

## Schools Forum Meeting

### Room 10

Thursday, 9th July, 2015 at 4.30 pm

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**ST. HELENS COUNCIL**  
**SCHOOLS FORUM**

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Schools Forum**  
**Held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 4.30 p.m. at the Town Hall**

**Members:**

**Primary School Head Teachers**

- \*Mrs C. Cropper, Birchley St Mary's Catholic Primary
- Mrs C. Morris, St Julie's Catholic Primary
- Mr I. Williams, Sutton Oak CE Primary
- \*Mrs C. Gowan, Eccleston Lane Ends Primary
- Mrs J. Cottrell, Corpus Christi Catholic Primary

**Secondary School Head Teachers and Representatives**

- \*Mr I. Murphy, Haydock High School
- \*Mr C. Sheeran, Cowley International College
- Mr I. Young, Rainford High Technology College

**Special School Head Teacher**

Mr C. Myers, Mill Green

**Primary School Governors**

- \*Mr T. A. Narayanan, Rectory Church of England Primary School
- \*Mrs J. Dearden, Wargrave CE Primary
- \*Mr W. Leatherbarrow, Birchley St Mary's Catholic Primary
- Mr K. Aspinall, Rainford Church of England Primary School
- \*Mr R. Ferry, Carr Mill Primary

**Secondary School Governors**

Mr D. Callan, De La Salle  
Vacant  
Vacant

**Special School Governor**

- \*Mr. W. Bradbury, Mill Green School

**Nursery School Head Teacher/Governor**

Mrs. M. Smith, Rainhill Community Nursery School

**14-19 Partnership**

Ms. M. Williams, Carmel College

**Union Representative**

- \*Ms. S. Duncan, Newton le Willows Primary School

**PVI Early Years Provider Representative**

Ms L. Ashton, Brooklands Childcare

**Diocesan and Archdiocesan Representative**

Mr. T. Warren

**Academy Representative**

- \*Mr N. Gribben, The Sutton Academy
- Vacant

**PRU Representative**

- \*Ms. J. Johnson

**Elected Member Observer**

Councillor S. Murphy

\*Denotes Members Present

**Also Present:** Mr G. Tyrer, Business Support Manager  
 Mr A. Dempsey, Director of Children and Young People's Services  
 Mrs D. Gilchrist, Principal Accountant for Schools

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Ms M Williams, Mr C Myers, Mr T Warren, Mr I Williams, Mrs C Morris, Cllr S Murphy, Mr K Aspinall, Mr D Callan and Mr I Young.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. Schools Forum Constitution

Mr Tyrer explained that the Schools Forum Constitution and Terms of Reference had been updated in line with guidance and regulations provided by the Department for Education (DfE) to reflect the current role of the Schools Forum.

He stated that there have been no amendments to the current membership arrangements though these would be reviewed in 12 months when the current term of office expires. Membership will be reviewed to ensure that there is an appropriate balance between primary / secondary / special / academy representatives.

Mr Tyrer explained that the Schools Forum is mainly a consultancy body with final decisions being made by the local authority.

The Forum approved the updated Schools Forum Constitution and Terms of Reference.

5. Secondary Schools Delegation / De-delegation

Mr Tyrer stated that this was an outstanding item from the last meeting of the Schools Forum. He explained that the school funding formula had been approved at the last meeting with the exception of the delegation / de-delegation arrangements for secondary schools. Secondary head teacher representatives had since been consulted with and a paper had been supplied to members of the Forum showing the proposed delegation / de-delegation arrangements for secondary schools.

The secondary school representatives agreed to the proposals.

Mr Tyrer informed the Forum that the secondary school governor representative no longer wished to be a member of the Schools Forum and this meant that there are now no secondary school governor representatives. Mr Tyrer stated that governor services would be contacted to request volunteers.

## 6. School Funding Formula

Mr Tyrer stated that the school funding formula had been discussed at the previous meeting of the Forum and concerns had been expressed by the primary representatives regarding the distribution of funding.

He explained that he had attended a meeting with primary head teachers in January to give an indication of the difference in funding levels across primary schools and to request an initial agreement between head teachers for the local authority to look at the funding formula for primary schools. He explained that there would be no movement of funds between primary and secondary phases, but there would be a movement of funds between individual primary schools.

Mr Tyrer stated that if the majority of head teachers did not support a review of the formula then the local authority would not undertake the work.

Mr Narayanan queried why the review was necessary.

Mr Tyrer explained that some small primary schools were not receiving much funding through the current formula in the deprivation and low prior attainment elements, and also did not receive much pupil premium grant. He stated that this issue was compounded by increases in costs for all schools relating to pay awards, employer's contributions to superannuation and national insurance.

Mrs Gowan stated that some schools felt that they were losing out on both the funding formula and pupil premium grants as they had low levels of deprivation.

Mr Leatherbarrow commented on the impact of some specific children on school budgets. He stated that supporting some children with special needs could have a significant cost for schools.

Mr Dempsey agreed that there were some problems regarding special needs funding and highlighted that the Schools Forum had previously tried to address this. He agreed that some work was needed to re-model the funding formula.

He explained that he would prefer a revised model which led to a marginal adjustment for many schools to give a reasonable amount of support to the few schools that were experiencing difficulties.

Mr Ferry asked if the local authority have to ask permission from the DfE to change the funding formula.

Mr Tyrer explained that the decision lies with the local authority but any amendments need to be compliant with the regulations. He explained that the local authority is required to formally consult with schools and the Schools Forum but ultimately the decision lies with the local authority.

Mr Dempsey stated that the local authority needs to demonstrate that they have properly consulted with schools and the Schools Forum.

Mr Tyrer explained that there were some technical difficulties which would need to be discussed with the DfE ie safeguards in place to ensure schools do not lose too much funding, and a cap in place to ensure schools do not gain too much.

He stated that some basic modelling had been undertaken but the initial results were not ideal as some of the lowest funded schools would lose out. He explained that this would be a time consuming task with lots of modelling required. He explained that some basic models would be compiled and discussed with primary schools.

Mr Leatherbarrow explained that some schools were commencing redundancy procedures now in order to balance 2016/17 budgets. He asked if anything could be done to in 2015/16 to help these schools.

Mr Tyrer explained that there was no straightforward answer to this. He stated that the funding formula distributes funding to schools and it would be difficult to allocate funding to some schools and not others and still comply with the funding regulations. He explained that once the 2014/15 accounts were closed there may be some remaining funds which could be earmarked for certain circumstances but within the regulations.

He also explained that a revised funding formula would not necessarily solve the problem for schools with large predicted deficits in 2016/17, and therefore additional funds through a new funding formula may not be sufficient to obviate the need for redundancies in 2015/16.

Mrs Cropper stated that any additional funds would be greatly received but schools need further information in order to plan for the future.

Mr Tyrer stated that the local authority is aware of which schools are facing financial difficulties but would need to allocate any additional fund within the funding regulations. He explained that the main difficulty with a revised funding formula would be the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) which would limit the amount of funding which a school can lose, and therefore limit the amount of funding to be re-distributed. He confirmed that this would need to be discussed with the DfE.

Mr Leatherbarrow requested that the local authority proceeds with two options:

- remodel the funding formula
- explore interim arrangements to try to reduce redundancies

The Forum agreed with these proposals.

Mr Leatherbarrow thanked the Finance and Human Resources teams for their support through a difficult time.

7. Any other business

Mr Dempsey referred to a recent article in the local press which attributed to Mr Dempsey criticism about the level of parental engagement in their children's secondary school education. Mr Dempsey stated that the article totally misrepresented his comments and their associated context and explained that he would email schools to provide further clarification.

8. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 16:30pm.

**Comparison of models including Minimum Funding Guarantee**

Column
School Name
Allanson Street C.P.School
Ashurst Primary School
Billinge Chapel End
Birchley St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Blackbrook Primary School
Bleak Hill Primary
Broad Oak C.P School
Carr Mill Primary School
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary
Eaves Primary School
Eccleston Lane Ends Primary School
Eccleston Mere County Primary
Garswood Primary
Grange Valley Primary School
Haydock English Martyrs
Holy Cross
Holy Spirit Catholic School
Legh Vale Primary School
Longton Lane Community Primary
Lyme Community Primary School
Merton Bank Primary Sschool
Newton Le Willows Primary
Nutgrove Methodist Primary
Oakdene Primary School
Parish CE Primary School
Queens Park CE/URC Primary School
Rainford Brook Lodge C.P.
Rainford Church of England
Rectory C.E. Primary School
Rivington Primary School
Robins Lane CP School
Sherdley County Primary School
St Aidans C.E.
St Anne's RC Primary School
St Austin's RC Primary
St Mary's & St Thomas'
St Mary's Catholic Infants
St Mary's Catholic Junior
St Peter & Paul R.C. Primary School
St Teresas
St. Ann's C.E. Primary School
St. Bartholomew's
St. James C.E. Primary School
St. John Vianney R.C. Primary
St. Julie Catholic Primary
St. Peter's C.E. Primary
St. Thomas of Canterbury School
St. Theresa's Catholic
Sutton Manor Community Primary School
Sutton Oak CE Primary School
Thatto Heath Community Primary
The District CE Primary School
Wargrave CE Primary School
Willow Tree Primary School
<b>Total</b>

Model A			
1	2	3	4
15/16 Budget Share Current Formula with MFG and Cap	15/16 Budget Share Proposed Formula with MFG	Increase /Decrease in Budget Share	Percentage Increase / Decrease
£	£	£	%
1,799,824	1,759,183	-40,640	-2.26
810,286	815,384	5,099	0.63
1,059,819	1,060,905	1,086	0.10
739,041	751,534	12,493	1.69
1,433,592	1,420,595	-12,997	-0.91
1,447,351	1,446,637	-714	-0.05
1,808,480	1,802,298	-6,182	-0.34
1,051,567	1,050,128	-1,439	-0.14
613,404	629,965	16,561	2.70
856,013	858,785	2,772	0.32
853,748	865,071	11,323	1.33
1,114,822	1,112,162	-2,661	-0.24
797,798	808,778	10,980	1.38
801,246	800,465	-781	-0.10
1,021,139	1,020,086	-1,053	-0.10
762,479	769,293	6,814	0.89
850,069	849,733	-336	-0.04
1,694,543	1,672,769	-21,773	-1.28
687,551	695,880	8,328	1.21
840,729	840,400	-329	-0.04
850,413	851,281	868	0.10
1,731,849	1,699,741	-32,108	-1.85
795,977	804,055	8,078	1.01
744,896	760,455	15,559	2.09
827,782	829,261	1,479	0.18
1,499,122	1,498,758	-364	-0.02
689,128	702,431	13,303	1.93
994,589	998,749	4,160	0.42
550,792	568,097	17,305	3.14
836,629	838,280	1,651	0.20
866,115	866,851	736	0.08
1,388,945	1,378,120	-10,825	-0.78
755,980	765,344	9,364	1.24
1,171,180	1,164,883	-6,296	-0.54
785,362	791,650	6,289	0.80
883,210	884,239	1,029	0.12
697,360	709,507	12,147	1.74
883,219	893,275	10,056	1.14
783,182	790,844	7,662	0.98
732,311	741,218	8,907	1.22
1,381,124	1,377,874	-3,250	-0.24
1,051,864	1,059,220	7,356	0.70
763,134	766,920	3,786	0.50
813,361	819,557	6,196	0.76
821,060	834,928	13,868	1.69
838,709	849,867	11,158	1.33
734,912	748,197	13,284	1.81
931,394	931,218	-176	-0.02
880,817	879,859	-957	-0.11
1,293,490	1,272,491	-20,999	-1.62
2,264,530	2,217,494	-47,036	-2.08
1,472,298	1,447,419	-24,878	-1.69
1,154,857	1,145,035	-9,823	-0.85
998,759	994,709	-4,050	-0.41
<b>54,911,848</b>	<b>54,911,879</b>		

Lump sum increased to £130k. Deprivation allocation reduced by £0.81m; Basic Entitlement reduced by £0.81m.

Model B			
1	2	3	4
15/16 Budget Share Current Formula with MFG and Cap	15/16 Budget Share Proposed Formula with MFG	Increase /Decrease in Budget Share	Percentage Increase / Decrease
£	£	£	%
1,799,824	1,752,526	-47,297	-2.63
810,286	814,590	4,304	0.53
1,059,819	1,062,292	2,473	0.23
739,041	753,531	14,490	1.96
1,433,592	1,421,360	-12,232	-0.85
1,447,351	1,453,208	5,858	0.40
1,808,480	1,802,298	-6,182	-0.34
1,051,567	1,050,128	-1,439	-0.14
613,404	631,915	18,511	3.02
856,013	857,056	1,043	0.12
853,748	868,310	14,562	1.71
1,114,822	1,112,162	-2,661	-0.24
797,798	810,702	12,904	1.62
801,246	800,365	-881	-0.11
1,021,139	1,019,977	-1,162	-0.11
762,479	767,214	4,735	0.62
850,069	849,733	-336	-0.04
1,694,543	1,673,003	-21,539	-1.27
687,551	694,844	7,292	1.06
840,729	837,483	-3,246	-0.39
850,413	851,281	868	0.10
1,731,849	1,695,296	-36,554	-2.11
795,977	804,614	8,637	1.09
744,896	763,614	18,718	2.51
827,782	829,261	1,479	0.18
1,499,122	1,498,758	-364	-0.02
689,128	703,851	14,723	2.14
994,589	1,002,226	7,637	0.77
550,792	565,989	15,197	2.76
836,629	836,079	-549	-0.07
866,115	866,851	736	0.08
1,388,945	1,378,366	-10,580	-0.76
755,980	766,100	10,120	1.34
1,171,180	1,164,033	-7,147	-0.61
785,362	791,143	5,781	0.74
883,210	884,239	1,029	0.12
697,360	710,273	12,913	1.85
883,219	892,444	9,225	1.04
783,182	790,905	7,723	0.99
732,311	741,249	8,938	1.22
1,381,124	1,382,924	1,800	0.13
1,051,864	1,063,898	12,033	1.14
763,134	764,947	1,813	0.24
813,361	819,267	5,906	0.73
821,060	839,016	17,956	2.19
838,709	852,917	14,208	1.69
734,912	750,455	15,542	2.11
931,394	928,571	-2,822	-0.30
880,817	879,859	-957	-0.11
1,293,490	1,265,267	-28,223	-2.18
2,264,530	2,217,494	-47,036	-2.08
1,472,298	1,442,279	-30,019	-2.04
1,154,857	1,145,035	-9,823	-0.85
998,759	990,662	-8,097	-0.81
<b>54,911,848</b>	<b>54,911,856</b>		

Lump sum increased to £130k. Deprivation allocation reduced by £1.08m; Basic Entitlement reduced by £0.54m.

Model C			
1	2	3	4
15/16 Budget Share Current Formula with MFG and Cap	15/16 Budget Share Proposed Formula with MFG	Increase /Decrease in Budget Share	Percentage Increase / Decrease
£	£	£	%
1,799,824	1,752,526	-47,297	-2.63
810,286	811,154	869	0.11
1,059,819	1,063,937	4,118	0.39
739,041	757,350	18,308	2.48
1,433,592	1,420,641	-12,950	-0.90
1,447,351	1,467,391	20,041	1.38
1,808,480	1,802,298	-6,182	-0.34
1,051,567	1,050,128	-1,439	-0.14
613,404	635,863	22,459	3.66
856,013	854,417	-1,596	-0.19
853,748	875,087	21,340	2.50
1,114,822	1,112,162	-2,661	-0.24
797,798	814,252	16,454	2.06
801,246	799,234	-2,013	-0.25
1,021,139	1,017,844	-3,295	-0.32
762,479	760,618	-1,861	-0.24
850,069	849,733	-336	-0.04
1,694,543	1,670,460	-24,083	-1.42
687,551	691,013	3,461	0.50
840,729	833,872	-6,857	-0.82
850,413	851,281	868	0.10
1,731,849	1,691,493	-40,356	-2.33
795,977	804,658	8,681	1.09
744,896	770,404	25,508	3.42
827,782	829,261	1,479	0.18
1,499,122	1,498,758	-364	-0.02
689,128	706,310	17,183	2.49
994,589	1,009,342	14,753	1.48
550,792	559,675	8,884	1.61
836,629	829,007	-7,621	-0.91
866,115	866,851	736	0.08
1,388,945	1,376,509	-12,436	-0.90
755,980	766,702	10,722	1.42
1,171,180	1,159,775	-11,405	-0.97
785,362	788,479	3,117	0.40
883,210	884,239	1,029	0.12
697,360	711,067	13,707	1.97
883,219	888,728	5,509	0.62
783,182	789,711	6,529	0.83
732,311	740,056	7,745	1.06
1,381,124	1,393,243	12,119	0.88
1,051,864	1,073,945	22,080	2.10
763,134	758,556	-4,578	-0.60
813,361	817,129	3,768	0.46
821,060	848,016	26,956	3.28
838,709	859,221	20,513	2.45
734,912	754,957	20,045	2.73
931,394	920,300	-11,093	-1.19
880,817	879,859	-957	-0.11
1,293,490	1,259,065	-34,425	-2.66
2,264,530	2,217,494	-47,036	-2.08
1,472,298	1,432,337	-39,961	-2.71
1,154,857	1,145,035	-9,823	-0.85
998,759	990,420	-8,339	-0.83
<b>54,911,848</b>	<b>54,911,864</b>		

Lump sum increased to £130k. Deprivation allocation reduced by £1.62m.

Model D			
1	2	3	4
15/16 Budget Share Current Formula with MFG and Cap	15/16 Budget Share Proposed Formula with MFG	Increase /Decrease in Budget Share	Percentage Increase / Decrease
£	£	£	%
1,799,824	1,752,278	-47,546	-2.64
810,286	816,974	6,689	0.83
1,059,819	1,059,528	-290	-0.03
739,041	758,591	19,550	2.65
1,433,592	1,408,805	-24,786	-1.73
1,447,351	1,443,928	-3,422	-0.24
1,808,480	1,801,244	-7,236	-0.40
1,051,567	1,049,169	-2,398	-0.23
613,404	640,029	26,625	4.34
856,013	858,654	2,641	0.31
853,748	871,262	17,514	2.05
1,114,822	1,110,388	-4,434	-0.40
797,798	814,715	16,918	2.12
801,246	803,312	2,066	0.26
1,021,139	1,017,128	-4,011	-0.39
762,479	770,526	8,047	1.06
850,069	849,509	-560	-0.07
1,694,543	1,654,492	-40,051	-2.36
687,551	699,857	12,306	1.79
840,729	837,977	-2,751	-0.33
850,413	853,447	3,035	0.36
1,731,849	1,691,080	-40,769	-2.35
795,977	807,848	11,871	1.49
744,896	769,183	24,287	3.26
827,782	830,248	2,465	0.30
1,499,122	1,498,515	-607	-0.04
689,128	710,086	20,959	3.04
994,589	1,001,974	7,385	0.74
550,792	573,676	22,885	4.15
836,629	837,321	692	0.08
866,115	867,341	1,226	0.14
1,388,945	1,367,937	-21,008	-1.51
755,980	770,088	14,107	1.87
1,171,180	1,158,048	-13,131	-1.12
785,362	794,120	8,758	1.12
883,210	884,926	1,716	0.19
697,360	716,308	18,948	2.72
883,219	892,511	9,292	1.05
783,182	794,329	11,147	1.42
732,311	745,624	13,313	1.82
1,381,124	1,373,290	-7,834	-0.57
1,051,864	1,062,478	10,614	1.01
763,134	767,540	4,406	0.58
813,361	821,957	8,596	1.06
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**Comparison of models excluding Minimum Funding Guarantee**

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School Name
Allanson Street C.P.School
Ashurst Primary School
Billinge Chapel End
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Longton Lane Community Primary
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Newton Le Willows Primary
Nutgrove Methodist Primary
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Rainford Brook Lodge C.P.
Rainford Church of England
Rectory C.E. Primary School
Rivington Primary School
Robins Lane CP School
Sherdley County Primary School
St Aidans C.E.
St Anne's RC Primary School
St Austin's RC Primary
St Mary's & St Thomas'
St Mary's Catholic Infants
St Mary's Catholic Junior
St Peter & Paul R.C. Primary School
St Teresas
St. Ann's C.E. Primary School
St. Bartholomew's
St. James C.E. Primary School
St. John Vianney R.C. Primary
St. Julie Catholic Primary
St. Peter's C.E. Primary
St. Thomas of Canterbury School
St. Theresa's Catholic
Sutton Manor Community Primary School
Sutton Oak CE Primary School
Thatto Heath Community Primary
The District CE Primary School
Wargrave CE Primary School
Willow Tree Primary School
<b>Total</b>

Model A				
1	2	3	4	
15/16 Budget Share Current Formula without MFG and Cap	15/16 Budget Share Proposed Formula without MFG	Increase /Decrease in Budget Share	Percentage Increase / Decrease	
£	£	£	%	
1,805,840	1,769,717	-36,123	-2.00	
813,353	820,044	6,691	0.82	
1,064,191	1,067,126	2,936	0.28	
742,094	755,707	13,613	1.83	
1,439,638	1,429,391	-10,247	-0.71	
1,453,783	1,455,033	1,251	0.09	
1,814,704	1,769,886	-44,818	-2.47	
992,594	984,715	-7,879	-1.79	
615,894	633,314	17,421	2.83	
859,066	863,579	4,513	0.53	
857,394	869,911	12,518	1.46	
1,079,179	1,082,300	3,121	0.29	
801,029	813,225	12,196	1.52	
796,749	805,032	8,283	1.04	
1,025,274	1,026,207	933	0.09	
767,359	773,598	6,239	0.81	
844,692	846,768	2,076	0.25	
1,701,582	1,683,120	-18,462	-1.08	
690,101	699,815	9,714	1.41	
843,782	845,392	1,611	0.19	
852,962	853,112	151	0.02	
1,738,637	1,710,500	-28,136	-1.62	
799,119	808,599	9,480	1.19	
748,857	764,587	15,730	2.10	
807,963	811,150	3,187	0.39	
1,500,145	1,474,805	-25,340	-1.69	
691,869	706,241	14,371	2.08	
995,706	1,004,468	8,763	0.88	
559,484	571,226	11,742	2.10	
839,667	843,131	3,464	0.41	
846,309	849,727	3,418	0.40	
1,394,518	1,386,303	-8,214	-0.59	
759,018	769,702	10,684	1.41	
1,175,759	1,171,784	-3,975	-0.34	
788,370	796,175	7,805	0.99	
867,957	864,898	-3,059	-0.35	
700,028	713,317	13,289	1.90	
894,842	898,554	3,712	0.41	
786,205	795,296	9,091	1.16	
735,156	745,413	10,256	1.40	
1,387,363	1,386,240	-1,124	-0.08	
1,056,548	1,065,352	8,804	0.83	
765,964	771,427	5,463	0.71	
816,458	824,176	7,718	0.95	
824,661	839,561	14,900	1.81	
842,310	854,674	12,364	1.47	
737,951	752,304	14,353	1.95	
934,521	936,275	1,754	0.19	
844,455	848,843	4,388	0.52	
1,299,121	1,280,301	-18,820	-1.45	
2,272,726	2,215,142	-57,583	-2.53	
1,477,870	1,456,501	-21,369	-1.45	
1,159,111	1,148,049	-11,061	-0.95	
1,001,916	1,000,043	-1,873	-0.19	
<b>54,911,840</b>	<b>54,911,757</b>			

Lump sum increased to £130k. Deprivation allocation reduced by £0.81m; Basic Entitlement reduced by £0.81m.

Model B				
1	2	3	4	
15/16 Budget Share Current Formula without MFG and Cap	15/16 Budget Share Proposed Formula without MFG	Increase /Decrease in Budget Share	Percentage Increase / Decrease	
£	£	£	%	
1,805,840	1,763,164	-42,676	-2.36	
813,353	820,171	6,817	0.84	
1,064,191	1,069,357	5,166	0.49	
742,094	758,102	16,008	2.16	
1,439,638	1,431,538	-8,101	-0.56	
1,453,783	1,462,003	8,221	0.57	
1,814,704	1,760,969	-53,735	-2.96	
992,594	980,977	-11,617	-1.17	
615,894	635,529	19,635	3.19	
859,066	862,941	3,875	0.45	
857,394	873,466	16,073	1.87	
1,079,179	1,084,554	5,375	0.50	
801,029	815,605	14,577	1.82	
796,749	805,727	8,978	1.13	
1,025,274	1,027,160	1,887	0.18	
767,359	772,582	5,223	0.68	
844,692	844,822	130	0.02	
1,701,582	1,685,084	-16,498	-0.97	
690,101	699,614	9,513	1.38	
843,782	843,787	6	0.00	
852,962	849,724	-3,237	-0.38	
1,738,637	1,708,592	-30,045	-1.73	
799,119	809,845	10,727	1.34	
748,857	767,954	19,097	2.55	
807,963	809,613	1,650	0.20	
1,500,145	1,470,587	-29,558	-1.97	
691,869	708,087	16,218	2.34	
995,706	1,008,374	12,668	1.27	
559,484	569,985	10,501	1.88	
839,667	842,105	2,438	0.29	
846,309	848,687	2,377	0.28	
1,394,518	1,387,907	-6,610	-0.47	
759,018	771,083	12,065	1.59	
1,175,759	1,172,245	-3,514	-0.30	
788,370	796,520	8,150	1.03	
867,957	861,508	-6,449	-0.74	
700,028	714,612	14,584	2.08	
894,842	898,755	3,913	0.44	
786,205	796,108	9,902	1.26	
735,156	746,155	10,998	1.50	
1,387,363	1,391,923	4,559	0.33	
1,056,548	1,070,339	13,792	1.31	
765,964	770,534	4,569	0.60	
816,458	824,721	8,263	1.01	
824,661	843,796	19,135	2.32	
842,310	858,063	15,753	1.87	
737,951	754,907	16,957	2.30	
934,521	934,908	387	0.04	
844,455	847,858	3,403	0.40	
1,299,121	1,275,549	-23,572	-1.81	
2,272,726	2,207,044	-65,682	-2.89	
1,477,870	1,453,721	-24,149	-1.63	
1,159,111	1,145,310	-13,800	-1.19	
1,001,916	997,544	-4,372	-0.44	
<b>54,911,840</b>	<b>54,911,817</b>			

Lump sum increased to £130k. Deprivation allocation reduced by £1.08m; Basic Entitlement reduced by £0.54m.

Model C				
1	2	3	4	
15/16 Budget Share Current Formula without MFG and Cap	15/16 Budget Share Proposed Formula without MFG	Increase /Decrease in Budget Share	Percentage Increase / Decrease	
£	£	£	%	
1,805,840	1,750,053	-55,787	-3.09	
813,353	820,422	7,069	0.87	
1,064,191	1,073,817	9,626	0.90	
742,094	762,891	20,797	2.80	
1,439,638	1,435,829	-3,809	-0.26	
1,453,783	1,475,943	22,160	1.52	
1,814,704	1,743,130	-71,575	-3.94	
992,594	973,498	-19,096	-1.92	
615,894	639,958	24,064	3.91	
859,066	861,664	2,598	0.30	
857,394	880,576	23,183	2.70	
1,079,179	1,089,062	9,883	0.92	
801,029	820,366	19,337	2.41	
796,749	807,115	10,366	1.30	
1,025,274	1,029,065	3,791	0.37	
767,359	770,549	3,190	0.42	
844,692	840,929	-3,763	-0.45	
1,701,582	1,689,010	-12,572	-0.74	
690,101	699,210	9,110	1.32	
843,782	840,575	-3,206	-0.38	
852,962	842,946	-10,016	-1.17	
1,738,637	1,704,772	-33,865	-1.95	
799,119	812,337	13,219	1.65	
748,857	774,688	25,831	3.45	
807,963	806,537	-1,427	-0.18	
1,500,145	1,462,147	-37,997	-2.53	
691,869	711,780	19,911	2.88	
995,706	1,016,185	20,479	2.06	
559,484	567,501	8,017	1.43	
839,667	840,053	386	0.05	
846,309	846,603	294	0.03	
1,394,518	1,391,113	-3,404	-0.24	
759,018	773,843	14,825	1.95	
1,175,759	1,173,167	-2,593	-0.22	
788,370	797,209	8,839	1.12	
867,957	854,726	-13,231	-1.52	
700,028	717,202	17,174	2.45	
894,842	899,155	4,313	0.48	
786,205	797,730	11,524	1.47	
735,156	747,638	12,482	1.70	
1,387,363	1,403,288	15,924	1.15	
1,056,548	1,080,313	23,766	2.25	
765,964	768,746	2,781	0.36	
816,458	825,809	9,351	1.15	
824,661	852,265	27,604	3.35	
842,310	864,842	22,532	2.68	
737,951	760,114	22,163	3.00	
934,521	932,173	-2,347	-0.25	
844,455	845,888	1,433	0.17	
1,299,121	1,266,040	-33,081	-2.55	
2,272,726	2,190,840	-81,886	-3.60	
1,477,870	1,448,157	-29,712	-2.01	
1,159,111	1,139,829	-19,281	-1.66	
1,001,916	992,544	-9,372	-0.94	
<b>54,911,840</b>	<b>54,911,842</b>			

Lump sum increased to £130k. Deprivation allocation reduced by £1.62m.

Model D				
1	2	3	4	
15/16 Budget Share Current Formula without MFG and Cap	15/16 Budget Share Proposed Formula without MFG	Increase /Decrease in Budget Share	Percentage Increase / Decrease	
£	£	£	%	
1,805,840	1,745,639	-60,201	-3.33	
813,353	824,506	11,153	1.37	
1,064,191	1,069,084	4,894	0.46	
742,094	764,783	22,689	3.06	
1,439,638	1,422,561	-17,077	-1.19	
1,453,783	1,455,868	2,085	0.14	
1,814,704	1,740,012	-74,692	-4.12	
992,594	979,464	-13,130	-1.32	
615,894	644,928	29,035	4.71	
859,066	866,589	7,523	0.88	
857,394	878,256	20,863	2.43	
1,079,179	1,084,382	5,203	0.48	
801,029	821,356	20,328	2.54	
796,749	810,555	13,806	1.73	
1,025,274	1,026,830	1,557	0.15	
767,359	777,759	10,400	1.36	
844,692	848,153	3,461	0.41	
1,701,582	1,670,814	-30,768	-1.81	
690,101	706,292	16,191	2.35	
843,782	846,468	2,686	0.32	
852,962	853,215	253	0.03	
1,738,637	1,691,746	-46,891	-2.70	
799,119	814,920	15,801	1.98	
748,857	775,073	26,217	3.50	
807,963	813,277	5,313	0.66	
1,500,145	1,457,915	-42,230	-2.82	
691,869	715,822			

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## School Balances 2013/14 and 2014/15

School Name	Delegated Budget closing balance 2013/14	Delegated Budget closing balance 2014/15	2014/15 closing balance as a percentage of total budget share
	£	£	%
Rainhill Community Nursery	6,368	26,397	9
Allanson Street Primary	161,527	206,231	9
Ashurst Primary	44,082	103,753	10
Blackbrook St Mary's Catholic Primary	37,313	70,036	4
Bleak Hill Primary	78,888	72,887	4
Rainford Brook Lodge Community Primary	44,568	15,258	2
Broad Oak Community Primary	251,780	335,424	15
Chapel End Primary	148,535	150,936	12
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary	38,842	76,992	11
Carr Mill Primary	83,088	137,703	11
The District CE Primary	102,199	135,224	8
Eaves Primary	103,254	115,086	11
Eccleston Lane Ends Primary	28,525	40,067	4
Eccleston Mere Primary	73,556	67,773	5
Haydock English Martyrs Catholic Primary	105,946	130,222	11
Garswood Primary	144,299	162,516	18
Grange Valley Primary	48,362	67,890	7
Holy Cross Catholic Primary	102,494	130,669	14
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary	45,423	23,830	2
Legh Vale Primary	262,745	223,908	11
Longton Lane Community Primary	104,962	115,488	14
Lyme Community Primary	116,094	136,295	13
Merton Bank Primary	55,672	109,435	9
Newton-le-Willows Primary	106,934	188,621	9
Nutgrove Methodist Aided Primary	15,692	31,922	4
Oakdene Primary	61,949	119,038	9
Parish CE Primary	58,223	98,993	10
Queens Park CE-URC Primary	71,372	181,047	10
Rectory CE Primary	92,475	66,732	8
Rivington Primary	112,713	162,414	15
Robins Lane Community Primary	87,822	104,626	10
Rainford CE Primary	103,422	145,876	13
St Aidan's CE Primary	43,880	47,720	6
St Anne's Catholic Primary	32,405	67,969	5
St Ann's CE Primary	171,251	191,277	13
St Austin's Catholic Primary	85,657	45,813	5
St. Bartholomew's Catholic Primary	29,607	53,978	5
St James' CE Primary	75,201	80,634	10
St John Vianney Catholic Primary	31,575	61,254	7
St Julie's Catholic Primary	76,428	62,960	8
St Mary's & St Thomas' CE Primary	166,449	225,545	11
St Mary's Catholic Infants - N-I-W	61,285	48,342	6
St Mary's Catholic Junior - N-I-W	66,773	69,706	7
Birchley St. Mary's Catholic Primary	60,634	62,774	8
St Peter's CE Primary	54,028	74,034	8
St Peter & St Paul Catholic Primary	15,055	62,172	7
St Teresa's Catholic Primary	81,209	77,948	9
St Theresa's Catholic Primary	50,139	30,412	3
Sherdley Primary	116,246	118,658	7
Sutton Manor Community Primary	39,033	83,946	8
Thatto Heath Community Primary	126,647	95,223	3
Sutton Oak CE Primary	128,852	152,211	9
Wargrave CE Primary	32,182	133,111	10
Willow Tree Primary	46,782	49,767	4
St Thomas Of Canterbury Catholic Primary (Windleshaw)	50,955	66,951	8
<b>Total Primary Schools</b>	<b>4,541,396</b>	<b>5,715,697</b>	
Cowley International College	345,625	890,591	10
Haydock High School	197,330	98,701	3
De La Salle	477,206	295,515	5
Rainford High Technology College	617,080	536,093	8
Rainhill High School Media Arts College	603,526	606,573	6
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic High	300,177	260,701	7
St Cuthbert's Catholic Community College for B & E	499,158	475,720	9
<b>Total Secondary Schools</b>	<b>3,040,103</b>	<b>3,163,894</b>	
Penkford	208,142	257,276	8
Mill Green	176,297	157,779	8
Lansbury Bridge School and Sports College	72,894	169,265	4
Pupil Referral Unit		99,367	5
<b>Total Special Schools</b>	<b>457,333</b>	<b>683,686</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,038,833</b>	<b>9,563,277</b>	

\* Includes £15,473 Teaching School balance

\*\* Includes £47,768 Teaching School balance

\*\*\* Includes £14,712 ASD unit balance

\*\*\*\* Includes £95,960 Teaching School balance

\*\*\*\*\* Includes £141,303 Building Futures balance

Above amounts are excluded from the percentage calculations

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## Schools Forum

9th July 2014

### Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Outturn 2014/15

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to set out the final expenditure position in relation to the 2014/15 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and to recommend how the remaining DSG should be used.

2. Background

The DSG funding regulations require that any surplus arising from a particular year is carried forward and spent on items within the Schools Budget. The Authority, in consultation with the Schools Forum, is required to decide how the surplus should be used. Similarly any deficit within the DSG would be carried forward and would be the first call on future years' allocations.

3. Dedicated Schools Grant 2014/15

Appendix 1 sets out the outturn position in respect of the DSG for 2014/15 (subject to external audit). The table below summarises the final position for 2014/15:

<b>Summary of DSG Expenditure 2014/15</b>	<b>£M</b>
Total Schools Budget 2014/15	116.607
Total Expenditure 2014/15	114.699
<b>Underspend in respect of 2014/15</b>	<b>1.908</b>
Add in-year Business Rates refund	0.137
Add DSG adjustment re: 2013/14	0.140
<b>Unspent DSG to be carried forward</b>	<b>2.185</b>

The major variations are set out below:

- a number of services are provided to schools on a 'buy-back' arrangement eg absence cover for maternity and long-term sickness, school meals provision. There was an overall underspend of £266k in respect of these services (Line 1.0.1 Individual Schools Budget);
- the cost of non-maintained, independent and further education providers (Line 1.2.3) was underspent by £234k. This was due to lower than expected costs in respect of top-up payments for pupils in post-16 provision;
- central expenditure on children under 5 (Line 1.3.1) was underspent by £1.157m. Additional funding was included in local authority 2015/16 DSG allocations for the cost of extending the free nursery education offer to 2 year

old children. The amount included in DSG allocations was based on national estimates of the number of children locally who would be entitled to places. Providers are funded according to the number of sessions attended and the underspend represents actual levels of take-up across the borough;

- pupil growth / infant class sizes funding (Line 1.4.10) was underspent by £115k. The main reasons for this were that no schools had significant increases in pupils in September 2014 that would trigger additional funding; and that extra funding allocations associated with increases in Published Admission Numbers were lower than expected;
- in addition to the variations described above, a number of backdated refunds in respect of school rates costs (£137k in total) were received during the year. Also, an adjustment to the previous year's DSG allocation was received from the Department for Education. This resulted in additional income of £140k.

#### 4. Proposals for Use of Available DSG

As set out in section 3 above, the unspent 2014/15 DSG that is available is £2.185m. It is proposed that this is allocated as follows:

- it is apparent that some schools continue to experience financial pressures in respect of supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs, particularly in the case of newly admitted pupils. Although schools receive top-up payments for these pupils, it is often the case that existing school resources for the support of SEN are already allocated and this can make it difficult, in some cases, to provide the first £6k of additional support for which schools are responsible. It is proposed, therefore, that £250k is earmarked for top-up costs in 2015-16, where it can be demonstrated that the extra support costs for a pupil with additional educational needs are causing a significant budget pressure for the school;
- the department continues to work with schools across phases to further develop practice and leadership through a programme of support which includes commissioning a range of high quality external support. It is intended that £200k is allocated to maintain the support programme;
- a key priority of the department is to deliver a sustained improvement in the educational achievement of Looked After Children. An appointment to the part-time role of virtual head teacher has been made and it is proposed that additional short-term capacity is made available in order to accelerate the implementation of quality assurance, training and monitoring processes to improve outcomes for this cohort of pupils. The cost of this additional capacity is £30k;
- significant budget pressures are apparent within special schools and there are concerns about the financial sustainability of the current cohort of places. An additional issue is that demand for special school places is in excess of current provision. It is intended that a review of provision is undertaken by an external, independent party to provide an objective comparison of the costs of provision and a consideration of alternative models of provision. In order to allow for a reasonable timescale for the implementation of potential recommendations it is intended that a contingency of £400k is set aside to deal with the forecast 2016/17 budget pressures;

- there are a number of outstanding reimbursements due to schools in respect of premises and utility costs, SEN support and early years provision. The total cost of these outstanding reimbursements is £200k;
- at the request of primary school head teacher colleagues a review of the school funding formula is being undertaken. The main impetus for the review is concern about relative per pupil funding levels and the ability of some schools to maintain a staffing structure that, as a minimum, comprises a teacher and learning support assistant per class of pupils. Proposed formula changes and a timetable for implementation are yet to be agreed. It is not currently possible therefore to be clear about the extent to which the financial pressures of specific schools may be alleviated by changes in the funding formula. It is proposed that a contingency of £250k be retained should the need for targeted support arise;
- there continue to be short-term budgetary pressures associated with secondary school pupil numbers although the overall secondary population is now beginning to rise. Approximately £400k has been allocated in the current financial year (2015/16) to address school budget pressures and current predictions indicate that further allocations will be required in the financial year 2016/17. It is proposed that £300k is earmarked to address these pressures;
- it is proposed that the remaining £555k is earmarked to be included in the 2016/17 school budget calculations.

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**DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT OUTTURN 2014/15**

	<b>Budget £</b>	<b>Outturn £</b>	<b>Variance £</b>
1.0.1 Individual Schools Budget (After Academy recoupment; including de delegated items)	97,565,343	97,299,343	-266,000
1.2.1 Top up funding - maintained schools	7,861,604	7,824,023	-37,581
1.2.2 Top up funding - Academies and Free Schools	0	0	0
1.2.3 Top up and other funding - non-maintained, independent and further education providers	2,049,091	1,814,919	-234,172
1.2.4 Additional high needs targeted funding for mainstream schools and academies	0	0	0
1.2.5 SEN support services	1,898,636	1,897,197	-1,439
1.2.6 Hospital education services	0	0	0
1.2.7 Other alternative provision services	0	0	0
1.2.8 Support for inclusion	0	0	0
1.2.9 Special schools and PRU's in financial difficulty	0	0	0
1.2.10 PFI and BSF costs at special schools	0	0	0
1.2.11 Direct payments (SEN and disability)	0	0	0
1.2.12 Carbon reduction commitment allowances (PRUs)	0	0	0
1.3.1 Central expenditure on children under 5	3,541,372	2,384,614	-1,156,758
1.4.1 Contribution to combined budgets	177,374	176,894	-480
1.4.2 School admissions	199,938	192,895	-7,043
1.4.3 Servicing of schools forums	23,341	13,416	-9,925
1.4.4 Termination of employment costs	170,496	140,479	-30,017
1.4.5 Falling Rolls Fund	0	0	0
1.4.6 Capital expenditure from revenue (CERA)	2,168,818	2,119,935	-48,883
1.4.7 Prudential borrowing costs	0	0	0
1.4.8 Fees to independent schools without SEN	0	0	0
1.4.9 Equal pay - back pay	0	0	0
1.4.10 Pupil growth / infant class sizes	555,711	440,713	-114,998
1.4.11 SEN transport	50,500	50,000	-500
1.4.12 Exceptions agreed by the Secretary of State	0	0	0
1.4.13 Other Items	51,661	51,458	-203
1.5.1 Other specific grants	293,115	292,921	-194
	<b>116,607,000</b>	<b>114,698,807</b>	<b>-1,908,193</b>

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