

Schools Forum - January 2020
Decision Matrix for 2020-21 Budget

DSG Block	Decision Required	Inter-dependencies with other decisions	Proposal	Decision Maker			Decision - noted at meeting
				Local Authority	Schools Forum	DfE	
Overall Budget	Overall Schools Budget	individual decisions for blocks to feed in	Schools Budget to be set at level of DSG Settlement £374,503,029	Decides	Proposes		Agreed to set budgets in line with DSG allocation at £374,503,029.
Central Schools Services Block	Ongoing commitments eg Admissions, Schools Forum support, Services formally funded from retained duties element of ESG		Line by Line summary, appendix to Central DSG Report. Summarised in Proposed Budget summary Propose as presented in Appendix	Proposes	Decides for each line	Adjudicates if Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal	Agreed, line by line for each budget. No agreement to fund Admission Appeals from the Central Block.
	Central spend on historic commitments	will inform any further funding to be delegated if spend is not agreed, is not evidenced or does not meet criteria	Propose agree eligible expenditure as per table in Central Schools Services Block Report	Proposes	Decides for each line	Adjudicates if Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal	Agreed on a line by line basis.
	Central Licences negotiated by Secretary of State		Propose Budget for central copyright licences set at £0.382m	Decides	None	None	Agreed, Copyright Budget in line with DfE arrangements at £0.382m
	Central spend on general duties for maintained schools - services previously funded by ESG general duties rate	would be a top slice for maintained school budgets - impacts on delegated budget decision	No top slice proposed -pending DfE Grant announcement	Proposes	Decided by maintained school members	Adjudicates if Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal	Agreed, no top slice.
Schools block - Delegated Budget	Affordability of local formula		Converge as closely as possible to the NFF. Propose that any reduction required for affordability is applied to FSM Ever6 formula factor as per 18/19 & 19/20	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	After the presentation of a series of options, it was agreed to fund the formula on the basis of the full National Funding Formula rates and that the Mobility factor is not introduced in the 2020-21 year.
	Minimum Funding Guarantee		Propose set MFG plus 1.84%	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	Agreed, to ensure that all schools see an increase in their per pupil funding which is set at +1.84%.
	Growth fund		Growth fund to be set at £1m - split £0.1m Infant class Size and £0.9m basic need Propose criteria remain unchanged Total Growth Fund from DfE of £2.6M awarded to Wiltshire, Local Fund set at £1m	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	Agreed to set the Growth Fund at £2.6m, in accordance with the DfE's calculated Growth Funding. Split as £0.1m for Infant Class Size and the £2.5m for Basic Need growth.
	Falling Rolls Fund	impacts on available quantum for delegated budget	Propose Wiltshire does not have a falling rolls fund	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	Agreed not to establish a Falling Rolls Fund.
	Transfer to High Needs from Schools Block		To Transfer £TBCm (TBC%) from Schools Block to High Needs Block. If Sec of State does not approve, then a max of 0.5% can be transferred - £1.465M	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Subject to SofS Agreement beyond 0.5%	Agreed transfer of £2.065m which equates to 0.7% of the Schools Block of funding to High Needs Block.
	De-Delegation of Central Services		HCSS - £61,014	Proposes	Decides for each line	Made by Maintained only	Agreed
	De-Delegation of Central Services		FSM Eligibility - £21,388	Proposes	Decides for each line	Made by Maintained only	Agreed
	De-Delegation of Central Services		Trade Union - £70,000	Proposes	Decides for each line	Made by Maintained only	Agreed
	De-Delegation of Central Services		EMAS & Travellers - £528,269	Proposes	Decides for each line	Made by Maintained only	Agreed
	De-Delegation of Central Services		Behaviour Support - £612,000	Proposes	Decides for each line	Made by Maintained only	Agreed

