

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

SCHOOLS FORUM

Dedicated Schools Grant 2022/23 Update

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 On 16th December 2021, the EFA published the 2022-23 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Allocations.
- 1.2 This report provides information on the updated DSG Allocations published in March 2022 and planned spending of central expenditure.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The DSG allocations are presented in four blocks. Each block is determined by a separate national funding formula.
- 2.2 In March 2022 the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) updated DSG allocations for academy recoupment and high needs deductions. The table below details the changes made to each block:

DSG	Before recoupment and deductions for NNDR and direct funding of high needs places £m	After recoupment and deductions for NNDR and direct funding of high needs places £m	Variance £m
Mainstream Schools	124.901	124.901	
Academy Recoupment		-61.594	-61.594
Deductions for NNDR		-1661	-1.661
Schools Block	124.901	61.646	-63.255
Central Services Schools Block (CSSB)	1.059	1.059	0
Early Years Block (provisional)	9.168	9.169	0
High Needs Block (provisional)	24.688	24.172	-516
Total DSG	159.816	96.045	-63.771

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.2 Adjustments have been made to special school funding allocations to following confirmation of place numbers.
- 3.3 Minor funding adjustments have been made to central budgets following the councils budget approval process.
- 3.3 Full details of changes to DSG budgets are contained in appendix 1.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 High Needs funding allocations will be updated again in July 2022 with the January 2022 Census data and the February 2022 Individual Learner Record (ILR) data and for import/export adjustments.
- 4.2 Early Years allocations will be finalised in July 2022.

FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The conditions of grant no longer permit any transfer of additional funding / redetermination of school budget shares during the year and as such any underspends must be transferred to the DSG for use in future years.
- 5.2 It is the responsibility of the Local Authorities Chief Financial Officer to ensure that DSG grant monies are spent on the purpose for which they are intended.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That schools forum note the changes to DSG funding allocations and planned central expenditure for 2022/23.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –
Schools Revenue Funding 2022 to 2023 Operational Guide
Academy Recoupment Report 2022/23
DSG Published Allocations 2022/23