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DSG Block	Notes	Decision Required	Inter-dependencies with other decisions	Work still required	Decision Maker		
					Local Authority	Schools Forum	DfE
Overall Budget		Overall Schools Budget	individual decisions for blocks to feed in	Analysis of settlement and new regulations/operational guidance	Decides	Proposes	
		Confirm no LA Top Up			Decides		
Central Schools Block	Must be approved on a line by line basis (change from previous years)	Ongoing commitments eg Admissions, Growth Fund, Schools Forum support		calculate budget requirement	Proposes	Decides for each line	Adjudicates if Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal
	Evidence required for historic commitments and proposals must meet criteria	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	collate evidence and confirm eligibility. Also need to be able to release cash for any additional delegation	Proposes	Decides for each line	Adjudicates if Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal
	Cannot increase compared with previous year	Central Licences negotiated by Secretary of State			Decides	None	None
		Central Spend on services previously funded by the retained rate of ESG		Work under way to cost responsibilities (will be a piece of work required for LA to determine how to reflect in accounts)	Proposes	Decides for each line	Adjudicates if Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal
		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	Work under way to identify costs for these duties and whether already traded or delegated	Proposes	Decided by maintained school members	Adjudicates if Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal
Schools block - Delegated Budget	Not proposing any changes to formula for 2017-18 with possible exception of top slice for maintained schools for ESG responsibilities or School Improvement	Values of pupil led formula factors - Deprivation, EAL, Prior Attainment, etc	Decision on Historic commitments will inform any additional funding to be delegated	Review quantum and affordability of current formula factors	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	Ensures formula is compliant with regulations
			decision on any top slice for maintained schools (for School Improvement or ESG) will inform formula factor values				
			any decision to move funding between DSG blocks				
			De-delegation - most decisions made, still need to confirm Maternity		Proposes	Primary and Secondary school reps decide	Adjudicates if Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal
			Funding for Additional School Improvement	new guidance allows for funding for "additional" school improvement to be de-delegated from maintained schools	would need to identify what the additional services are and level of funding proposed to de-delegate	Proposes	Primary and Secondary school reps decide
High Needs Block	Note - HNB under pressure in 16-17 and likely to continue to be so	Central spend on High Needs provision			Decides	none	none
		Inclusion of Therapies spend in central high needs budget - moved from ESG	additional pressure on HNB - may require movement from other blocks		Decides	none	none
		Funding of Early Years Inclusion Support Fund - fund from HNB or EY Block?	Impacts on decisions on Early Years Single Funding Formula - hourly rate and & pass through		Unclear - think decision maker is LA because high needs block but decision making powers for EY Block are less clear		
		Top Up values for NPAs, ELP, Resource Bases and Special Schools			Decides	none - but would consult Schools Forum	none
		Funding levels for Alternative Provision			Decides	none - but would consult Schools Forum	none
		Additional Pressures within high needs block to be funded			Decides	none - but would consult Schools Forum	none
		Savings proposals to meet shortfall in high needs block			Decides	none - but would consult Schools Forum	none
Early Years Block	New national funding formula now confirmed by DfE and minimum hourly rate for settings set at £4.00	Agree Wiltshire formula - including supplements to be applied		new formula modelled and compliance calculation required to ensure pass through requirements met	Proposes and decides	must be consulted	
	new rules on % of EY block that must be passed to providers	Level of Inclusion Support Fund and how funded	High Needs Block options				
		% Pass Through to settings	impacts on potential top slice for schools		Proposes	Decides for each line	Adjudicates if Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal
		Hourly Base rate					

**Principles that have guided Schools Forum decisions in previous years:**

- 1 Money should follow the pupil
- 2 Decisions should maximise the funding allocated to all pupils where possible
- 3 Support local specialist provision
- 4 Maintain relativities between phases (Primary/Secondary) in formula factors
- 5 Minimise the numbers of Schools on Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)