

Schools Forum - January 2021
Decision Matrix for 2021-22 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 £406,341,860	Decides	Proposes		Agreed Neil & George, Aileen & Nigel
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 at Decision Matrix - Neil & David W
	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 at Decision Matrix - Neil & David W
	Central Licences negotiated by Secretary of State		Propose Budget for central copyright licences set at £0.395m	Decides	None	None	Noted, Neil & Nigel
	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 at Decision Matrix - Neil & George KT
Schools block - Delegated Budget	Affordability of local formula		Converge as closely as possible to the NFF and fund factors at the NFF rates.	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	Agreed Neil & Lisa and Nigel
	Introduction of the Mobility factor		Following completion of Army Rebasng and greater stability of school populations, review the principle of funding Mobility for those schools with significant Mobility and suffering lagged funding.	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	Agree to introduce Neil & Giles
	Sparisty funding rates		Confirm the sparsity funding rates for 2021-22, based upon options presented, fund at full NFF rates, uplift by 3% (NFF uplift) or retain the 2020-21 rates.	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	3% Uplift - voted
	Minimum Funding Guarantee		Propose set MFG positive 2%	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	Neil & Lisa

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	Growth fund		Growth fund to be set at £2.21m - split £0.1m Infant class Size and £2.1m basic need Criteria remain unchanged from previous year and agreed at Schools Forum meeting December 2020, Total growth funding awarded by DfE of £1.814M to Wiltshire.	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations	Agreed Neil & Lisa and Nigel
	Transfer to High Needs from Schools Block		To Transfer up to a maximum of £1.517m from Schools Block to High Needs Block. This equates to 0.5% of the Schools Block (net of Teachers Pay and Pension funding).	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Subject to SofS Agreement beyond 0.5%	First to be discussed, Neil & David W
	De-Delegation of Central Services		Access Budget Software - £52,544	Proposes	Decides for each line	Made by Maintained only	at Decision Matrix point Neil & Nigel
	De-Delegation of Central Services		FSM Eligibility - £27,804	Proposes	Decides for each line	Made by Maintained only	at Decision Matrix point Neil & Andy B
	De-Delegation of Central Services		Trade Union - £70,000	Proposes	Decides for each line	Made by Maintained only	at Decision Matrix point Neil & Nigel
	De-Delegation of Central Services		EMAS & Travellers - £542,796	Proposes	Decides for each line	Made by Maintained only	at Decision Matrix point Neil & Nigel
	De-Delegation of Central Services		Behaviour Support - £639,105	Proposes	Decides for each line	Made by Maintained only	at Decision Matrix point Neil & Catriona
	De-Delegation of Central Services		Maternity Supply - £549,158	Proposes	Decides for each line	Made by Maintained only	at Decision Matrix point Neil & Nigel
High Needs Block	Top Up values for NPAs, ELP, Resource Bases and Special Schools		Initial proposal no change from 2020-21 values - note proposed consultation on High Needs formula for 2022-23 with less weighting on the historical funding factor.	Decides	none - but would consult Schools Forum	none	Neil & Lisa P at Decision Matrix
	Approval of the draft DSG Management Plan, prior to submission to Cabinet and the DfE		Schools Forum to approve the content of the DSG Management Plan, as set out in the DfE's Management Plan template.	Decides	none - but would consult Schools Forum	none	Agreed during report
Early Years Block	Agree Wiltshire formula		Proposed formula as per EY Block report Proposed Basic Hourly rate increases to £4.25 for 3&4 year olds and £5.48 for 2 year olds.	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	none	Agreed during report

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	Level of Inclusion Support Fund and how funded	Links to High Needs Block decisions	Proposed ISF £357,000 as in the 2020-21 year.	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	none	Agreed during report
	% Pass Through to settings		Proposal in Early Years report for maintaining at least 95% pass through	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	none	Agreed during report