6.4 The consultation also included the option to taper the distance criteria to allow schools slightly outside the minimum to benefit from some funding. This option was supported by four schools and not by the other three schools.
- 6.5 All schools were consulted on the Exceptional Factor – Premises allowing NLC to recognise the additional cost pressures faced by schools that have premises with grade II listed buildings status. Five of the seven respondents supported continuing use of this factor.
- 6.6 Schools were invited to make Other Comments – one respondent commented on the level of funding in relation to significant inflationary costs faced by schools and requested that the Council makes representation to the government for full funding to cover pay and inflation costs in the 2023-24 Funding Formula. The government announced on 16 December that in addition to the DSG they will pay a Maintained Schools Additional Grant with school-level allocations being published in spring 2023.

## **7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 Schools Forum endorse the distribution of the individual schools budget using the proposed funding formula.
- 7.4 Maintained schools representatives of the forum approve the contribution of £8.19 per pupil toward the costs of Education Functions that the LA provides on behalf of maintained schools.

#### STRATEGIC LEAD – FINANCE

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –**  
Schools Revenue Funding 2023-24: Operational Guide  
National Funding Formula for Schools and High Needs Policy Document 2023-24

<b>Funding Formula Factor Values</b>				
<b>Pupil-Led Factors</b>	<b>2022-23</b>		<b>2023-24</b>	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
AWPU - Primary	£3,217		£3,394	
AWPU - Secondary KS3		£4,536		£4,785
AWPU - Secondary KS4		£5,112		£5,393
Deprivation				
FSM	£470	£470	£480	£480
FSM Ever 6	£590	£865	£705	£1,030
IDACI Band F	£220	£320	£230	£335
IDACI Band E	£270	£425	£280	£445
IDACI Band D	£420	£595	£440	£620
IDACI Band C	£460	£650	£480	£680
IDACI Band B	£490	£700	£510	£730
IDACI Band A	£640	£890	£670	£930
English as an Additional Language	£565	£1,530	£580	£1,565
Mobility - children starting school outside of normal entry dates	£925	£1,330	£945	£1,360
Prior Attainment	£1,130	£1,710	£1,155	£1,750
<b>Other Factors</b>				
Lump Sum	£121,300	£121,300	£128,000	£128,000
Sparsity	Up to £55,000	Up to £80,000	£56,300	£81,900
<b>Minimum Per Pupil Funding Level (MPPL)</b>	£4,265	£5,525	£4,405	£5,715

2020 - 2021 Education Functions

<b>Ongoing functions and responsibilities the local authority holds for maintained schools</b>	
<b>General Duties grant ends 2017/18. Contribution proposed from DSG Maintained Schools</b>	<b>2023 - 2024 full year estimate (£):</b>
<b>Statutory and Regulatory duties:</b>	
<p><i>Functions of LA related to best value and provision of advice to governing bodies in procuring goods and services</i></p> <p><i>Budgeting and accounting functions relating to maintained schools</i></p> <p><i>Functions relating to the financing of maintained schools</i></p> <p><i>Authorisation and monitoring of expenditure in respect of schools which do not have delegated budgets, and related financial administration</i></p> <p><i>Monitoring of compliance with requirements in relation to the scheme for financing schools and the provision of community facilities by governing bodies</i></p> <p><i>Internal audit and other tasks related to the authority's chief finance officer's responsibilities under Section 151 of LGA 2002 for maintained schools</i></p> <p><i>Functions made under Section 44 of the 2002 Act (Consistent Financial Reporting)</i></p> <p><i>Investigations of employees or potential employees, with or without remuneration to work at or for schools under the direct management of the headteacher or governing body</i></p> <p><i>Functions related to local government pensions and administration of teachers' pensions in relation to staff working at maintained schools under the direct management of the headteacher or governing body</i></p> <p><i>Retrospective membership of pension schemes where it would not be appropriate to expect a school to meet the cost</i></p> <p><i>HR duties, including: advice to schools on the management of staff, pay alterations, conditions of service and composition/organisation of staff; determination of conditions of service for non-teaching staff; appointment or dismissal of employee functions</i></p> <p><i>Consultation costs relating to staffing</i></p> <p><i>Compliance with duties under Health and Safety at Work Act</i></p> <p><i>Investigation and resolution of complaints relating to maintained schools</i></p> <p><i>Provision of information to or at the request of the Crown relating to schools</i></p> <p><i>School companies</i></p> <p><i>Functions under the Equality Act 2010</i></p> <p><i>Establish and maintaining computer systems, including data storage</i></p> <p><i>Appointment of governors and payment of governor expenses</i></p>	25,000
<b>£25,000</b>	

<b>Education Welfare:</b>	
<i>Inspection of attendance registers</i>	0
	<b>£0</b>

<b>Asset management:</b>	
<i>General landlord duties for all maintained schools (Sch 1, 10a (section 542(2) Education Act 1996; School Premises Regulations 2012) to ensure that school buildings have:</i>	82,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>appropriate facilities for pupils and staff (including medical and accommodation)</i></li> <li>• <i>the ability to sustain appropriate loads</i></li> <li>• <i>reasonable weather resistance</i></li> <li>• <i>safe escape routes</i></li> <li>• <i>appropriate acoustic levels</i></li> <li>• <i>lighting, heating and ventilation which meets the required standards</i></li> <li>• <i>adequate water supplies and drainage</i></li> <li>• <i>playing fields of the appropriate standards</i></li> </ul>	
<i>General health and safety duty as an employer for employees and others who may be affected (Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974).</i>	2,000
<i>Management of the risk from asbestos in community school buildings (Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012).</i>	
	<b>£84,000</b>

<b>Central support services:</b>	
<i>Clothing grants</i>	18,000
<i>Provision of tuition in music, or on other music-related activities</i>	
<i>Visual, creative and performing arts )</i>	
<i>Outdoor education centres (but not centres mainly for the provision of organised games, swimming or athletics)</i>	14,000
	<b>£32,000</b>

<b>Premature retirement and redundancy:</b>	
<i>Dismissal or premature retirement when costs cannot be charged to maintained schools</i>	0
	<b>£0</b>

<b>Monitoring national curriculum assessment:</b>	
<i>Monitoring of National Curriculum assessments</i>	59,000
	<b>£59,000</b>

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Local Authority Funding Reform Proforma

LA Name:	North Lincolnshire
LA Number:	813

Primary minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS3 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS4 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary minimum per pupil funding level	Disapplication number where alternative MPFF values are used
£4,405.00	£5,503.00	£6,033.00	£5,715.00	

Pupil Led Factors

Description	Reception uplift	Pupil Units		Sub Total		Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)	
	No								
1) Basic Entitlement Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)					0.00				
Primary (Years R-6)	£3,394.00		13,179.00		£44,729,526	£95,998,373	33.91%		5.00%
Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£4,785.00		6,213.00		£29,729,205		22.54%		5.00%
Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£5,393.00		3,994.00		£21,539,642		16.33%		5.00%
Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
2) Deprivation						£13,881,933	10.52%		
FSM	£480.00	£480.00	3,711.00	2,814.00	£3,132,000			5.00%	5.00%
FSM6	£705.00	£1,030.00	3,831.00	3,118.00	£5,912,395			5.00%	5.00%
IDACI Band F	£230.00	£335.00	1,236.19	929.07	£595,562			5.00%	5.00%
IDACI Band E	£280.00	£445.00	1,063.12	781.06	£645,247			5.00%	5.00%
IDACI Band D	£440.00	£620.00	941.14	657.14	£821,529			5.00%	5.00%
IDACI Band C	£480.00	£680.00	1,345.29	1,026.04	£1,343,446			5.00%	5.00%
IDACI Band B	£510.00	£730.00	785.29	704.02	£914,433			5.00%	5.00%
IDACI Band A	£670.00	£930.00	364.02	294.01	£517,320	5.00%	5.00%		
4) English as an Additional Language (EAL)						£993,648	0.66%		
EAL 3 Primary	£580.00		1,041.94		£604,325				
EAL 3 Secondary		£1,565.00		167.09	£261,503				
5) Mobility						£127,820	0.10%		
Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£945.00	£1,360.00	123.86	7.92					
Description	Weighting	Amount per pupil (primary or secondary respectively)	Percentage of eligible pupils	Eligible proportion of primary and secondary NOR respectively	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
6) Low prior attainment						£8,532,039	6.47%		
Primary low prior attainment		£1,155.00	28.63%	3,773.75	£4,358,678			100.00%	
Secondary low prior attainment (year 7)	54.47%		23.39%						
Secondary low prior attainment (year 8)	64.53%		23.48%						
Secondary low prior attainment (year 9)	64.53%	£1,750.00	23.41%	2,384.78	£4,173,361				100.00%
Secondary low prior attainment (year 10)	64.53%		23.69%						
Secondary low prior attainment (year 11)	63.59%		22.83%						

Other Factors

Factor	Lump Sum per Primary School (£)	Lump Sum per Secondary School (£)	Lump Sum per Middle School (£)	Lump Sum per All-through School (£)	Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)
7) Lump Sum	£128,000.00	£128,000.00			£9,728,000	7.37%	
8) Sparsity factor	£56,300.00	£81,900.00			£852,633	0.65%	
9) Fringe Payments					£0	0.00%	
10) Split Sites					£0	0.00%	
11) Rates					£1,649,840	1.25%	
12) PFI Funding					£0	0.00%	

Circumstance	Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)
Additional lump sum for schools amalgamated during FY22-23	£0	0.00%	0.00% 0.00%
Additional sparsity lump sum for small schools	£0	0.00%	
Premises - listed buildings	£72,220	0.05%	
Exceptional Circumstance4	£0	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance5	£0	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance6	£0	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance7	£0	0.00%	

<b>Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG Funding Total)</b>	<b>£131,708,686</b>	<b>99.85%</b>
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14) Additional funding to meet minimum per pupil funding level	£202,315	0.15%
<b>Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding MFG Funding Total)</b>	<b>£131,911,002</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

15) Minimum Funding Guarantee	0.50%	£119,942
Where a value less than 0% or greater than 0.5% has been entered please provide the disapplication reference number authorising the value		
Apply capping and scaling factors? (gains may be capped above a specific ceiling and/or scaled)		No
Capping Factor (%)	Scaling Factor (%)	
Total deduction if capping and scaling factors are applied		£0

	Total (£)	Proportion of Total funding(%)	Notional SEN (%)
MFG Net Total Funding (MFG + deduction from capping and scaling)	£119,942	0.09%	
<b>Total Funding for Schools Block Formula</b>	<b>£132,030,944</b>		<b>£14,026,054</b>
High Needs threshold (only fill in if, exceptionally, a high needs threshold different from £6,000 has been approved)			
Additional funding from the high needs budget	£0.00		
Growth fund (if applicable)	£100,000.00		
Falling rolls fund (if applicable)	£50,000.00		
Other Adjustment to 22-23 Budget Shares	£0		
<b>Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding)</b>	<b>£132,180,944</b>		
% Distributed through Basic Entitlement	72.78%		
% Pupil Led Funding	90.52%		
Primary: Secondary Ratio	1 :	1.27	
23-24 NFF NNDR allocation	£1,649,840		
<b>Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding) after deduction of 23-24 NFF NNDR allocation</b>	<b>£130,531,104</b>		



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						<b>£95,998,373</b>			
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IDACI Band A	£670.00	£930.00	364.02	294.01	£517,320			5.00%	5.00%
4) English as an Additional Language (EAL)						<b>£993,648</b>	0.65%		
EAL 3 Primary	£580.00		1,041.94		£604,325				
EAL 3 Secondary		£1,565.00		167.09	£261,503				
5) Mobility						<b>£127,820</b>	0.10%		
Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£945.00	£1,360.00	123.86	7.92	£127,820				
Description	Weighting	Amount per pupil (primary or secondary respectively)	Percentage of eligible pupils	Eligible proportion of primary and secondary NOR respectively	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
6) Low prior attainment						<b>£8,532,039</b>	6.45%		100.00%
Primary low prior attainment		£1,155.00	28.63%	3,773.75	£4,358,678				
Secondary low prior attainment (year 7)	54.47%		23.39%						
Secondary low prior attainment (year 8)	64.53%		23.48%						
Secondary low prior attainment (year 9)	64.53%	£1,750.00	23.41%	2,384.78	£4,173,361				100.00%
Secondary low prior attainment (year 10)	64.53%		23.69%						
Secondary low prior attainment (year 11)	63.59%		22.83%						

Other Factors

Factor	Lump Sum per Primary School (£)	Lump Sum per Secondary School (£)	Lump Sum per Middle School (£)	Lump Sum per All-through School (£)	Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)
7) Lump Sum	£128,000.00	£128,000.00			£9,728,000	7.36%	
8) Sparsity factor	£56,300.00	£81,900.00			£1,190,836	0.90%	
9) Fringe Payments					£0	0.00%	
10) Split Sites					£0	0.00%	
11) Rates					£1,649,840	1.25%	
12) PFI Funding					£0	0.00%	

Circumstance	Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)
Additional lump sum for schools amalgamated during FY22-23	£0	0.00%	0.00%
Additional sparsity lump sum for small schools	£0	0.00%	
Premises - listed buildings	£72,220	0.05%	
Exceptional Circumstance4	£0	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance5	£0	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance6	£0	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance7	£0	0.00%	

<b>Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG Funding Total)</b>	<b>£132,046,889</b>	<b>99.85%</b>
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14) Additional funding to meet minimum per pupil funding level	£202,315	0.15%
<b>Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding MFG Funding Total)</b>	<b>£132,249,205</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

15) Minimum Funding Guarantee	0.50%	£45,189
Where a value less than 0% or greater than 0.5% has been entered please provide the disapplication reference number authorising the value		
Apply capping and scaling factors? (gains may be capped above a specific ceiling and/or scaled)		No
Capping Factor (%)	Scaling Factor (%)	
Total deduction if capping and scaling factors are applied		£0

	Total (£)	Proportion of Total funding(%)	Notional SEN (%)
MFG Net Total Funding (MFG + deduction from capping and scaling)	£45,189	0.03%	
<b>Total Funding for Schools Block Formula</b>	<b>£132,294,394</b>		<b>£14,026,054</b>
High Needs threshold (only fill in if, exceptionally, a high needs threshold different from £6,000 has been approved)			
Additional funding from the high needs budget	£0.00		
Growth fund (if applicable)	£100,000.00		
Falling rolls fund (if applicable)	£50,000.00		
Other Adjustment to 22-23 Budget Shares	£0		
<b>Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding)</b>	<b>£132,444,394</b>		
% Distributed through Basic Entitlement	72.59%		
% Pupil Led Funding	90.29%		
Primary: Secondary Ratio	1 :	1.27	
23-24 NFF NNDR allocation	£1,649,840		
<b>Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding) after deduction of 23-24 NFF NNDR allocation</b>	<b>£130,794,554</b>		

<b>MEETING:</b>	SCHOOLS FORUM
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	19 January 2023
<b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b>	9
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) High Needs Funding 2023/2024
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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides information about DSG 2023/2024 High Needs funding.

## 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### The total number of statements and EHC plans has increased

- There were **1,149** children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) maintained by North Lincolnshire in January 2022. In January 2023 there are **1,320** EHCPs. This represents a **15%** increase.

### The total number of requests and assessments has increased

Requests for assessment have continued to rise steadily, in line with the national picture.

In the year 2021 there were **267** requests for assessment received. In 2022 there were **317**. This represents a **19%** increase. **241** of these requests continued to an assessment of EHC needs in 2023 compared to **178** in 2022.

### EHCPs issued within 20 weeks

- Of the new EHCPs made during the 2021 calendar year, **81%** were issued within 20 weeks in 2022, **78%** of EHCP were issued within 20 weeks.

### Mediation cases

- There were 5 mediation cases held during 2021. Of these mediation cases, 1 (20%) were followed by appeals to the tribunal during the 2021 calendar year.
- In 2022 there were 10 mediation cases and 1 appeal was heard at tribunal (10%)

### Timeliness of Annual Review processes

Timeliness of the annual review process, amendment of an existing EHCP following review and finalising a draft EHCP is measured using statutory indicators and locally agreed indicators. EHCP Coordinators have now eradicated the backlog of EHCP requiring amendments and are working within the locally agreed 16 week turnaround in the overwhelming majority of cases.

## DSG High Needs Block 2023/2024

### HIGH NEEDS BUDGET 2023/24

		<b>Total DSG Allocation 2023/24</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS BUDGET (ISB)</b>		
Special Schools Place Led Funding		4,009,853
<b><u>HIGH NEEDS BUDGET</u></b>		
	Top Up Funding for Maintained Schools	5,088,000
	Top Up Funding for Academies	1,214,000
	Top Up Funding for Independant Schools	8,454,000
	Top Up Funding Colleges	<u>688,000</u>
Top Up Funding		15,444,000
	Tuition and Medical Needs	247,000
	Alternative Provision	<u>1,217,000</u>
Other AP provision		1,464,000
	Special Needs General	550,000
	Autism	477,000
	Portage	226,000
	SEND Education Inclusion	211,000
	EISS	109,000
	SEN Careers & Progression	25,000
	Hearing Support Service	448,000
	Visually Impaired Service	511,000
	Physically Impaired Service	148,000
	Speech & Language Therapy	206,000
	Educational Wellbeing	398,000
	Education Inclusion Team	836,000
	KS2 Provision	495,000
	Preschool SEND (SENIF)	<u>275,000</u>
SEN support services		4,915,000
<b>TOTAL HIGH NEEDS BUDGET</b>		<b><u>25,832,853</u></b>
<b>DSG HIGH NEEDS FUNDING BLOCK (after recoupmnt for AP places, FE and ILP provider and estimated import/export adjustments)</b>		<b><u>26,735,369</u></b>
		-902,516

### 3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### Element 3 top up

In 2022/2023 there was an uplift of 3% for element 3/High Needs Top Up.

In 2023/2024 it is proposed there will be an additional 3.4% uplift, along with a 3.4% uplift in place funding for the special schools (St Luke's/St Hugh's )

### **School Hubs**

Through discussions with secondary head teachers, a revenue funding model has been agreed to support the school hubs that are currently open through SEND Capital Funding. Signed Memorandum of Understanding per school sets out clear criteria for access to the funding. Funding will be applied to schools by the end of January with an agreed timeline for the annual funding to continue. Hubs are providing support to children from the home school alongside supporting children from other schools and agreed LA placements.

The local authority LA will be offering the opportunity for primary schools to place a bid via SEND capital funding to open hubs within the primary phase with potential for additional funding revenue funding from DSG High Needs.

### **Increasing capacity of early intervention and support**

A DDR request is in process for temporary additional Outreach Support for Behaviour Support and the Autism Spectrum Education Teams.

Additional funding has been requested for equipment for HI/VI teams.

There has been a discussion with head teachers about increasing capacity for Educational Psychology to further support early identification.

#### **4. NEXT STEPS**

To explore further opportunity for school based inclusion hubs using a mixed Capital / High Needs DSG funding model.

To review capacity of specialist teams.

To agree a 3.4% uplift of element 3 funding across all current bandings.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS TO SCHOOLS FORUM**

Partners to support the developments outlined in this report and the recommendations for next steps.

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## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

### SCHOOLS FORUM

## CHANGES TO THE DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT

### 1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Forum on further reductions to the Historic Commitments element of the Dedicated Schools Grant in 2023/24 and to consider the options with regard to the implications for its current use in supporting schools.

### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The DSG Central Services Historic Commitments element currently funds two main strands of work:
  - Peer Leader Programme/external SIPs: school improvement focussed activities which are managed through the local authority, together with a small number of externally brokered School Improvement Partners who are not in substantive posts with the local authority
  - Learning networks: largely delegated to the Primary Consortium and Secondary Heads and Principals, as well as funding some central development and support such as the Primary Engineering, and innovation grants for schools
  - Schools' contribution to the Children's MARS board
- 2.2 In Autumn 2019 The DFE announced the intention to make year on year reduction to the Historic Commitments budget with the ultimate removal of the grant. In 2021 the Department also announced the two phase removal of the Local Authority monitoring and Brokering Grant, which funds the substantive school improvement team. Last year elected and appointed leaders determined to fund the substantive school improvement team through council revenue funding to ensure all schools regardless of designation would be able to access support without cost.

- 2.3 The DSG for historic commitments 2023/24 is a total of **£149,504**. Last Year it was £186,880 so a reduction of £37,376. In 2022/3 the funding was used as follows:

Learning Networks	72,000
Peer Leader Programme/external SIPs	140,000
Schools Contribution to MARS	<u>20,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232,000</b>

Learning Networks funding has been used in 2022/23 to fund the Primary Consortium to develop the role and reach of Curriculum Pioneers at a cost of £40,000. It also funds Secondary Heads and Principals to work together to improve outcomes for secondary aged children at £25,000. The remainder of the funding has been used to fund central education opportunities such as primary engineering, green education projects.

The Peer Leadership Programme is a well established and valuable approach to delivering school to school support through high quality sector led improvement. It is built on the principles of professional generosity and the shared determination for system leadership to drive up standards and improve outcomes in schools across North Lincolnshire. The cost currently of the Peer Leader Programme is £140,000 which is funds school leaders to provide a minimum of three days of support and challenge to the school they work with at a rate of £1200 per year, and funds a small element of training and support for training and development of the leaders who take part.

## 2. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 **Option 1** - Reduce the funding for the Peer Leader Programme and retain CMARS and Learning Networks funding in full.
- 2.2 **Option 2** - Continue the to fund the Peer Leader Programme in full, reduce the CMARS funding and cease to fund the learning Networks activity.
- 2.3 **Option 3** - Reduce all three strands proportionately

## 3. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 3.1 **Option One** would enable Secondary Heads and Principals to continue and the Primary Consortium to receive Learning Network allocations, and perhaps allow a small residue for central education development initiatives. Funding for Peer Leaders could continue for the summer term but then from September the activity would be very largely unfunded with the residue being spent on training and development for Peer Leaders and release costs only for those



participating heads who need that. Consultation through stakeholder groups indicates that most headteachers who undertake the role of Peer Leader do this primarily from professional generosity and the belief in the importance of system leadership to improve outcomes for all North Lincolnshire children. However, some headteachers, particularly in small schools, may face prohibitive costs which would prevent them participating in the programme without funding to support their release.

- 3.2 **Option Two** would support another year of funding for Peer Leaders at a time when schools are reporting increased cost pressures and may facilitate a smoother transition to a largely unfunded programme for 2024/25. It would however impact on the delivery of the workstreams managed by the Primary consortium and Secondary Heads and Principals. The Primary Consortium steering group have indicated the Curriculum Pioneers could potentially be supported to continue in a part traded model
- 3.3 **Option Three** would impact on all three areas but may allow for the smooth transition of workstreams across all three activity areas

#### 4. **FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1.1 Last financial year the Central Services element was £186,880 with a contribution from central DSG agreed by Schools Forum to bring the funding up to £232,000, however this year most of this is allocated. Due to pay awards and other increased costs to schools. The Central Services Historic Commitments for 2023/24 is £149,504, so an effective reduction of funded work across the related budget areas of £82,496 as per the proposals.

#### 5. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Ensuring that all children are able to access high quality education through excellent schools is pivotal to their future education and career pathways. It is essential that the use of DSG Historic Commitments funding has a positive impact on children's lives through ensuring positive educational experiences, opportunities and outcomes. The balance of decision making must consider the importance of investing in effective schools, supporting improvement and must have least adverse impact on children who attend failing schools.

#### 6. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 Discussions have taken place throughout the year with the Primary Consortium Steering Group, the Secondary Heads and Principals, and the Peer Leader Stakeholder Group.

## 7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is suggested that Schools Forum consider the issues and implications of each option to determine the best route, however Option Two would have least impact in the short term on the delivery of the sector led school improvement work participated in by the large majority of local schools.

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