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AGENDA	
Meeting:	Schools Forum
Meeting Date:	21 September 2023
Venue:	Virtual via Microsoft Teams
Time:	2.00 pm

NO.	AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	PAPERS	COMMENTS
1.	Welcome/Introductions/Apologies	Chair		
2.	Remit of Schools Forum Members			
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	
5.	Membership Update	Secretary		
6.	Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant	Nicola Raines	Attached	
7.	Dedicated School Grant 2022/23 Outturn	Tracy Falshaw	Attached	
8.	Schools Outturn Financial Year 2022/23	Rosie Maughan	Attached	
9.	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor change to Scheme for Financing Local Authority Maintained Schools 	Tracy Falshaw		

FOR INFORMATION

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

- 9 November 2023
- 18 January 2024
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- 20 June 2024

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NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

SCHOOLS FORUM

19 January 2023

PRESENT: - B Lawrance (Chairman)

School Representatives

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

Academy Representatives

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

PVI Representatives

Mrs C Williams

Non School Representatives

Mr L Riley, Ms R Abbott and Dr H Beverley

Elected Representatives

Cllr J Reed

Local Authority Officers

Ms T Elliott, Mrs R Maughan, Mrs W Holmes, Ms J Frost, Mrs J Flintoff, Mr D Chaplin, Mrs N Raines, Mrs S Burniston and Mrs A Dawson (Secretary)

The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

982 **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Mr R Biglands.

983 **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.

984 **MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING FOR APPROVAL**

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 6 October 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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985 **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

The Chair advised that information on the vacant Secondary Academy representative had been circulated to secondary headteachers but no response had been received. However, it would be sent out again in the hope of gaining some interest in the position.

The Secretary advised that position of Primary Academy Governor representative was still vacant however another advert had gone out to all governors in the hope of attracting suitable candidates.

986 **DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2023/2024**

Ms T Elliott presented the report.

On 16 December 2022 the Education Funding Agency published the 2023-24 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Allocations. The allocation for North Lincolnshire was £167.638m after deductions for national non-domestic rates (NNDR) and the direct funding of high needs places by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

The DSG Allocations were presented in four blocks, each block was determined by a separate national funding formula. The report provided information on the planned use of the DSG for 2023-24.

An additional grant was announced for schools 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.

Resolved – That the central retained schools' budget, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved:

- Central spend on the early years block provision
- Historic Commitments (Combined Budgets)
- School Admissions
- Servicing of Schools Forum
- Contribution to the responsibilities that councils hold for all schools

987 **EARLY YEARS DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2023/2024**

Mrs N Raines presented the report.

Early Years funding was participation based. Funding allocations were currently provisional for 2023/24. Allocations were determined by three census counts (January 2022, 2023, and 2024) final allocations were published July 2024.

Funding allocations had increased for the 2023/24 financial year with an additional six 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) had both increased (2p) to 62p per hour per child and (£28) £828 per annum

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respectively.

Two-year olds were eligible for a maximum of 15 hours funded early learning and care where their family circumstances meant that they were eligible for free school meals, where the family was in receipt of Universal Credit/Tax Credits with an income of approximately £16,000, or where the child was in or had left the care of a local authority; was in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or the child had an Education, Health and Care Plan. Approximately 530 children were eligible each term in North Lincolnshire.

All three and four-year olds were 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 were both employed. Approximately 44 per cent of funded children took up the additional funded hours in North Lincolnshire. Provider payments were determined using the Early Years Single Funding formula (EYSFF), comprised of a base rate and supplements. EYPP and DAF were ring fenced funding supplements for children that met eligibility criteria.

The report gave detailed information on funding allocations, sector consultation, two, three and four year old funding and population projections.

Resolved – (a) That the provisional funding allocation in relation to the Early Years Block of the DSG for 2023/24 be noted; (b) that the proposed rate of £5.63 per hour per child for all funded two year olds be supported; (c) that the proposed local supplements of the Early Years Single Funding Formula – deprivation, sufficiency lump sum and quality, be supported; (d) That an increase in Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Funding to nationally funded rates (62p per hour and £828 lump sum respectively), be supported, and (e) that Option 1, set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report, 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, be supported.

988 SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA 2023/2024

Mrs R Maughan presented the report.

On 16 December 2022 the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) published the 2023-24 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Allocations, based on October 2022 School Census data. The allocation for North Lincolnshire was £167.638m (£158.902m in 2022/23) after deductions for business rates and the direct funding of high needs places by ESFA.

The element of DSG available for the Individual Schools Budget (ISB), for all mainstream schools was £131.631m before deductions for the funding of National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR) directly by the ESFA.

The Operational Guide set out how individual school budget shares could be calculated. To continue the introduction of the National Funding Formula (NFF) the Department for Education had consulted and now directed that all

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councils move closer to the NFF so that resources were distributed based on the individual needs and characteristics of every school in the country.

The council's local formula now reflected the NFF for all factors, except for Sparsity Funding and the Exceptional Premises factor (listed buildings). The factor values had been increased on top of the amounts added for rolling in the schools' supplementary grant and were detailed at Appendix 1 to the report.

The report set out the final proposals for the North Lincolnshire schools funding formula.

Resolved – (a) That the distribution of the individual schools' budget, using the proposed funding formula, be endorsed, and (b) that the contribution of £8.19 per pupil towards the cost of Education Functions that the council provides on behalf of maintained schools, be approved by maintained school representatives.

989 **DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG) HIGH NEEDS FUNDING 2023/2024**
Mrs J Frost presented the report.

The report provided information about the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2023/2024 High Needs funding.

There were 1,149 children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) maintained by North Lincolnshire in January 2022, however in January 2023 there were 1,320 EHCPs, which represented a 15% increase. Requests for assessment had also increased.

Through discussions with secondary headteachers, a revenue funding model had been agreed to support the school hubs that were currently open through the SEND Capital Funding. A signed Memorandum of Understanding per school set out clear criteria for access to the funding. Funding would be applied to schools by the end of January 2023, with an agreed timeline for the annual funding to continue. Hubs were providing support to children from the home school, alongside supporting children from other schools and agree local authority placements.

The council would 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 revenue funding from DSG High Needs.

Mrs J Frost advised that there had been a discussion with headteachers with reference to increasing capacity for Educational Psychology to further support early identification. Mrs A Cvijetic informed members that she had experienced issues with accessing Educational Psychology provision. She explained that her school was working with two/three children per term and was struggling to move things forward to support the children.

Mr D Chaplin suggested that the lack of capacity to do preventative work with

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high needs children was very important when considering funding and the issue could be discussed with Ms T Elliott outside the meeting.

The Chair queried an estimated arrival time for the Memorandum of Understanding. Mrs W Holmes advised that it would be coming out to headteachers with hubs the middle of the next week. The Chair thanked the team for their help and proactivity.

Resolved – That the developments outlined in the report and recommendations for next steps be supported.

990 **CENTRAL SERVICES TO SCHOOLS**

Mrs J Flintoff presented the report.

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Central Services Historic Commitments element currently funded two main strands of work:

- Peer Leader Programme/external School Improvement Partners (SIPs): school improvement focussed activities which were managed through the council, together with a small number of externally brokered SIPs who were not in substantive posts with the council
- 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

In Autumn 2019 The Department for Education 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 funded the substantive school improvement team. Last year elected members 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.

The DSG for Historic Commitments for 2023/24 was a total of £149,504, which was a reduction of £37,376 from last year. The report set out three options for the Forum's consideration.

Discussion ensued on each of the three options.

Resolved – (a) That Option 3, as set out in the report at paragraph 2.1, be agreed, and (b) that further discussions to take place around the role of peer leaders.

991 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Energy Efficiency in Schools

– A presentation on Energy Efficiency in Schools was shared with the Forum

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for information.

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EARLY YEARS – DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This report advises members of in year changes to the Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant funding allocation and of the extension of funded early education and childcare places to younger children of working families.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 To support financial viability of settings delivering funded early education it has been announced that the hourly rate paid to childcare settings will increase with an investment of £204 million from September 2023.
- 2.2 Additionally, a phased extension to funded early education from April 2024 has been unveiled. This is to support families into work and reduce cost of living pressures for families in work with young children. Parents who work more than 16 hours per week and earn less than £100,000 will become eligible for the funded early education and childcare, as follows:
- April 2024 – Two year olds of working parents can access fifteen funded hours, increasing to 30 hours the term after their third birthday.
 - September 2024 – Children over 9 months of age of working parents can access fifteen funded hours.
 - September 2025 – Children over 9 months of age of working parents can access thirty funded hours until they commence in a Reception class at School.

3. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Funding allocations – 2023/24

The Early Years funding will increase in September 2023 enabling a higher rate of funding for all settings from the autumn term for the remainder of the financial year. We are expecting information about the increase for North Lincolnshire and details of how we will receive the additional allocation.

The national average rate for two-year olds will increase by 30% from the current average of £6 per hour to £8 per hour. In North Lincolnshire we currently receive £5.57, below the national average.

Additionally, the national average for three and four-year olds will rise in line with inflation from the current national average rate of £5.29 to over £5.50, in North Lincolnshire we currently receive £4.87.

We are awaiting further guidance and a timeline from the Department for Education to implement the changes for the autumn term.

3.2 Funding Allocations – 2024/25

Funding levels are expected to increase further for the financial year 2024/25 and there will be an additional allocation of funding related to the extended entitlement for younger children.

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.

4.3 The funding is participation based, as such providers receive funding based on registered children's hours each term. All settings are paid the same hourly rates. 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 Early Years funding is allocated based on census counts over three years. It is unclear at this time how the additional allocation will be determined for the autumn term and for the phased increase to entitlements.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That members note the increasing level of funding for the current financial year and the extension of funded places for working families.

EARLY YEARS MANAGER SUFFICIENCY AND QUALITY

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –

Transforming childcare support up to 2025 – DfE stakeholder information pack May 2023

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DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2022/23 Outturn

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To update the schools forum on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) outturn 2022/23 and the DSG earmarked reserve as at 31st March 2023.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The DSG is a ring fenced specific grant that must be used in support of the schools budget as defined in the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2022. It can be used for no other purpose.
- 2.2 Local authorities are responsible for ensuring that the DSG is deployed in support of the schools budget. This includes both DSG funding allocated to central expenditure (High Needs, Central (CSSB) and Early Years) and funding for the ISB allocated in accordance with their local schools funding formula.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The final DSG allocation for 2022/23 was £161.234m (£97.464m following academy and high needs recouplement of £63.771m).
- 3.2 Funding deployed to maintained schools amounted to £66.653m.
- 3.3 Central Expenditure for early years, high needs and central provision amounted to £29.576m
- 3.5 A breakdown of expenditure for each of the central budgets for early years, high needs and central provision is shown in appendix 1.
- 3.6 The net effect of spending resulted in a contribution to the DSG ring fenced earmarked reserve as detailed in the following table.

	Central expenditure £000	Individual schools budget £000	Total £000
Final DSG for 2022/23 before academy and high needs recoupment			161.234
Academy and high needs figure recouped for 2022/23			63.770
Total DSG after academy and high needs recoupment			97.464
Plus: Brought forward from 2021/22			5.565
Less: Carry-forward to 2023/24 agreed in advance			-5.128
Agreed initial budgeted distribution in 2022/23	31.248	66.653	97.901
In-year adjustments	59		59
Final budget distribution for 2022/23	31.307	66.653	97.960
Less: Actual central expenditure	29.576		29.576
Less: Actual ISB deployed to schools		66.653	66.653
Plus: Local authority contribution for 2022/23			0
In-year carry-forward to 2023/24	1.731	0	1.731
Plus: Carry-forward to 2023/24 agreed in advance			5.128
Carry-forward to 2023/24			6.859

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Individual School Budgets were set in January 2022 for the 2022/23 financial year. Once allocated, school funding is counted as expenditure in support of the schools budget.
- 4.2 At the end of the financial year the central expenditure element of the schools budget may be under or overspent. If there is an underspend in respect of central expenditure at local authority level this should be separately identified within the associated notes to the accounts. The underspend must be carried forward to support the schools budget in future years, including any of the budget that is moved into earmarked reserves.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

- 5.1 A breakdown of 2022/23 expenditure is detailed in appendix 1.
- 5.2 The final expenditure and adjustments during 2022/23 result in £1.731m being allocated to the DSG earmarked reserve.
- 5.3 The DSG earmarked reserve as at 31st March 2023 is £6.859m. A breakdown between blocks is shown in appendix 1.

5.4 On 19^h January 2023 the Schools Forum endorsed the use of £814k earmarked reserves in setting the individual school budgets for 2022/23.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) needs to ensure that expenditure charged to the schools budget falls within the definitions set out in regulations 6 and 7 of the Schools and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2022. This includes both DSG funding allocated to central expenditure and funding for the Individual Schools Budget (ISB).

6.2 At the end of the 2022/23 financial year the chief finance officer (CFO) is required to append an additional note to the statement of accounts confirming the deployment of the DSG in support of the schools budget.

6.2 The CFO is also required to confirm the final deployment of the DSG in support of the schools budget.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the school forum note the final reported outturn for 2022/23.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –

DSG Final Allocations 2022/23
DSG Conditions of Grant 2022/23

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SCHOOLS BUDGET Outturn 2022/23

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS BUDGET (ISB)

Maintained Primary & Secondary Schools after NNDR deductions
Special Schools Place Led Funding
Pupil Referral Units Place Led Funding

TOTAL ISB

HIGH NEEDS BUDGET

	E689M
	E689MS
	E689AC
	E685
	E689C
Top Up Funding	
	E590
	E612
Other AP provision	
	E120
	E122
	E171A
	E214
	E730
	E762
	E741
	E742
	E743
	E804AA
	E621
	E104
	E534
	E868A
SEN support services	

TOTAL HIGH NEEDS BUDGET

EARLY YEARS BUDGET

	E663
	E834C
	E663A
	E242
	CF545
Central expenditure on children under 5	
TWO YEAR OLD FUNDING	E669

TOTAL EARLY YEARS BUDGET

CENTRAL PROVISION WITHIN SCHOOLS BUDGET (CSSB)

	E763
	E764
	E610
Historic Commitments (Contributions to combined budgets)	
School admissions	E675
Servicing of schools forums	F1850
National copyright licence charge	E798
ESG Retained Duties	
Statutory & Regulatory Duties	N233
Education Welfare	
Asset Management	
Growth Fund	E672
Falling Rolls Fund	
SEN Transport	E648B

TOTAL CSSB

Total Central Budget

TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET

Additional Information:

Funding Block Analysis

Schools Block after Academy Recoupment

Central Block

High Needs Block after recoupment

Early Years

Early Years 2021/22 adjustment

Other adjustments - NNDR and bank account closure

DSG Earmarked Reserves

Schools Block

CSSB

High Needs

Early Years

Growth

		DSG BLOCK	Total DSG Allocation	Outturn 2022/23
		SB	63,165,788	63,165,788
		HN	3,487,030	3,487,030
			0	0
			66,652,818	66,652,818
Top Up Funding for Maintained Schools	4,921,000			5,025,411
Statements E£ St Lukes/St Hughes				-8,110
Top Up Funding for Academies	1,174,000			1,416,010
Top Up Funding for Independant Schools	8,176,000			7,103,858
Top Up Funding Colleges	665,000			496,779
		HN	14,936,000	
Tuition and Medical Needs	208,000			54,524
Alternative Provision	<u>1,177,000</u>			1,147,545
		HN	1,385,000	
Special Needs General	460,000			491,960
Autism	404,000			435,975
Portage	190,000			170,478
SEND Education Inclusion	183,000			151,836
EISS	99,000			68,524
SEN Careers & Progression	19,000			48,177
Hearing Support Service	381,000			387,090
Visually Impaired Service	432,000			489,526
Physically Impaired Service	128,000			111,978
Speech & Language Therapy	187,000			204,590
Educational Wellbeing	343,000			371,931
Education Inclusion Team	694,000			576,368
KS2 Provision	450,000			261,860
Preschool SEND (SENIF)	250,000			290,049
		HN	4,220,000	
			20,541,000	19,296,358
3 & 4 yr old funding		EY	7,550,000	7,502,770
Pupil Premium		EY	199,000	
Disability Access		EY	53,000	
Child Ptnsp: SEN & Inclusion	47,000			82,086
Sufficiency Team	91,000			93,466
Best Start Early Years Support	133,000			138,545
Family Support	<u>81,000</u>			81,000
		EY	352,000	
			1,263,000	1,320,471

		9,417,000	9,218,338
Learning Networks	72,000		83,700
SIPs	140,000		140,000
LSCB	20,000		20,000
		CB 232,000	
		CB 91,000	78,290
		CB 19,000	19,000
		CB 137,080	137,080
	180,000		
	90,000		
	180,000		
		CB 450,000	450,000
		SB 200,000	79,167
		SB 100,000	0
		61,000	61,000
		1,290,080	1,068,237
		31,248,080	29,582,933
		97,900,898	96,235,751

Planned EMR			
Allocation	Budget	changes	Expenditure
62,960,028	63,465,788	505,760	63,244,955
1,058,633	990,080	-68,553	989,070
24,027,888	24,028,030	142	22,783,388
9,417,022	9,417,000	-22	9,218,338
97,463,571	97,900,898	437,327	96,235,751
59,494.00			
7,289.00			
97,530,354			96,235,751
			1,294,603
Balance b/fwd	Actual Movement	c/fwd	
1,442,394	370,544	1,071,850	
649,787	-1,010	650,797	
2,691,209	-1,244,642	3,935,851	
781,636	-198,662	980,298	
	-220,833	220,833	
5,565,026	-1,294,604	6,859,630	
	-1,731,931		

Appendix 1

**Outturn
2021/22**

60,913,466
3,307,948
88,842

64,310,256

4,031,951
0
861,552

6,186,932
441,152

82,775
844,995

457,948
377,683
153,849
143,186
82,499
45,058
373,767
404,149
106,319
171,440
318,585
626,956
193,577
231,388

16,135,761

7,160,174

65,753
88,000
133,883
81,000

1,331,286

8,860,096

79,100
140,000
20,000

54,508
9,837
130,152

437,000

29,167
0
61,000

960,764

25,956,620
90,266,876

2021/22
Allocation

61,042,109
1,127,964
21,075,824
8,882,351

92,128,248

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SCHOOLS OUTTURN FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Schools Forum of the outturn of individual school budgets and the overall financial position of North Lincolnshire maintained schools at the close of financial year 2022-23.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Individual school budgets for 2022-23 amounted to £66.653m for maintained secondary, primary and special schools. In addition, maintained schools carried forward balances of £6.856m from 2021/22.
- 2.2 Actual expenditure by maintained schools in 2022-23 was £66.339m, resulting in an in-year contribution to reserves of £0.314m.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Four school budgets started the financial year 2022-23 with short-term deficit balances to recover. All set Plans to balance by March 2023 and therefore none had Licensed Deficits.
- 3.2 At the close of 2022-23 seven primary school budgets have a deficit balance including three from the previous year.
- 3.3 Six schools now hold balances of over 15% of their budgets, of these two have been at this level for at least two years and have therefore been asked to explain their spending intentions and clarify if these are contractual commitments.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The value of the carry forward for all schools has increased by £0.314m in-year and the total value is £7.170m. The total deficits are (£0.372m) and full details are provided at appendix 1.
- 4.2 The deficits have arisen for different reasons with a combination of several factors e.g. the cost of covering long term sickness absence, restructuring senior leadership teams, reduced admission numbers, increased energy costs and higher than expected pay awards. Some schools also had unexpected repairs and maintenance and alternative provision costs.
- 4.3 Three schools have set budget plans to repay their deficit within 2023-24. One school has submitted a Plan to balance by March 2025 and three schools require Licensed Deficits for three years, balancing in March 2026.
- 4.4 The School Finance team will continue to support all schools and governors in their budget monitoring in accordance with the Scheme for Financing Schools.
- 4.5 Schools with surplus reserves have provided details of their intentions:
- Contribution to capital works and play equipment for pupils including use of Sport/PE grant
 - Modernisation of therapy equipment and IT infrastructure
 - Teaching support for high needs cohort
 - Decorating & refurbishment
 - Furniture, kitchen equipment and carpets
 - IT, whiteboard and copier equipment
 - Upgrade to outdoor spaces for social, learning and sport
 - Costs of covering absences – leadership and teaching
 - Contingent reserves for pay awards and energy costs
 - Staffing for additional class for AYr 2023-24
- 4.6 School balances are included on the National Schools Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) return and committed and uncommitted balances are reported.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The increase to reserves of £0.314m brings the total value held in individual schools to £7.170m. The DSG carry forward for 2022-23 amounts to £1.732m, the DSG Reserve is therefore now £6.860m.
- 5.2 The scheme of finance states that the maximum proportion of the collective balances held by the authority, which will be used to back the licenced deficit arrangement will not exceed 50%.

5.3 Deficit balances held by schools now totals (£0.377m) an increase of £0.244m from 2021-22 and is within the tolerances stated in the Scheme for Financing Schools.

5.4 Details of the carry forward balances for the last three years are shown at appendix 1.

6. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no other implications to this report.

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 It is recommended that the Schools Forum note the contents of this report.

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School Name	Carry Fwd	Carry Fwd as	Carry Fwd	Carry Fwd as	Carry Fwd	Carry Fwd as
	2020/21	% of Budget	2021/22	% of Budget	2022/23	% of Budget
	£	%	£	%	£	%
Alkborough Primary	£18,800	4.7%	11,776	2.5%	54,552	11.2%
Althorpe & Keadby Primary	£110,180	11.9%	82,865	8.5%	71,823	7.2%
St Barnabas' C.E. Primary	£43,703	5.7%	36,653	4.6%	84,711	10.3%
John Harrison C.E.	£95,006	10.6%	125,191	13.5%	140,507	14.7%
Bowmandale Primary	£244,413	16.3%	221,553	13.0%	215,846	12.7%
Barton St Peters C.E. Primary	£227,302	18.2%	248,282	17.7%	218,326	15.5%
Belton All Saints C.E. Primary	£182,075	18.3%	140,474	13.4%	133,280	12.6%
Bottesford Infants	£29,912	3.4%	41,316	4.5%	27,387	2.9%
Holme Valley Primary	£142,567	8.5%	202,950	10.4%	150,139	7.5%
Brigg Primary	£158,438	10.4%	212,742	12.8%	144,360	8.5%
Broughton Primary	£63,197	4.5%	93,647	6.0%	150,172	9.1%
Burton Stather Primary	£51,821	5.9%	23,503	2.6%	-17,435	-2.0%
Bushfield Road Infants	£49,819	6.1%	29,640	3.4%	-41,248	-4.6%
Crosby Primary	£109,423	4.9%	61,396	2.6%	253,949	9.9%
Eastoft C.E. Primary	£7,704	2.3%				
Enderby Road Infants	-£40,296	-9.6%	15,395	3.4%	39,691	7.5%
Frodingham Infants	£48,882	5.5%	40,614	4.3%	124,822	12.6%
Estuary Federation	-£82,337	-5.9%	26,825	1.7%	73,576	4.2%
Gunness & Burringham C.E. Prim	£47,820	9.8%	70,061	13.5%	94,942	16.8%
Trentside Federation	-£7,754	-0.5%	-41,627	-2.7%	-91,803	-5.8%
Kirmington C.E. Primary	£18,035	5.1%	-2,926	-0.8%	13,739	3.7%
Kirton Lindsey Primary	£17,140	1.8%	-24,220	-2.4%	-18,239	-1.8%
Luddington & Garthorpe Primary	£23,671	6.1%	47,969	5.9%	77,601	8.5%
Messingham Primary	£48,273	4.7%	56,886	4.9%	-7,527	-0.6%
New Holland Ce/Methodist Prim						
Priory Lane Primary					85,730	4.8%
St Peter & St Paul's Primary	£245,277	16.0%	260,130	15.5%	220,087	12.9%
Scunthorpe C.E. Primary	£87,670	6.9%	17,206	1.3%	67,787	5.1%
Winteringham Primary	£48,308	5.3%	38,073	3.8%	23,901	2.3%
Wootton St Andrew'S Ce Primary	£52,173	13.1%	51,306	12.5%	72,848	16.4%
Wrawby St Mary'S C.E. Primary	-£13,863	-2.8%	20	-0.1%		
Wroot Travis Charity Primary	£34,091	12.5%	36,117	11.6%	48,368	14.6%
Westcliffe Primary	£19,535	0.7%	137,326	4.3%	182,007	10.7%
Lincoln Gardens Primary	£239,717	12.7%	205,067	10.4%	207,889	10.5%
Oakfield Primary School	£15,570	1.3%	-58,820	-4.9%	-164,206	-14.2%
The Grange Primary	£50,939	3.1%	69,010	4.0%	220,960	11.8%
Castledyke Primary	£19,303	1.7%	50,764	4.6%	98,442	8.5%
Barton Collaborative Trust	£10,435		10,435		582	
Berkeley Primary	£253,051	10.8%	261,209	9.6%	174,356	6.5%
Bottesford Junior	£69,959	6.8%	96,381	8.2%	111,782	9.0%
Leys Farm Junior	£138,900	17.0%	64,492	7.3%	-31,219	-4.2%
Winterton Junior	£166,358	9.2%	194,919	9.9%	274,127	13.6%
Killingholme Primary	£145,612	24.3%	184,088	24.5%	111,573	13.5%
Learning Network	£197,179		169,660		132,084	
TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS	£3,388,011	7.7%	£3,508,346	7.4%	3,730,268	7.6%
Frederick Gough School	£881,837	11.4%	798,027	9.5%	515,566	6.0%
Baysgarth School	-£222,740	5.6%	341,543	6.9%	392,389	6.6%
Sir John Nelthorpe	£476,009	13.2%	479,749	11.0%	710,106	15.2%
TOTAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS	£1,135,105	7.4%	1,619,319	9.1%	1,618,061	8.4%
St Hugh's Comm. & Interact. College	£1,429,522	51.9%	1,592,914	48.5%	1,464,783	42.6%
St Luke's Primary Special School	£178,246	13.1%	134,955	8.3%	356,578	20.0%
TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS	£1,607,768	39.0%	1,727,869	35.1%	1,821,361	34.9%
Darley Centre	£86,488	43.4%	0	0		
TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS (inc. Trusts etc)	£6,217,373	9.70%	£6,855,533	9.7%	7,169,689	9.8%
Deficits	-£366,989	4 schools & 1 academy converter	-£127,593	4 budgets	-371,676	7 budgets
Carry Forwards						
DSG	£3,859,700		£5,565,027		£6,859,630	
Schools inc. trusts etc	£6,217,372		£6,855,533		£7,169,688	
TOTAL	£10,077,072		£12,420,560		£14,029,318	

Deficits as percentage

2.65% of school & DSG balances
5.18% of school balances

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