



## NOTICE OF MEETING

# Haringey Schools Forum

THURSDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 2022 AT 4.00 PM ON ZOOM.

No	Item	Presenter	Action from previous meeting	For noting/ Decision
<b>1</b>	<b>Meeting administration</b>			
1.1	Welcome	Chair		
1.2	Observers and representatives	Chair		
1.3	Declarations of interest	Chair		
1.4	Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 13 January 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accuracy</li><li>• Actions</li><li>• Matters arising</li></ul>	Chair		
<b>2</b>	<b>Membership</b>			
2.1	Membership updates Current vacant places <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Headteacher Secondary Academy x 1</li><li>• Governor Primary Academy x 1</li><li>• Governor Secondary Academy x 2</li></ul>	NA – Clerk		For noting
<b>3</b>	<b>Reports</b>			
3.1	Early Years Block report	NA		For agreement
3.2	DSG CSSB Update	BS/MA		For noting
3.3	DSG High Needs Block (HNB) Update	BS/MJ		For noting
3.4	High needs block recovery plan presentation	BS/MJ		For noting
3.5	Update on use of the Growth Fund 2021-22	ER/CK		For agreement

4	Update from working groups			
4.1	Schools Block working group update	WW		
4.2	HNB working group update	MD		
4.3	Early Years working group update	MM		
4.4	Workplan	NA – Clerk		
4.5	AOB			
4.6	Dates of future meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 14 July 4pm</li> </ul>			

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM MEETING  
THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY AT 4pm**

<b>School Members</b>		
<b>Headteachers</b>		
<b>Special (1)</b>	Martin Doyle (Riverside)	
<b>Nursery Schools (1)</b>	Sian McDermott	
<b>Primary (7)</b>	Mary Gardiner (West Green)	(A) Michelle Randles - maternity leave Substitute member Grant Bright (Rokesly Infants & Nursery)
	Stephen McNicholas (St John Vianney)	Paul Murphy (Lancasterian)
	Ian Scotchbrook (South Haringey)	* Linda Sarr (Risley Avenue)
	Will Wawn (Bounds Green)	
<b>Secondary (2)</b>	Andy Webster (Park View)	Tony Hartney (Gladesmore)
<b>Primary Academy (1)</b>	(A) Simon Knowles (LDBS Academies Trust)	
<b>Secondary Academies (3)</b>	(A) Michael McKenzie (Alexandra Park)	Vacancy
	* Elen Roberts (Heartlands High)	
<b>Alternative Provision (1)</b>	Gerry Robinson	
<b>Governors</b>		
<b>Special (1)</b>	Jean Brown (The Vale)	
<b>Nursery School (1)</b>	Melian Mansfield (Pembury)	
<b>Primary Maintained (7)</b>	*Hannah D'Aguiar (Chestnuts Primary)	John Keever (Seven Sisters)
	*Jenny Thomas (Lordship Lane)	Alex MacAskill (West Green Primary)
	Dan Salem (Muswell Hill Primary)	Andrew Willett (Willow Primary)
	Helen Froggatt (St Aidan's Primary)	
<b>Secondary Maintained (3)</b>	Laurence Penn (Highgate Wood)	
	Sylvia Dobie (Park View)	
<b>Primary Academy (1)</b>	Vacancy	
<b>Secondary Academies (3)</b>	*Noreen Graham (Woodside)	Vacancy
	Vacancy	
<b>Alternative Provision (1)</b>	Laura Butterfield	
<b>Non-School Members</b>		
<b>Non-Executive Councillor</b>	*Cllr Sarah Williams	
<b>Trade Union Representative</b>	(A)Paul Renny	
<b>Professional Association Representative</b>	*Ed Harlow	
<b>Faith Schools</b>	*Geraldine Gallagher	
<b>14-19 Partnership</b>	*Kurt Hintz	
<b>Early Years Providers</b>	Susan Tudor-Hart	
<b>Observers</b>		
None		
<b>Cabinet Member for CYPs</b>		
(A) Cllr Zena Brabazon		
<b>Also Attending</b>		
LBH Director of Children's Services	(A)Ann Graham	
Chief Executive of Haringey Education Partnership (HEP)	James Page	
LBH Assistant Director, Schools & Learning	Eveleen Riordan	
LBH Assistant Director, Finance	Thomas Skeen	
LBH Head of Finance	Josephine Lyseight	
LBH Head of Service, Integrated SEND	Mary Jarrett	
LBH Head of Strategic Commissioning, Early Help & Culture	*Ngozi Anuforo	
LBH Assistant Director Commissioning	*Charlotte Pomery	
LBH Interim Schools Finance Manager	Brian Smith	

LBH Finance Business Partner (Schools & Learning)	Muhammad Ali
LBH Service Improvement & Children's Services	*Karen Oellermann
Lead for Governor Services (HEP)/Clerk (Minutes)	Neetha Atukorale
LBH Asst Director Early Help, Prevention and SEND Division	Jackie Difolco
LBH Head of Admissions and School Organisation	*Carlo Kodsi
LBH Head of Audit and Risk Management	*Minesh Jani
LBH HR Team	*Antony Lewis

(A) = Apologies given

\* = Asterisk denotes absence

### SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT FOR 24 FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING

ITEM	ACTION	FOLLOW UP
2.6	Update on the transfer from the Schools Block to the CSSB for the Education Welfare Service	BS/MA/JL/ER
3.6	Raise the outcome of the School Improvement Grant Brokering grant consultation with the two Haringey MPs	AG/ER
4	Circulate Early Years Working Group and High Needs Block Committee minutes from January meetings	NA - Clerk

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 13 JANUARY 2022

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION ASSIGNED TO
1.1	<b>WELCOME</b>	
	The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the meeting.	
1.2	<b>OBSERVERS AND REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
	There were no observers or representatives in attendance.	
1.3	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	The clerk confirmed that apologies had been received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike McKenzie</li> <li>Paul Renny</li> </ul>	
1.4	<b>MEMBERSHIP UPDATE</b>	
	The clerk reported that there had been no further expressions of interest from potential new governor members and there were no further membership updates to report.	
1.5	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
	None	
1.6	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING MEETING ON 2 DECEMBER 2021</b>	
	<p><b>Accuracies</b></p> <p><b>Deletion:</b> Point 3.5: The sentence stating:  <b>"This brings the total to £19K"</b></p> <p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>The actions from the last meeting had been completed as below:</p> <p><b>Action 10.12 – Report outcome of the consultation and present recommendations at the Schools Forum meeting on 13 January 2022</b></p> <p>This has been covered at Agenda item 3.1</p>	

	<p><b>Action 1.7 - Promote the work of the Schools Forum to academy school governing boards to attract new members</b> There had been no volunteers come forward</p> <p><b>Action 3.2.4 – Invite Helen Froggatt to a SEND Panel meeting</b> MJ will be attending the next Local Leaders of Governance meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p><b>Action 6.4 – Draft a response from Schools Forum to the DfE regarding the proposal to remove the School Improvement Grant</b> This has been covered at Agenda item 4.1</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Schools Block Funding Model Strategy for 2022-23</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<p>BS presented the report and stated the recommendations of the report as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note the results of the 2022-23 Haringey primary and secondary schools DSG funding formula consultation in November.</li> <li>For Schools Forum to decide on the preferred 2022-23 DSG funding formula model, with the recommendations listed in section two of the report.</li> </ul> <p><b>He explained that:</b> The consultation was being carried out to agree the allocation of the schools block as the national funding formula allows the transfer of funds according to local need.</p>	
<b>2.2</b>	<p><b>BS highlighted that the key features in the report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A minimum funding guarantee in local formulae for 2022-23 must be set between +0.5% and +2%. This has been set at 1.58%.</li> <li>Local authorities will again be able to transfer up to 0.5% of their total school's block allocations to other blocks of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), with school's forum approval. The decision proposed in the report is to transfer 0.25% from the Schools Block to the High Needs block to be spent on children with special needs.</li> <li>The consultation was based on indicative numbers for the October 2021 census. Since the consultation took place the confirmed census data has been released and the results have been included in the LA proforma tool.</li> <li>The National Funding formula gives an Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) for different ages. The consultation seeks to address the divergence of percentage increases between primary and secondary schools. This will bring Haringey closer to the national averages and the National Funding Formula ratio difference. This will ensure that schools will be in a better trajectory going forward and both primary and secondary schools are likely to have better increases in terms of funding.</li> <li>Growth funding of £1.1m has been requested, however based on the emerging figures it appears that the full amount will not be used. Unspent funds will be returned to schools via the APT formula</li> <li>Provide £60K funding to a Haringey Primary school with a Nursery School on a split</li> <li>A transfer of £122K to be transferred to the Education Welfare Service</li> <li>De-delegation to the trade union facility of £165K which is closer to the actual spend for this facility site</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree a second year lumpsum payment of £68k to Tiverton Primary school (subject to Secretary of State approval via disapplication request)</li> </ul>	
2.3	<p><b>BS reported that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In total there were 41 responses to the consultation from both Headteachers and Chairs of Governors. A breakdown of responses and the outcome of the consultation are shown in table A</li> <li>The majority of votes were made in favour of each recommendation as outlined in the report</li> <li>Model 2B was the preferred model</li> <li>The DfE will be informed of the decision made by Schools Forum on the above proposals by 21 January 2022</li> <li>Schools will be informed of budget allocations by 28 February 2022</li> </ul>	
2.4	<p>The Chair thanked BS for the clarity of reporting and the results outlined in the consultation.</p> <p>WW confirmed that the consultation was an open consultation.</p>	
2.5	<p><b>Question: WW:</b> Is there a possibility that budget allocations can be distributed before 28 February dependent on ESFA approval to give schools as much notice as possible?</p> <p><b>Answer: BS:</b> If possible dependent on ESFA approval budgets will be distributed to schools before 28 February 2022.</p>	
2.6	<p><b>Question: PM:</b> The block transfer for the Education Welfare Service was approved by Schools Forum as it was requested for the 2020-21 financial year for a one year period provided a solution could be found and this could be rectified, without being a long-term arrangement.</p> <p><b>Answer BS:</b> This is currently being reviewed and will be reviewed again at the next Forum Meeting on 24 February. <b>ACTION BS/MA</b></p> <p><b>Answer ER:</b> ER confirmed that this was the case and would check this. <b>ACTION ER</b></p>	BS/MA/JL
2.7	<p><b>Question: MM</b> the report refers to a primary school on two sites Is this a nursery school?</p> <p><b>Answer BS:</b> Yes, it is a nursery school.</p>	ER
2.8	<p><b>Question: SMN</b> – Will growth fund be reduced in line with falling pupil numbers.</p> <p><b>Answer: WW</b> the growth fund has been set at 1.1m for a sometime. It is not anticipated in the 2021-22 will be spent, in turn the demand for 2022-23 is likely to diminish. ER confirmed that this is likely to be the case and it is better to work on this basis than have to reduce the amount allocated. ER confirmed that schools will receive this funding and any unspent surplus.</p>	
2.9	<p><b>Question: AW</b> Is the response rate to the consultation consistent with previous years, as 75% of schools didn't respond? Do schools understand the consequences of not replying</p> <p><b>Answer: Chair:</b> The Chair confirmed that the response rate was slightly higher than previous years. WW confirmed that the consequences of not responding has been raised with Headteachers.</p>	

<p>2.10</p> <p>2.11</p> <p>2.12</p> <p>2.13</p> <p>2.14</p> <p>2.15</p> <p>2.16</p>	<p>AW thanked the finance team for an extremely well presented and clear report.</p> <p>It was agreed that the report was noted and eligible Schools Forum members would vote on preferred 2022-23 DSG Funding Model and each recommendation outlined.</p> <p>WW confirmed that all members can vote on all the recommendations with the exception of <b>item g)</b> where voting needs to be carried out in terms of school phase and only maintained schools not academies are entitled to vote on item</p> <p>The Chair asked if there were any objections to the proposals.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> PM: Could there be more conditions around agreeing funding for Item e) the transfer from the Schools Block to CSSB for the Education Welfare Service?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> ER: Confirmed that this has already been reviewed and the Education Welfare Service had made some adjustments to service provision. She suggested that a vote on this is made and an update on this is given at the next forum meeting in February without delaying submission to the ESFA. AG also re-iterated this.</p> <p>WW – suggested that a vote is taken at each forum and careful consideration needs to be given to the funding strands, however Schools Forum needs to consider if this is the right point to review funding for the Education Welfare Service in view of the implications of the pandemic still being a consideration:</p> <p>The outcome of voting is below:</p> <p>It was agreed that the eligible Schools Forum members would vote on each of the recommendations. The outcome of voting is below:</p> <p><b>a) Recommendation: To adopt Model 2B with a 10% increase in AWPU for Primary schools</b>          Votes cast in favour: 11          Votes cast against: None  <b>Outcome of voting: Agreed</b></p> <p><b>b) Recommendation: To agree the transfer 0.25% of the Schools Block allocation (£525,732) from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block</b>          Votes cast in favour: 10          Votes cast against: 0  <b>Outcome of voting: Agreed</b></p> <p><b>c) Recommendation: The Growth fund to be set at £1.1m</b>          Votes cast in favour: 13          Votes against: None  <b>Outcome of voting: Agreed</b></p> <p><b>d) Recommendation: The Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) remains between +0.5% and +2.0% per pupil and is set at +1.58%.</b>          Votes cast in favour: 14          Votes against: None  <b>Outcome of voting: Agreed</b></p>	
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2.17	<p><b>e) Recommendation: Block transfer of £122k from the Schools Block to the Central Block for Education Welfare Service</b></p> <p>Votes cast in favour:13 Votes against: None <b>Outcome of voting: Agreed</b></p>	
2.18	<p><b>f) Recommendation: Provide £60K funding to a Haringey Primary school with a Nursery School on a split site</b></p> <p>Votes cast in favour:15 Votes against: None <b>Outcome of voting: Agreed</b></p>	
2.19	<p><b>g) Recommendation: De-delegation of £165K for Trade Union Representation (for maintained schools only)</b></p> <p><b>Primary representative votes</b> Votes cast in favour:10 Votes against:None</p> <p><b>Secondary representative votes</b> Votes cast in favour:4 Votes against:None <b>Overall outcome of voting: Agreed</b></p>	
2.20	<p><b>h) Recommendation: Agree a second year lumpsum payment of £68k to Tiverton Primary school (subject to Secretary of State approval via disapplication request)</b></p> <p>Votes cast in favour: 14 Votes against: None <b>Outcome of voting: Agreed</b></p>	
3	<b>School Improvement Monitoring and Brokerage Grant – Government - letter to SoS</b>	
3.1	ER reported that following on from Action 6.4 from the last meeting a letter was sent from the Chair of the Forum to the Secretary of State and also via the Regional Schools Commissioner. The letter confirmed that Schools Forum objected to the proposed removal of the School Improvement Monitoring and Brokerage Grant amounting to £230K and the very short timescale for the implementation of the proposed changes. Strong objections had been sent throughout the country.	
3.2	A response to the letter had been received confirming that the proposal would be going ahead and the grant will be removed. ER confirmed that this was very disappointing and the implications will need to be considered going forward.	
3.3	Members presented agreed that excellent services are provided by HEP and this is very disappointing news.	
3.4	JP thanked the forum for support in response to the consultation. He reported that HEP will be losing £124K for 2022-23 and then the full amount from April 2023. He confirmed that HEP was committed to ensuring continuity of service to schools and didn't want to impact on the budgets of schools.	



	<p>The Chair confirmed that the Forum will need to consider the implications of this to support HEP.</p> <p>AG confirmed that the in-year cuts were very disappointing for the children and young people of Haringey.</p>	
3.5	<p>WW thanked members present who contributed to the letter. He emphasised the importance of joined up thinking in terms of other budgets with cuts ahead for the DSG and CSSB. He suggested that the forum takes a strategic view of possible cuts ahead and joined up thinking in terms of funding.</p> <p>MM asked if the Haringey Schools Forum response had been sent to the two Members of Parliament (MPs) for Haringey.</p>	
3.6	<p>AG confirmed that it would be possible to send the letter onto the two MPs.</p> <p><b>Action AG &amp; ER</b></p>	<b>AG &amp; ER</b>
4	<b>Updates from Working Groups</b>	
4.1	<p><b>DSG Working Group</b></p> <p>WW reported that the work carried out by the group at the last meeting on 16 December had been covered in the report tabled at item 2 earlier in the meeting.</p>	
4.2	<p><b>High Needs Block Committee</b></p> <p>MD reported that the minutes of the last meeting will be circulated with the reports for the next meeting in February. The items covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BS had guided the group through the ESFA review</li> <li>• The transfer of funds to Early Help</li> <li>• MJ had updated the group on the SEND strategy</li> <li>• The work of ISOS to bring down the deficit and falling school rolls</li> <li>• The financial impact of the outcome of EHCPs</li> </ul> <p>MJ added that ISOS will be doing some analysis work between January and March and schools will be contacted for some scoping activities.</p>	
4.3	<p><b>Early Years Working Group</b></p> <p>MM reported that the minutes of the last meeting will be circulated with the reports for the next meeting in February. A paper will also be tabled on the use of the Early Years block funding.</p>	
5	<b>AOB</b>	
	None	
6	<b>CLOSE</b>	
	The Chair thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.	
7	<p><b>DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 24 February 4pm</li> <li>• Thursday 14 July 4pm</li> </ul>	

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 5.10 pm

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### Agenda Item

### Report Status

For information/note	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
For consultation & views	<input type="checkbox"/>
For decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Paper for Schools Forum Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**Report Title:** DSG Early Block Budget 2022-23

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**Purpose:** To provide Schools Forum with an overview of the Early Years Block Budget Allocation for 2022-23.

**Recommendations:**

1. That Schools Forum notes the indicative funding for the Early Years Block in 2022-23 set out at 4.2 of this report.
2. That, following the recommendations of its Early years Working Group, Schools Forum agrees the early years funding formula rates for 2022-23 as set out at 4.8 and 4.9 in this report.
3. That Schools Forum agrees the recommendation of its Early Years Working Group, as set out at 4.12 of this report, for the level and use of centrally retained funds in 2022-23.

## **Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide the Schools Forum members with an overview of Haringey's indicative early years block for the 2022-23 financial year. The paper sets out the elements that make up the early years block and the implications for the current early years funding formula. It should be noted that these allocations are subject to in-year adjustment based on pupil numbers, and therefore, final allocations will not be known until Autumn 2023.

## **2. Early Years DSG Block Funding**

- 2.1 The Early Years Block is provided for the Council to meet its statutory duties under the Childcare Act 2006 and is expected to fund:
- The Free Early Education Entitlement for all three- and four-year olds through an Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF)
  - The free entitlement for eligible two-year olds
  - The Early Years Pupil Premium
  - Access for Disabled children
  - Support for Maintained Nursery Schools (MNS)
- 2.2 In addition to delivering the early years free entitlement, it is mandated that all local authorities have in place an Early Years Inclusion Fund (EYIF) to support 3 & 4-year-old children, with special educational needs, below the threshold for Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), to access their free entitlement. Amongst the few budgets and services provided directly from the high needs block for children without an EHCP, the EYIF, is provided as part of the Council meeting its statutory obligations.
- 2.3 It should be noted that amongst the actions for the local authority some key requirements are set out in the statutory guidance. These include the following:
- Local authorities are not required to establish a special educational needs inclusion fund (SENIF) for 2-year-olds. However, they may wish to do so as part of their provision for children with special educational needs (SEN).
  - Local authorities are required to pass-through 95% of their 3 and-4-year-old funding from the government to early years providers. This pass-through requirement ensures that most of the government funding reaches providers so that they can deliver the government's free entitlements. This means that local authorities, in planning their budget allocations for the forthcoming financial year, need to allocate at least 95% of their EYNFF hourly rate to providers.
  - The '95%' includes the following budget lines:
    - base rate funding for all providers
    - supplements for all providers
    - lump sum funding for MNS (please note any funding from the DfE's MNS supplementary allocation will be excluded—see below)
    - the top-up grant element of SENIFs paid to providers

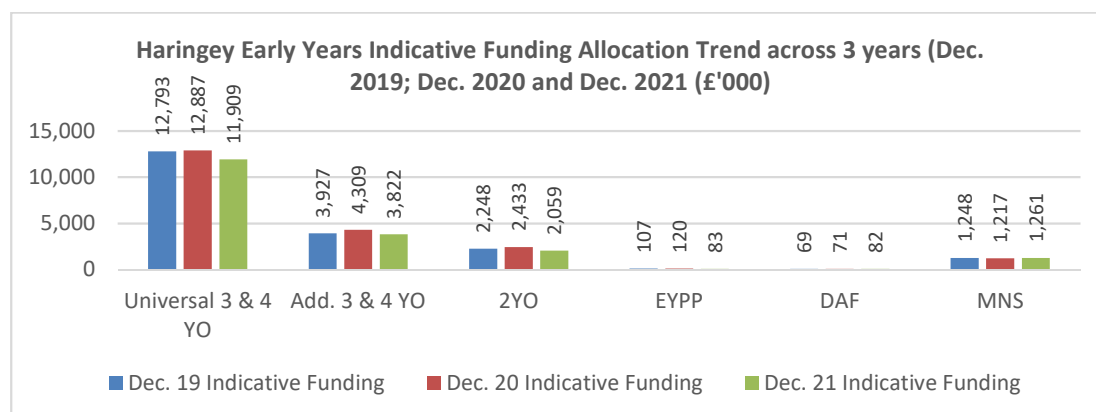
- contingency funding
- The remaining 5% of expenditure could include the following:
  - centrally retained funding (for central services or services in-kind, including special educational needs and disability (SEND) services)
  - transfer of any funding to 2-year-olds
  - any extra hours that local authorities choose to fund in addition to the government's entitlement hours for 3 and 4-year-olds.
  - any funding movement out of the early years block
- The following DSG early years block funding streams are not included in the 95% pass-through calculation:
  - funding for the entitlement for disadvantaged 2-year-olds.
  - payments to MNS from DfE's MNS supplementary funding allocation.
  - the disability access fund (DAF).
  - the early years pupil premium (EYPP).

### 3. **Early Years DSG Indicative Budgets**

- 3.1 Since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic in early 2020, DfE has implemented a range of measures that have seen Early DSG allocations, across 2020-21 and 2021-22, subject to changes informed by the department's strategies for ensuring the continuation of early education funding across the various periods of lock down, phased re-opening and a return to full opening of schools and early years settings.
- 3.2 As a consequence, turbulence in the numbers of pupils accessing early education over the last two funding periods, has contributed to a degree of fluctuation in our early years DSG Block allocations.

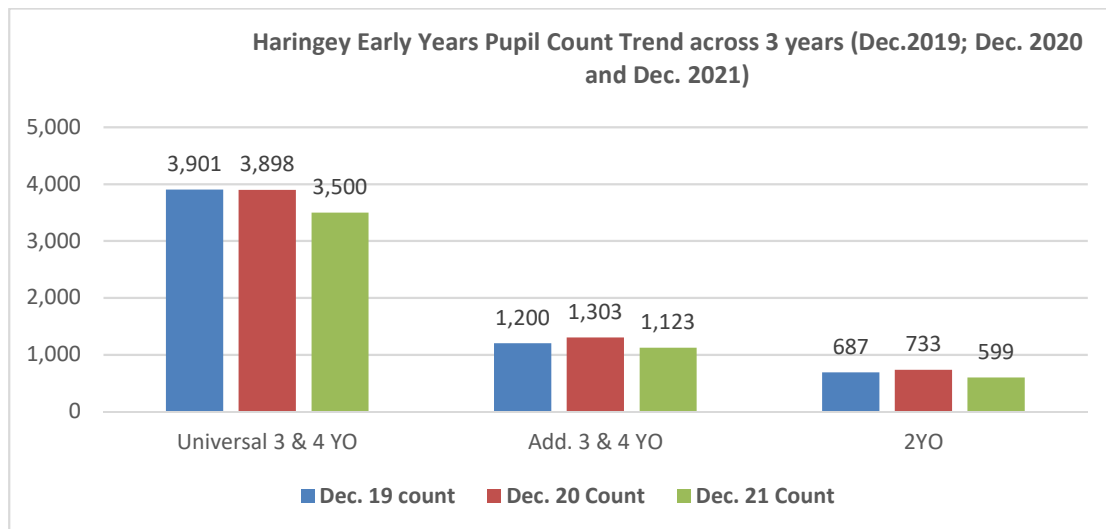
#### 3.2.1 Table 1.

Reviewing our indicative allocations across the last three funding periods, funding gains, based on increased participation through 2019-20, were lost because of the pandemic.



### 3.2.2 Table 2.

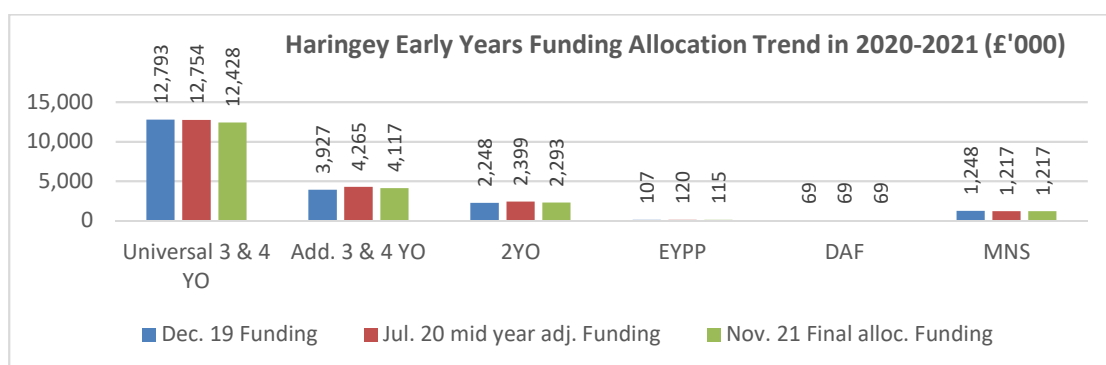
In a pattern reflected across the country, we saw significant decreases in pupil participation since the beginning of 2020.



### 3.3 **2020-21: EY DSG Allocation**

3.3.1 In this particular year, measures to maintain funding to early providers and support the continued opening of early education and childcare provision, saw the indicative funding allocation for that year remain relatively stable until the latter part of 2021.

Table 3.



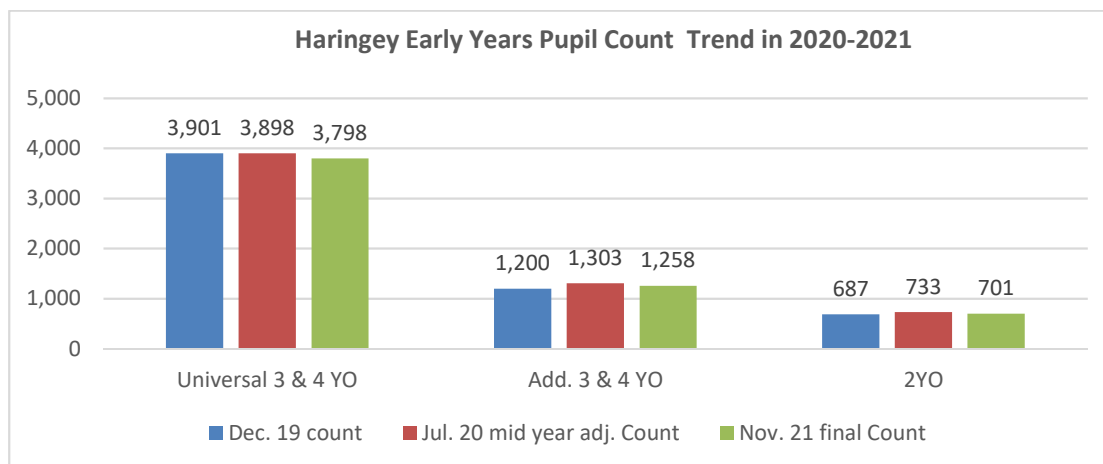
3.3.2 In July 2020, Haringey's 2020-21 early years allocation within DSG was revised by DfE to reflect our January 2020 census, increasing our allocation by £0.43m. A further adjustment in November confirmed a final allocation, which then reduced the 2020-21 budget by £0.58m.

Table 4.

2020_2021: ALLOCATION FOR L.B.HARINGEY											
Indicative Budget December 2019				Mid-Year Adjustment July 2020 (Based on Jan 2020 census)				Final Allocation November 2021			
	LA Rate(£)	x No. of PTE	Amount (£)		LA Rate(£)	x No. of PTE	Amount (£)		LA Rate(£)	x No. of PTE	Amount (£)
Universal 3 & 4 YO	5.74	3901.06	12793489	Universal 3 & 4 YO	5.74	3898.02	12753542	Universal 3 & 4 YO	5.74	3798.42	12427671
Add. 3 & 4 YO	5.74	1200.25	3926978	Add. 3 & 4 YO	5.74	1303.42	4264530	Add. 3 & 4 YO	5.74	1258.37	4117135
2YO	5.74	687.15	2248218	2YO	5.74	733.33	2399310	2YO	5.74	700.7	2292551
EYPP			106521	EYPP			119632	EYPP			115146
DAF			69495	DAF			69495	DAF			69495
MNS			1248471	MNS			1216623	MNS			1217175
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>20393172</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>20823132</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>20239173</b>

3.3.3 Changes to the 2020-21 allocation were informed, in the main, by the reductions in pupil numbers shown in Table 5 below. Lower participation numbers also impacted on our allocations for early years pupil premium (EYPP) and Maintained Nursery School (MNS) supplementary funding.

Table 5.



### 3.4 2021-22: EY DSG Allocation

3.4.1 Haringey's indicative early years DSG allocation for 2021-22 was £21.03m.

3.4.2 To mitigate the impact of lockdown on pupil numbers at the time of the January 2021 census, and to reflect the gradual increase in pupil numbers across the year, following the ending of lockdown during the spring term, 2021, DfE required all local authorities to carry out two additional early years

census exercises – during the summer and autumn terms of 2021. Our final funding allocation for the 2021-22 financial year will not be known until July 2022. However, an initial adjustment to the allocation is expected in January 2022, based on the two additional census exercises conducted in the previous two terms.

Table 6.

<b>2021_2022: ALLOCATION FOR L.B.HARINGEY</b>			
<b>Indicative Budget December 20</b>			
	<b>LA Rate(£)</b>	<b>x No. of PTE</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Universal 3 & 4 YO	5.80	3898.02	12886855
Add. 3 & 4 YO	5.80	1303.42	4309107
2YO	5.82	733.33	2432749
EYPP			119632
DAF			71340
MNS			1216623
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>21036306</b>

#### **4. Early Years DSG Indicative Budget Profile: 2022-23**

- 4.1 In December 2021, Haringey Council received notification of its indicative allocation for the Early Years element of DSG. The total allocation at this time is indicative, and will be subject to adjustment by DfE, following their review of the early years and schools census submissions for January 2022.
- 4.2 Our indicative allocations for 2022-23 is as follows:

Table 7: Haringey's Indicative DSG Early Years Allocation for 2022-23

<b>Funding Stream</b>	<b>2022-23 Funding Allocation (£m)</b>
3 & 4 YO Universal Free Entitlement (15hr)	11.909
3 & 4 YO Extended Free Entitlement	3.822
2YO Offer	2.059
Early Years Pupil Premium	0.084
Disability Access Fund	0.082
Maintained Nursery Schools	1.261
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19.217</b>



- 4.3 The Autumn 2021 spending review also introduced an increase in the hourly funding rate for the Early Years Pupil Premium, rising from 53p per hour per eligible child to **60p** per hour (up to £342 per eligible child per year), and an increase in the flat rate payment for the Disability Access Fund, taking it from £615 per eligible child per year to **£800** per eligible child per year.
- 4.4 The 2022-23 allocations shown in **Table 8** reflect an increase in the funding rates for 2, 3- and 4-year free entitlements. As part of the 2021 Spending Review, DfE increased the hourly funding rates for all local authorities by **21p** an hour for the two-year-old entitlement and by **17p** an hour for the three- and four-year-old entitlements.
- 4.5 For the Maintained Nursery Schools (MNS), the allocation has been increased by **3.5%** and, for the first time, is shown to be based on an hourly rate of **£7.71**. The allocation remains indicative. Final MNS allocations are subject to final adjustments, based on pupil participation levels, and will be updated on the same basis as the universal entitlements.

Table 8.

New Early years DSG funding rates for 2022-23 are shown in the table below. These form part of a range of increases set out in the Autumn 21 Spending Review, to be implemented over the next three years.

<b>2022_2023: ALLOCATION FOR L.B. HARINGEY</b>			
<b>Indicative Budget: December 2021</b>			
	<b>LA Rate (£)</b>	<b>x No. of PTE</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Universal 3 & 4 YO	5.97	3499.63	11908891
Add. 3 & 4 YO	5.97	1123.23	3822240
2YO	6.03	599	2058823
EYPP			83448
DAF			82400
MNS	7.71	287	1261279
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>19217081</b>

- 4.6 Based on Haringey's new funding rates, our current early years funding formula has been updated. School's Forum's early years working group considered the rate change and options for updating elements of the current early years funding formula. Principles that underpinned this review were:
- Child level circumstances will determine their eligibility for attracting deprivation supplement.

- As the base rate is the standard hourly funding amount paid to all types providers to meet the cost of delivering the free early entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds, effort will always be made, wherever possible, to increase base rates, supporting providers to meet the core costs.
- Additional or supplementary funding, over and above the base rate, should transparent and deployed to drive improved outcomes for our most in need children.

4.7 In its review of the funding formula, the early years working group looked at the 2021-22 deprivation funding model and considered moving the current approach of three-tier weighted formula, based on IDACI to a simple flat rate for 2022-23. It was determined that a flat rate of £0.37, would offer a transparent and consistent model that would be easily understood by all providers. Modelling of this change, showed reductions to previous indicative deprivation supplement allocations for some providers. However, when set against increased based rate hourly funding, the negative effect of this change was reduced to approximately 15% of providers. It has been proposed by the early years working group that the levels of negative impact for those providers is such that they can be managed through transitional support, and such support can be contained within 2022-23 contingency sums.

4.8 **Appendix A** sets out the impact of the changes to the Council's funded rate on the calculation of a proposed new funding base rate for 3- and 4-year-olds and models the options being proposed for elements of our early years funding formula in 2022-23. The revised funding formula generates a proposed base rate in 2022-23 of £5.65.

**Recommendation:** It is the recommendation of the early years working group that the hourly base rate paid for the delivery of the 3- and 4-year-old free entitlement, is increased in 2022-23 to **£5.65**.

**Recommendation:** It is the recommendation of the early years working group that a new flat hourly rate of **£0.37** is introduced for 2022-23 and paid for all eligible children accessing the universal 3- and 4-year-old free entitlement.

**Recommendation:** It is the recommendation of the early years working group that a quality supplement is retained and a funding allocation of **£76,000**, as per previous years, is maintained for this purpose in 2022-23.

4.9 Application of the DfE uplift to the Council's funded rate for the two-year-old entitlement means that our two-year olds funding rate for 2022-23 increases to **£6.03**. These new rates will be applied from April 2022. It is proposed that this increase to our two-year-old funding rate is passed on to early years providers in full, as has been the case in previous years.

**Recommendation:** It is the recommendation of the early years working group that the uplifted rate of £6.03 is passed through to early years providers in full, as per previous years, within the revised early years funding formula.

- 4.10 The proposed distribution of the block is also set out in **Appendix A** and outlined in Table 9 below.

Table 9.

Element	Proposed Budget Distribution 2022-23 (£)
3 & 4 YO Universal Free Entitlement (15hr)	11.176*
3 & 4 YO Extended Free Entitlement (Additional 15hrs)	3.631
2YO Free Entitlement (15hr)	2.059
Quality Supplement	0.076
Early Years Pupil Premium	0.083
Disability Access Fund	0.082
Maintained Nursery Schools	1.261
Centrally Retained	0.787
Contingency for Pupil Places	0.062
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19.217</b>

\*Including allowance for deprivation supplement.

It should be noted that, as per the statutory guidance, only the 3- and 4-year-old elements of the early years block contribute to the retention of centrally retained amounts.

- 4.11 The 5% maximum ceiling for sums centrally retained by the local authority will change subject to fluctuations in the allocations made to the Council for the delivery of the 3- and 4-year-olds free entitlement. Our 2022-23 allocations for the universal and extended 3- and 4-year-old offer have been reduced from 2021-22 levels. This sets a current, indicative 5% maximum of **£0.787m** for 2022-23. It is anticipated that this figure will increase during the 2022-23 financial year due to expected positive adjustments later in the year.

A breakdown for the distributed use of centrally retained funding is set out in the Table 10 below.

Table 10. **Centrally Retained Budget Profile**

Function	2020 (£)	2021 (£)	Proposed for 2022 (£)
EY Commissioning – Early Education Administration and Sufficiency	320,000	320,000	299,500
EY Quality Statutory Moderation and Advisory Service	471,310	471,310	450,810
Corporate Overheads	19,000	19,000	19,000
TU Representation	18,000	18,000	18,000

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>828,310</b>	<b>828,310</b>	<b>787,310</b>
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- 4.12 At this point, there is an anticipated shortfall of **£0.041m** between the operational costs for the early years commissioning and early years quality functions and the indicative £0.787m centrally retained budget. Whilst this is likely to be mitigated by an in-year positive adjustment to the early years block, this difference between operational costs, and the maximum that can be attributed to the 5% centrally retained allocation will need to be contained within the early years commissioning and early years quality teams.

**Appendices B and C** provide further details of the proposed centrally retained expenditure for 2022-23.

**Recommendation:** It is the recommendation of the early years working group that Schools Forum agrees the proposed centrally retained allocations to the maximum 5% ceiling, which indicatively for 2022-23 is £0.787m, depending on in-year adjustments. It is also recommended that Schools Forum agrees for the proposed centrally retained expenditure set out at Appendices B and C.



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**A. BREAKDOWN: DfE FUNDING RATE**

Year	<u>3-4 Year olds</u>		<u>2-Year olds</u>
	<u>Provisional 2022-23 (15hrs)</u>	<u>Provisional 2022-23 (Ext)</u>	<u>Provisional 2022-23</u>
2021-22 DfE Rate (£/hr)	5.80	5.80	5.82
DfE uplift (£/hr)	0.17	0.17	0.21
2022-23 DfE Funding Rate (£/hr)	5.97	5.97	6.03
Centrally Retained (5% of DfE funding rate)	(0.29)	(0.29)	
DfE Funding Rate less Centrally Retained	5.68	5.68	6.03
Deprivation Pot (1% of DfE funding rate) using <b>Option 1</b>	(0.03)	(0.03)	
Proposed Base Rate* (Derived from <b>Option 1</b> for 3-4yr olds)	5.65	5.65	6.03

**B. ALLOCATION BASED ON DfE FUNDING RATE (£)**

	<u>Provisional 2021-22 (15hrs)</u>	<u>Provisional 2021-22 (Ext)</u>	<u>Provisional 2021-22</u>
No. of places funded	3,499.63	1,123.23	599.00
3 & 4 YO Universal Free Entitlement (15hr) funding - (£'000)	11,909		
3 & 4 YO Extended Free Entitlement (Additional 15hrs) - (£'000)		3,822	
2YO Offer			2,059
<b>Total No. of hours for 3-4 yr old funded places</b>	<b>2,635,030</b>		

**C. CALCULATION OF CENTRALLY RETAINED AMOUNT**

<b><u>Funding Element</u></b>	<b><u>Provisional 2022-23 Allocations (£'000)</u></b>	<b><u>5% on 2022-23 Allocations (£'000)</u></b>
3 & 4 YO Universal Free Entitlement (15hr)	11,909	595.44
3 & 4 YO Extended Free Entitlement (Additional 15hrs)	3,822	191.11
<b>5% apportionment (centrally retained)</b>		<b>786.56</b>

**C1. CENTRALLY RETAINED BREAKDOWN**

	<b><u>£'000</u></b>
EY Quality Statutory Moderation and Advisory Service	471.30
EY Commissioning – Sufficiency and Funding Administration	320.00
Corporate Overheads	18.80
TU Representation	18.00
	<b>828.10</b>
<b>Central Funding Shortfall</b>	<b>41.54</b>
<b><u>Additional Pass through</u></b>	
Quality Supplement	76
Contingency for Pupil Place Funding Pressure (balancing figure)	62

**D. PROPOSED DSG 2022-23 ALLOCATION**

<b><u>Funding Element</u></b>	<b><u>Iteration 2022-23 Allocations (£'000)</u></b>	
3 & 4 YO Universal Free Entitlement (15hr)	11,176	
3 & 4 YO Extended Free Entitlement	3,631	
2YO Offer	2,059	
Quality Supplement	76	
Early Years Pupil Premium	83	Notification from DfE
Disability Access Fund	82	Notification from DfE
Maintained Nursery Schools	1,261	Notification from DfE
Contingency for Pupil Place Funding Pressure	62	
Centrally Retained	787	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,217</b>	



**A. PROPOSED DEPRIVATION RATE WORKINGS**

	<u>£</u>
2022-23 DfE Funding Rate (£/hr)	5.97
Less: Centrally Retained 5% (Rounded)	(0.30)
Balance after Centrally Retained	<u>5.67</u>
Less Iteration funding base rate (2021-22 base rate - £5.13, plus DfE uplift of £0.17)	(5.30)
Proposed Deprivation Rate	<b>0.37</b>

**B. EY FUNDING OPTIONS**

		<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>
Proposed Deprivation funding rate (£/hr)	(a)	0.37	0.37
Total funding hours (option 1 and 2 figures are DfE estimated hours for 2022-23; Option 3 is actual funded pupil hours from 2020-21) (£)	(b)	2,635,030	2,329,886
<b>Distribution of Supplement funding</b>		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Total funding available for all supplements (£)		1,496,697	1,496,697
Less: Funding for Quality supplement (£)	(c)	(76,000)	(76,000)
<b>Funding available for other supplements</b>		<u>1,420,697</u>	<u>1,420,697</u>
Less: Funding allocated to Deprivation (Exemplar shows if every child receives deprivation supplement. Option 1 is dep. Rate multiplied by population of children on EYPP roll using 2020-21 data. Option 2 is using IDACI only weighted to the 1st 5 deciles - that is those most in need) (£)	(d)	(56,727)	(657,624)
<b>Funding available for proposed base rate top up</b>		<u>1,363,970</u>	<u>763,073</u>
Proposed increase to current base rate (£/hr) - (Remaining balance divided by total funding hours in (b) above)		<b>0.52</b>	<b>0.33</b>
Potential base rate for 2022-23		<b>5.65</b>	<b>5.46</b>

**B1. OPTION 1 - PUPIL DEPRIVATION FUNDING  
AMOUNT CALCULATION (USING EYPP  
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA)**

<b>Term</b>	<b><u>Pupil Population</u></b>	<b><u>Hours in a term</u></b>	<b><u>Pupil Hours</u></b>
Autumn	275	195	53,625
Summer	439	180	79,020
Spring	106	195	20,670
	<b>820</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>153,315</b>
Deprivation Rate (£/hr)			0.37
Indicative total deprivation funding for the year (£)			<b>56,727</b>

**B2. OPTION 2 - DEPRIVATION FUNDING CALCULATION USING DATA FOR ALL ELIGIBLE  
3-4YR OLDS (AUTUMN, SUMMER & SPRING 2020-21) AND IDACI**

<b>Term</b>	<b><u>Pupil Population</u></b>	<b><u>Pupil Hours</u></b>	<b><u>Funding Level (£)</u></b>
Autumn	2,492	591,950	168,591
Summer	3,693	941,089	265,106
Spring	3,420	796,846	223,927
Indicative total deprivation funding for the year (£)	<b>9,605</b>	<b>2,329,886</b>	<b>657,624</b>
Proposed Deprivation Rate (£/hr)			0.37

**EY Quality Improvement Element of Centrally Held Funding****Cost Element****FTE****£**

Principal Advisors for Early Years

150,000

Advisory Teachers x 2.8

227,000

Data and Administration

94,310

**Total**

471,310

Indicative EY DSG 2022-23 allocation

450,810

(20,500)

**Key functions delivered**

- This allocation of funding supports the delivery of the 3 and 4 free entitlements and enables support and intervention for targeted schools and settings to ensure the sufficiency of good and outstanding provision and enabling greater provider participation. The funding will enable support and intervention for targeted schools, private, voluntary, independent (PVI) and childminder settings.
- The team also moderate the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYSFP) to secure standards across the early years sector. We currently have 177 childminders, 80 PVI providers, 3 nursery schools and over 60 schools offering early education. Through targeted support, challenge and a comprehensive training programme, the Early Years Team works with all childcare providers to support raising standards, narrowing gaps and ensuring the highest quality practice for our children and families. The rapid improvement of Ofsted results and the Good Level of Development show the proven record of success of the team.

## Appendix C

## Centrally Retained Funding 2022-23 - Breakdown of Budget Elements

**EH Commissioning Element of Centrally Held Funding**

<b><u>Cost Element</u></b>	<b><u>FTE</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
Funding Management		100,000
Brokerage Officer	0.5	27,000
Funding Administration		70,000
Childcare Sufficiency		68,000
Business Development (Commissioned support)		15,000
Database (Systems support, licenses, upgrades, maintenance)		25,000
Marketing & Outreach		15,000
<b>Total</b>		<hr/> 320,000
Indicative EY DSG 2022-23 allocation		<hr/> 299,500
		(20,500)

### **Key functions delivered**

- This allocation of DSG funding ensures the staffing resources required are in place to ensure our statutory processing and payment obligations can be met. Duties, under the Childcare Act 2006:
  - Funding providers of the statutory offers.
  - Ensuring offer delivered within statutory framework.
  - Market management - Sufficiency mapping, tracking, planning and market development: 0-19.
  - Provision of business support across all types of provision offering or wishing to offer the statutory entitlement.

The functions required for the delivery of the universal and extended 3 & 4-year-old free entitlement offers include regular data collection, collation and financial reconciliation through the management of the census process, monitoring and reporting on take-up, the routine processing and allocation of funding, including the setup of new providers in the borough. The processing of separately funded streams such as the 2-year-old programme, Early Years Pupil Premium, Disability Access Fund and SEN Inclusion funding.

- Additional functions include statutory requirements such regular audits, acting to remove funding where providers become inadequate and supporting children and families to access alternative provision, following the withdrawal of funding through a brokerage offer. A brokerage function to maximise access and take-up of all types of free entitlement for our most vulnerable and disadvantaged children and parents and carers struggling to find suitable childcare, for whatever reason.

**Additional elements of centrally Retained Allocation**

Corporate Overheads	19,000
Trade Union Representation	18,000

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**Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Report Title: Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - Central School Services Block (CSSB) Update**

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**Purpose:**

To provide a review of the DSG Central School Services Block (CSSB) usage and the indicative 2022-23 allocation.

**Recommendations:**

1. Schools Forum to note the central retention and revised allocations of the 2022-23 Central School Services Block DSG (section 3)

**1. Introduction**

1.1. The Central School Services Block (CSSB) within the DSG provides funding for local authorities to carry out central functions on behalf of compulsory school age pupils in state-funded, maintained schools and academies in England.

1.2. The block covers the two distinct elements of:

- 1.2.1. ongoing responsibilities which has been reduced by 2.5%, and
- 1.2.2. historic commitments which are reduced by 20% - however, Haringey has no historic commitments.

- 1.3. CSSB funds local authorities for the statutory duties that they hold for both maintained schools and academies. It brings together:
  - a) Funding for ongoing responsibilities, such as admissions, previously top-sliced by each local authority from its Schools Block allocation
  - b) Funding previously allocated through the retained duties element of the Education Services Grant (ESG), and
  - c) Residual funding for historic commitments, previously top-sliced by the local authority from the Schools Block.
- 1.4. Further detail on CSSB block for 2022-23 can be found on the following weblink: [CSSB Technical Annex \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/984447/CSSB_Technical_Annex.pdf)
- 1.5. This paper sets out the 2021-22 allocation and sets out Haringey's e planned expenditure for 2022-23.

## 2. Central Schools Services Block

- 2.1. Haringey's provisional CSSB allocations for the financial year 2022-23 is £2.785m (£2.912m FY 2021-22). The allocation funded at the rate of £84.65 (£86.82 FY 2021-22) per pupil for 32,895.50 (33,536.50 FY 2021-22) pupils recorded in the October 2021 census.
- 2.2. Table A below demonstrates the year-on-year reduction for Haringey CSSB based on the indicative pupil numbers:

Table A: Reduction of CSSB from 2021-22 to 2022-23

Table A Ongoing Responsibilities	Pupil Nos.	£ Per pupil	£ Total
FY 2022-23	32,895.5	84.65	2,784,604
FY 2021-22	33,536.5	86.82	2,911,639
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-641</b>	<b>-2.17</b>	<b>-127,035</b>

- 2.3. The maximum per-pupil reduction in funding for ongoing responsibilities each LA will receive is -2.5%. Haringey has seen the funding rate reduce by 2.5% and the pupil numbers fall by 1.9% and the overall funding for Haringey has reduced by 4.4%.

## 3. Central Schools Services Block proposed allocation 2022-23



- 3.1. As outlined in section 2 the indicative reduction in the CSSB grant for 2022-23 is £127,035. Helping to offset this reduction is a lower allocation for copyright licences as the council is able to reclaim the £30k VAT on the amount withheld for this purpose. The net reduction of £97k has been notionally allocated against the line for Looked After Children Placements. The CSSB is a contribution towards the cost of this service and so will be a cost pressure for Haringey's General Fund.
- 3.2. It should be noted that the amounts earmarked for the HEP commissioned services have been held at the same level as 2021-22.
- 3.3. Further investigation and analysis would be beneficial to understand the outputs of the different services funded and the cost drivers for the services to see if any changes to the delivery methods may release savings.
- 3.4. Further consultation with schools will inform the type and level of support desired and any room for savings or growth for the funding of each of the areas funded by CSSB.
- 3.5. Table B below presents a comparison of funding allocations for planned expenditure for the financial year 2021-22 and the proposed allocations for 2022-23.

Table B: Proposed allocations of CSSB for 2022-23

Financial Years	Financial Year 2021-22		Financial Year 2022-23	
Description of Services	Local Authority Managed Services	Commissioned Services	Local Authority Managed Services	Commissioned Services
ESG - Other Statutory & Regulatory Duties	352,851.00	25,000.00	352,851.00	25,000.00
ESG - Statutory Education Welfare Service	172,000.00		172,000.00	
Schools Standards		273,000.00		273,000.00
Looked After Children Placements	733,788.00		636,432.73	
Early Help	350,000.00		350,000.00	
Servicing of School Forum		10,000.00		10,000.00
Admissions	300,000.00		300,000.00	
Governor Support		130,000.00		130,000.00
Music & Performing Arts	168,000.00		168,000.00	
Supports Costs	192,000.00		192,000.00	
Copyright Licences	205,000.00		175,321.27	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2,473,639.00</b>	<b>438,000.00</b>	<b>2,346,605.00</b>	<b>438,000.00</b>
<b>Total Allocation for the Financial Year</b>	<b>2,911,639.00</b>		<b>2,784,605.00</b>	

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**Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Report Title: Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) – High Needs Block (HNB) Update**

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**Purpose:**

To provide a review of the DSG High Needs Block usage and the indicative 2022-23 allocation.

**Recommendations:**

1. Schools Forum to note the revised indicative allocations of the 2022-23 High Needs Block (HNB) (section 2)

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1. There has been a significant uplift in the HNB grant from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for 2022-23. The grant after recoupment and deductions has increased by £6.664m from £43.406m in 2021-22 to £50.070m. This is an increase of 15%.
- 1.2. In reviewing the areas of support funded by the HNB there are a few areas that have historically received support that should no longer be funded from this funding

source. Conversely, the council is carrying out an exercise reviewing services that have been funded from core council budgets that are chargeable to the HNB. It is expected that there will be a net nil effect to both the overall funding of the services and to the expenditure allocated to the HNB. This work is ongoing and will be concluded shortly and reported to a future HNB working group meeting and Schools Forum.

## 2. Funding updates for 2022-23

- 2.1. The following Table A shows the indicative budgets set at the beginning of 2021-22; the revised allocations after in-year funding announcements; and the indicative allocation of the 2022-23 HNB grant.

Table A: Indicative HNB budget allocations 2021-22 and 2022-23

	2021-22	2021-22	2022-23		
	Indicative budget set £	Revised budget £	Indicative budget £	Increase £	Notes
<b>High Needs Block Service</b>					
<i>Early Help contribution*</i>	1,230,000	1,230,000	1,230,000		
<i>SEN Transport*</i>	225,000	225,000	225,000		
<i>HNB-DSG Cont Adm &amp; Welfare*</i>	350,000	350,000	350,000		
<i>Parenting -Information Advice &amp; Support*</i>	96,000	96,000	96,000		
<i>* Utilisation to be determined</i>					<i>*£1.901m Utilisation to be determined</i>
HNB Support to Alternative Provisions	1,521,000	1,521,000	1,900,000	379,000	Implementation of IYFAP decisions
HNB Support to Early Years	682,000	682,000	682,000		
HNB Support to Schools (PRU + Hospitals)	908,500	908,500	908,500		
Independent & Voulntary Schools	7,639,219	7,639,219	8,361,000	721,781	Increase in placement numbers & costs
Learning Support Services	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000		
Maintained - Funding	6,180,000	6,180,000	6,635,000	455,000	Increase in funded pupil places
Maintained - Top Ups	21,000,000	21,344,477	24,575,665	3,231,188	Increase in top up costs
SEN contingency	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000		
SEND Team	300,000	300,000	300,000		
Sensory Support	530,000	530,000	530,000		
<i>Late announced additional DSG HNB grant*</i>			1,876,719	1,876,719	<i>*£1.877m Utilisation to be determined</i>
<b>High Needs Block Total</b>	<b>43,061,719</b>	<b>43,406,196</b>	<b>50,069,884</b>	<b>6,663,688</b>	

- 2.2. Most notably, the council is due to receive an increase of around 15% in HNB grant in 2022-23. This is driven by an increase in overall funding from the ESFA and also an increase in funded places and pupil numbers. This increase is very welcomed as the council has seen demand increase by an average of 11% per annum since 2014.
- 2.3. Furthermore, the demand for place and top up funding been far more than the available budgets and the HNB is forecasted to overspend by £6.7m in 2021-22.
- 2.4. Additional funding of almost £380k has been allocated to the Alternative Provision service to fund the cost-of-service provision because of decisions of the In-Year Fair Access Panel (IYFAP).
- 2.5. Demand for places and the cost of placements have seen a year on year increases for several years. Additional budgets have been allocated where possible to better reflect the cost of service provision across all settings for places and top up funding. This totals an additional £4.4m indicative allocation for Independent & Voluntary Schools (£0.7m); maintained place funding (£0.5m); and top up funding (£3.2m). It should be noted that even with this additional money, the demand still outstrips the available budgets.
- 2.6. In January 2022 the ESFA announce a further increase in the HNB of £1.8m over and above the increase announced on 16th December 2021. This money has yet to be allocated. There is a current review of the overall HNB service provision model being carried out by an independent company to look at potential changes to service delivery.

### **3. HNB Forecast outturn position 2021-22**

- 3.1. The HNB continues to overspend in 2021-22 and demand has increased again since Quarter 2. The Quarter 3 forecast in-year overspend has increased by £0.3m from £6.4m to £6.7m
- 3.2. The forecasted accumulated HNB deficit at the end of 2021-22 is now £23.7m.

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# High Needs Block Recovery Plan

## Schools Forum

24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

# Key Headlines

- Additional finance capacity secured for DSG
- Three out of four projects underway
- Increase in SEN Contingency from £1.3m to £1.825m
- Uplift in HNB grant for 22-23 of £6.7m (£3.1m increase on previously forecasted grant)
- DSG Q3 in year position is £6.7m overspend - an increase of £0.3m from Q2
- DSG accumulated deficit is forecasted at £23.7m
- HNB classifications work ongoing, conclusion to be reported at next meeting.



# DSG Current position as of Q3

2020-21 DSG Provisional Outturn	Schools Block (£m)	Central (£m)	High Needs (£m)	Early Years (£m)	Total (£m)
<b>Total DSG funding Allocation</b>	130.2	2.9	38.9	20.8	192.9
<b>Provisional Outturn Expenditure</b>	130.2	3.0	45.7	20.8	199.7
<b>In year Position</b>	-	-	(6.8)	-	(6.8)
<b>B/fwd Balances</b>	-	-	(10.1)	(0.1)	(10.2)
<b>Net Position (minus is a deficit)</b>	-	-	(16.9)	(0.1)	(17.0)

- The DSG deficit balance is contained within the High Needs Block
- The brought forward deficit from 2019-20 was £10.1m
- The 2020-21 outturn added a further £6.8m (subject to normal annual audit)
- The 2021-22 brought forward deficit for the total DSG stands at £17.0m
- The 2021-22 forecast deficit at Quarter 3 is £6.7m
- The forecast DSG deficit at the end of 2021-22 is £23.7m

# DSG Forecast for 2021-22 to 2025-26

	Q3 position				
<b>High Needs Block - Forecast Grant and Expenditure - unmitigated</b>					
	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>
	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
Estimated expenditure	50.094	56.105	62.838	70.378	78.824
Estimated HNB grant	43.406	50.070	54.076	58.402	63.074
In year forecast (deficit)/surplus	-6.688	-6.035	-8.762	-11.977	-15.750
Deficit brought forward	-16.900	-23.588	-29.623	-38.386	-50.362
Forecast deficit at the end of the year	-23.588	-29.623	-38.386	-50.362	-66.113

## **Assumptions:**

- The Schools, Central and Early Years blocks will not overspend.
- 2021-22 expenditure uses the current Quarter 3 forecast
- 2022-23 onwards expenditure assumes 10% demand-led increase and 2% inflation
- 2022-23 HNB grant actuals have been used and future grant growth estimated at an 8% increase
- The forecast deficit will continue to rise to £66.1m (Q2 £78.6m) in 2025-26 without mitigations
- Changes from Q2 include an increase of £0.3m due to pupil numbers; and an increase of £3.1m in the announced HNB grant for 2022-23 from the previous estimate. This reduces the forecast deficit in 2022-23 by £2.8m and by £12.5m through to 2025-26

# Strategy to address spend

## 1. Remodeling financial support to mainstream schools for children with SEND using monies from HNB

(to be delivered by academic year 2023-2024)

- Increase to SEN Contingency fund agreed by Schools Forum Jan 2022 (0.25% of DSG equating to £525k)
  - Increase from £1.3m to £1.825m
  - £900k split between secondary schools
  - Further £925k indicative is split £692k for primary and £233k for secondary
- Scoping workshop took place in Nov- with consensus to proceed
- Proposal approved by SEN Executive - January 2022
- ISOS commissioned to work with schools- letter to Heads sent 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022

- **Phase one:** Building a picture of the context around SEND in Haringey (January – March)
- **Phase two:** Shaping options and proposals for the future system (April - June)
- **Phase three:** Recommendations and Implementation plans (July to September)
- It is proposed that up-date Reports in relation to this work are presented to Schools Forum in March; June and September 2022.

# Strategy to address spend

## 2. Increase SEND Sufficiency in borough to drive down external placement costs via schools' buildings Masterplan Project

(to be delivered within four academic years 2022 – 2026)

Provision of Autism Unit in mainstream secondary school.

Increased offer for children with high functioning autism at The Grove (Academy provision)

Improved offer for children with complex needs

Provision for children and young people with SEMH

- Masterplan development in progress. Includes specific schemes to increase in-borough capacity for SEND and AP education provision. Decisions regarding agreed masterplan and schemes expected in 2022. Implementation of any final schemes agreed as part of the Masterplan is likely over a long-term period but it is anticipated that the major proposals for AP and SEND provision may be underway by 2024-26.
- Additional classroom planned for Riverside to create 8 places for post 16 students- in progress for September 22
- Planning underway for SEND Capital funding allocation for 21-22 to increase provision in borough for children and young people with SEMH/Autism.

# Strategy to address spend

## 3. Improve Preparation for adulthood services and pathway via SEND Strategy (to be delivered within 2022-2023)

Improved performance in relation to Annual reviews to ensure provision is in accordance with outcomes

Improved offer of pathways to employment including supported internships.

Commissioning framework and brokerage service address cost of post-18 provisions.

- Increased capacity within SAT are prioritising EHCP's but starting to work through backlog of AR's. The service are prioritising phase Transfer Reviews until March 22.
- PFA self-evaluation workshop completed 31<sup>st</sup> January. Workshop will form the basis of new PfA strategy and action plan.
- MTFS proposals for a SEND Brokerage/QA role approved, recruitment underway to start in April 22. Key priority for this post – work with service to develop robust commissioning framework for education placements.

# Strategy to address spend

## 4. Improve pathways and services for children and young people with SEMH needs via Model For Change programme (to be delivered within four academic years 2022 – 2026)

Work has commenced to develop improved pathways for CYP with SEMH. Initial workshop has been held and further work planned with partners to review current provision and develop a robust, clear pathway, across a continuum of need. It is anticipated that a clearly articulated SEMH pathway could be set out by Autumn 2022.

A nurture hub pilot has been in place since February 2021. An interim evaluation has been carried out and identified some areas of positive impact as well as areas for further definition and development. Work is being undertaken to refine the approach and clarify how provision could be delivered more robustly and where this pilot provision sits within a comprehensive SEMH pathway. Secondary Nurture Hub - schools keen to be involved in delivery are being brought together to develop model.

Mental health and wellbeing: Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing – Revised Transformation Plan recently completed with focus on several strands supporting Model for Change and SEMH, with a schools' focus. DfE AP Taskforce Project (2021-2024) in place at HLP – joint work with CAMHS to recruit Clinical specialist to multi-disciplinary task force team.

School Estate Master Planning and Options Appraisal Process underway. Clear objectives are long-term SEMH provision and autism units attached to schools. 57 White Hart Lane also progressing to ensure accommodation options align with educational offer in-borough. Plans being developed through Spring 2022

Implementation of Haringey's Model for Change strategy began in April 2020. With a significant proportion of Phase 1 actions completed, a review of MfC has been carried out in November 2021. The output will be a refreshed action plan for the next 12-18 months.

Provision of nurture hub model with an 'in-reach' and 'outreach' service.

Deliver a sustainable funding model

Deliver effective therapies provision and timely support to children by reviewing CAMHS offer in Borough

Develop sufficiency of provision.

# Strategies to address spend

## 5. Other key areas identified but not included within DSG management plan yet

Improved graduated response for 'Therapies'

Reduction of DSG allocation to Early Help

Early Years Review

Impact of proposed reforms to national funding formula and SEND review

The development of Strategic Action plan for the Speech, Language and Communication offer in the borough. Plans include a new universal offer in place across the borough by September 2023. Seeking to address short-term demand issues. Longer-term model for delivery of SLC pathway for children and young people to include step up from universal and support and intervention below EHCP threshold . Expected to impact on future demand through increased models of earlier intervention and waiting times for access to SLC intervention. Review report due March 2022 with detailed action planning and systems buy-in. Specific link to workforce skills development aligned with Early Years Review.

Early Years Strategy due to report by March 2022 Best start in life includes strong focus on Speech, Language and Communication Needs across the workforce, earlier identification and expertise to support better all young children with emerging SEND needs in early years settings and reduce demand for EHCP's. Also focus on Information, Advice and Guidance and on support to parents from birth.

Early Years Review concluded, Family Hub Funding Bid for 1.2m completed, outcome known Feb/Mar. Funding is for capital and transformation work re: single point of access, connections and relationship. 3/4 identified, first one will be Triangle. If funding isn't successful, will still progress with family model within resources.

DSG classifications work underway, almost completed and will provide a conclusion to determine appropriate spend from relevant blocks.[haringey.gov.uk](https://www.haringey.gov.uk)

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## Agenda Item X

### Report Status

For information/note ☒  
 For consultation & views ☐  
 For decision ☒

### Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### Report Title: Growth Fund 2021-22 distribution and 2022-23 Update

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#### Purpose:

**To inform members of the Growth Fund liabilities for 2022-23 and to decide on the distribution of unused growth fund in 2021-22**

#### Recommendations:

1. For Members information, regarding total cost of 2022-23 Growth Fund set out in Table 1.
2. To agree the allocation back to schools of £244,587 unused growth fund in 2021-22 detailed in Appendix A

- 1.1. This document outlines the purpose of the centrally retained Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Schools Growth Fund and the basis in which it will be distributed to eligible schools by the Authority.
- 1.2. Under the Schools Finance (England) Regulations of 2012, local authorities, with the agreement of the Schools Forum, are permitted to retain DSG to form a specific schools' contingency to support those schools that, with the prior agreement of the Authority, are permanently expanding and those schools experiencing significant in-year pupil roll increases. This specific schools' contingency is known as the Schools Growth Fund.
- 1.3. The funding changes introduced in April 2013 allow a local authority, with the approval of its Schools Forum, to top-slice a contingency for in year increases in pupil numbers. The Fund applies equally to maintained schools and recoupment academies and is designed to cover required in-year growth in forms of entry and not general variations in numbers experienced during the year.
- 1.4. This funding is equivalent to pro-rata financial-year equivalent to 7 months, from September to March, funding for the number of additional pupils expected to join the school in the Autumn as a result of the temporary expansion within a particular year group. Academies are currently funded for the whole 12 months and council to recoup funding for the 5 months from the ESFA.
- 1.5. This funding is intended to support the additional revenue costs associated with the expansion; teaching and support staffing costs, resourcing classroom equipment and share of senior management salaries cost.
- 1.6. Payments from the Schools Growth Fund will be profiled over the period for which they cover and will be paid with the monthly budget share payments to schools.
- 1.7. The proposed allocation for secondary bulge funding shown at para. 3 is based on theoretical modelling derived from school preference data. The proposed allocation may need be adjusted following completion of the PAN London offer iterative process in February 2022 when a more definitive view of additional capacity requirements can be gleaned i.e. the number of Haringey children remaining that require a secondary school place for September 2022 due to insufficient capacity.
- 1.8. Officers are required to report all payments made against the Growth Fund to Schools Forum at least once a year. Any unspent Growth Fund will usually be carried forward and added to the formula allocations for the following financial year. This year an unspent Growth Fund of **£244,587** can be carried forward to the 2022-23 financial year. Alternatively, Schools Forum can decide to distribute the remaining funds to all schools in this financial year or to allocate it for another purpose.
- 1.9. In 2020-21 the growth fund was set at £1.1m and at the year-end £9,800 was unspent and carried forward to 2021-22. For 2021-22 the growth fund was again set at £1.1m and £234,787 remains unspent. Since the 2022-23 growth allocation has been set at £1.1m we have clearer school census and population forecasts, and it is likely that £630k will not be required.
- 1.10. It is **recommended** that the unused element of the growth fund to 2021-22 of £244,587 is allocated back to schools in the March 2022 payment to schools. The Growth Fund was originally top sliced from maintained schools and academies with the remaining grant distributed via the APT. Therefore, the distribution to schools has been calculated via the APT in Appendix A. It should be noted that due to the APT formulae that three schools do not receive a payment: conversely, the schools would not have had any funding deducted when the growth fund was originally top sliced.

## 2. Growth Funding Formula (basis of allocations)

The criteria agreed by the School Forum for allocations from the Growth Fund to support growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet the basic need are:

- Planned new form of entry approved by the Local Authority:

Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) x Expected Pupil Numbers x 7/12 months;	+	A set-up allocation of £500 for each pupil in a standard class size for the relevant setting.	=	Allocation for the year
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- In-year bulge class:
  - Start up and classroom costs as above;
- support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation
- Ghost funding guarantee KS1:
  - Minimum basic per-pupil funding for 24 pupils in a bulge class established in a previous year: and
- KS1 classes forced to exceed 30 pupils as a result of appeals (further details of this criteria are set out in the Annex):
  - A lump sum equivalent to the funding of a main-scale 1-teacher £32.8k pro-rata to the part of the year.

### 3. Proposed Allocations 2022-23

### Table 1

Indictive Growth Funding Allocation							
Financial Year 2022-23							
	(a)	(b)	c = (a x b)	(d)	(e = c + d)	(f)	(e x f)
				Setup - Cost (£500/pupil)	Total allocation (12 months)	No. of months	Total pro-rate allocation 22-23
Growth Funding - School Names	No of pupil	AWPU + TPG & TPCEG	Total				
Bounds Green Juinor (Community)	30	4,187	125,615	15,000	140,615	7.00	88,275
Total Allocation	30		125,615	15,000	140,615		88,275
	(a)	(b)	c = (a x b)	(d)	(e = c + d)	(f)	(e x f)
				Setup - Cost (£500/pupil)	Total allocation	No. of months	Total pro-rate allocation 22-23
Bulge Funding - School Names	No of pupil	AWPU	Total				
Greig City Academy	24	5,324	127,772	12,000	139,772	12.00	139,772
Possible bulge class 2 - Secondary Community (T)	27	5,324	143,744	13,500	157,244	7.00	97,350
Possible bulge class 3 - Secondary Community (T)	27	5,324	143,744	13,500	157,244	7.00	97,350
Total Allocation							334,473
Infant Class over size - School Names (estimation based on Jan 2021 - Dec 2021 payment made to schools)	Rate					No. of months	Total pro-rate allocation 22-23
Coleridge Primary	2,733					4	10,933
Rhodes Avenue Primary	2,733					10	27,333
Tetherdown Primary	2,733					3	8,200
Total Allocation							46,467
Growth Funding							88,275
Bulge Funding							334,473
Estimated Infant Class over size							46,467
Total Growth Fund Estimated Allocation 2022-23							469,215
Growth Fund Allocation 2022-23							1,100,000
Balance unallocated for 2022-23							630,785
Growth Fund brought forward from 2020-21							9,800
Growth Fund unused from 2021-22							234,787
Total available to schools							244,587

## Recommendations

1. For Members information, regarding total cost of 2022-23 Growth Fund set out in Table 1 above.
2. To distribute back to schools £244,587 of unused growth fund in 2021-22.

## Annex.

### Circumstances in which KS1 oversize class funding will be provided.

The legal position is:

**Infant class size** – *Infant classes (those where most children will reach the age of 5, 6 or 7 during the school year) **must not** contain more than 30 pupils with a single schoolteacher. Additional children may be admitted under limited exceptional circumstances. These children will remain an 'excepted pupil' for the time they are in an infant class or until the class numbers fall back to the current infant class size limit. The excepted children are:*

*a) children admitted outside the normal admissions round with statements of special educational needs specifying a school;*

*b) looked after children and previously looked after children admitted outside the normal admissions round;*

*c) children admitted, after initial allocation of places, because of a procedural error made by the admission authority or local authority in the original application process;*

*d) children admitted after an independent appeals panel upholds an appeal;*

*e) children who move into the area outside the normal admissions round for whom there is no other available school within reasonable distance;*

*f) children of UK service personnel admitted outside the normal admissions round;*

*g) children whose twin or sibling from a multiple birth is admitted otherwise than as an excepted pupil;*

*h) children with special educational needs who are normally taught in a special educational needs unit attached to the school, or registered at a special school, who attend some infant classes within the mainstream school.*

In these circumstances, therefore, it is not necessary to take on an additional teacher; however, it has been the practice in Haringey, and other councils, to continue to provide funding for KS1 classes forced to exceed 30 pupils. The DfE in its allowable criteria recognises this practice and we recommend that it continue as an incentive to schools to willingly accommodate these pupils at the start of their school career. Our recommendations are:

- That class size funding continues in the circumstances shown above.
- That KS1 class size funding recognises the local arrangement that requires a school to take a twin (multiple birth) even when this puts the school over number.
- That only one enhancement is made per school even if more than one KS1 class is over-size.

URN	School Name	Original 21-22 Allocation	Revised 21-22 Allocation	Schools Allocation from Growth Fund Underspend
<b>Total</b>		<b>210,463,094.00</b>	<b>210,707,681.00</b>	<b>244,587.00</b>
102078	Belmont Junior School	1,275,211.38	1,276,575.01	1,363.62
102079	Belmont Infant School	1,072,325.19	1,073,442.76	1,117.57
102080	Bounds Green Junior School	1,614,812.91	1,616,606.64	1,793.72
102081	Bounds Green Infant School	1,448,066.18	1,449,655.76	1,589.58
102084	Campsbourne Junior School	1,253,939.62	1,255,289.37	1,349.75
102085	Campsbourne Infant School	996,937.21	997,970.49	1,033.27
102087	The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School	2,011,586.45	2,013,840.92	2,254.46
102091	Earlsmead Primary School	2,070,617.98	2,070,617.98	0.00
102092	Highgate Primary School	2,120,368.38	2,122,754.29	2,385.90
102094	Lancasterian Primary School	2,105,578.05	2,107,963.36	2,385.30
102097	Coldfall Primary School	2,950,224.08	2,953,662.01	3,437.93
102098	Tetherdown Primary School	1,980,659.86	1,982,875.31	2,215.45
102106	Rokesly Junior School	1,691,375.36	1,693,253.21	1,877.85
102107	Rokesly Infant & Nursery School	1,304,668.68	1,306,070.02	1,401.34
102110	South Harringay Junior School	1,156,583.39	1,157,798.76	1,215.36
102111	South Harringay Infant School	1,090,859.97	1,091,993.40	1,133.42
102115	West Green Primary School	1,243,979.83	1,245,306.10	1,326.27
102120	Tiverton Primary School	2,158,746.22	2,161,060.08	2,313.86
102121	Coleridge Primary School	4,030,907.40	4,035,648.68	4,741.28
102124	Welbourne Primary School	2,753,952.78	2,757,115.85	3,163.07
102125	Lea Valley Primary School	2,362,550.57	2,365,289.74	2,739.17
102127	Ferry Lane Primary School	887,720.93	888,587.01	866.09
102128	Rhodes Avenue Primary School	2,910,408.32	2,913,796.02	3,387.70
102129	Crowland Primary School	2,086,547.36	2,088,921.57	2,374.21
102130	Weston Park Primary School	1,058,001.20	1,059,064.25	1,063.04
102131	The Willow Primary School	2,269,543.01	2,272,162.13	2,619.12
130358	Alexandra Primary School	2,040,508.89	2,042,821.33	2,312.44
131096	Stroud Green Primary School	1,648,816.65	1,650,640.93	1,824.29
131478	Earlham Primary School	1,769,755.95	1,771,724.74	1,968.80
131595	Lordship Lane Primary School	2,986,830.04	2,990,318.92	3,488.88
131731	Bruce Grove Primary School	1,935,176.54	1,937,355.04	2,178.51
131879	Risley Avenue Primary School	2,872,681.34	2,876,018.04	3,336.70
131871	Muswell Hill Primary School	1,997,760.25	2,000,021.47	2,261.22
132253	Seven Sisters Primary School	1,838,623.61	1,840,676.56	2,052.95
102132	St Aidan's Voluntary Controlled Primary School	1,095,219.72	1,096,362.63	1,142.91
133707	The Mulberry Primary School	3,412,954.16	3,416,967.68	4,013.52
102135	St Michael's CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School	1,893,401.94	1,895,576.11	2,174.17
102136	St James Church of England Primary School	1,217,255.53	1,218,576.70	1,321.17
102139	St Mary's CofE Primary School	2,522,769.31	2,525,737.47	2,968.16
102142	Our Lady of Muswell Catholic Primary School	1,872,615.00	1,874,762.95	2,147.95
102143	St Francis de Sales RC Junior School	1,823,339.09	1,825,424.88	2,085.78
102144	St Ignatius RC Primary School	1,876,245.50	1,878,398.03	2,152.53
102145	St Mary's Priory RC Junior School	1,237,840.17	1,239,187.32	1,347.14
102146	St Paul's RC Primary School	1,128,941.17	1,130,150.94	1,209.76
102147	St Mary's Priory RC Infant School	846,946.27	847,800.27	854.01
102148	St Peter-in-Chains RC Infant School	518,360.70	518,800.18	439.48
102149	St Francis de Sales RC Infant School	1,448,935.62	1,450,549.07	1,613.45
102150	St Martin of Porres RC Primary School	901,878.75	902,802.06	923.31
102151	St Gildas' Catholic Junior School	978,508.07	979,528.05	1,019.98
102152	St John Vianney RC Primary School	1,197,166.06	1,198,461.89	1,295.83
134680	Chestnuts Primary School	2,192,334.13	2,194,876.90	2,542.77
134681	North Harringay Primary School	2,181,484.84	2,184,012.57	2,527.73
102153	Hornsey School for Girls	5,684,806.95	5,691,784.52	6,977.57
102154	Highgate Wood Secondary School	8,603,613.64	8,614,287.47	10,673.83
102156	Fortismere School	8,307,461.45	8,317,892.07	10,430.62
102157	Gladesmore Community School	10,247,431.60	10,260,098.77	12,667.16
131757	Park View School	8,718,195.99	8,729,033.73	10,837.75
136808	Eden Primary	1,001,649.94	1,002,690.78	1,040.83
141209	Brook House Primary School	2,422,014.79	2,424,834.20	2,819.40
138446	Harris Primary Academy Coleraine Park	2,397,574.96	2,400,372.93	2,797.97
138447	Harris Primary Academy Philip Lane	2,184,517.12	2,187,048.81	2,531.69
138588	Noel Park Primary School	2,942,210.02	2,945,695.47	3,485.45
138589	Trinity Primary Academy	2,437,880.53	2,440,731.92	2,851.39
139240	Holy Trinity CofE Primary School	1,000,820.40	1,001,868.53	1,048.13
139176	St Paul's and All Hallows CofE Infant School	647,192.75	647,794.76	602.01
139169	St Ann's CE Primary School	1,032,675.85	1,032,675.85	0.00
139175	St Michael's CofE Primary School	883,135.31	883,135.31	0.00
139177	St Paul's and All Hallows CofE Junior School	951,550.86	952,536.83	985.97
144900	Duke's Aldridge	8,084,546.36	8,094,704.97	10,158.61
137745	Woodside High School	9,379,093.84	9,390,894.48	11,800.64
137531	Alexandra Park School	7,640,890.11	7,650,492.75	9,602.65
139362	St Thomas More Catholic School	8,453,732.83	8,464,397.71	10,664.88
139616	Heartlands High School	9,203,307.09	9,214,819.23	11,512.14
133386	Greig City Academy	7,008,454.30	7,017,295.88	8,841.58
140935	Harris Academy Tottenham	7,887,815.65	7,897,720.61	9,904.96

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### High Needs Block Committee

#### Draft minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 2.00pm via Teams

#### Schools Forum Members

Martin Doyle: Headteacher Riverside School – Chair  
 Sian McDermott: Headteacher Rowland Hill Nursery School and Children Centre  
 Melian Mansfield: Pembury House Chair of Governors  
 + Mike McKenzie: Secondary Heads Rep. Headteacher Alexandra Park School  
 + Will Wawn: Primary Heads Rep. Headteacher Bounds Green School  
 + Gerry Robinson: Alternative Provision  
 + Kurt Hintz: CoNEL

#### Also Invited

Mary Jarrett: Integrated Head of Service  
 Phil di Leo: Chair of Governors, The Vale  
 + Tony Hartney: Headteacher Gladesmore, Chair, Schools Forum  
 Brian Smith: Schools Finance Manager  
 + Ngozi Anuforo: Commissioning Manager

#### Attending

Robin Hindley: CoNEL  
 + Lewis Antony: Finance Trainee

Sarah Hargreaves: Senior Governance Officer

+ Denotes absence

#### 1. Welcome, apologies for absence and acceptance

- 1.1 The Chair (Martin Doyle) welcomed everyone present to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence have been received from **Mike McKenzie**.

#### 2. Minutes of the meeting of 19th November 2021

- 2.1 The minutes were **agreed** as a correct record of the meeting. They will be signed and returned for safe keeping when this is next possible.
- 2.2 MD asked that the minutes are circulated to the Special Heads meeting from now on. He will provide the contact details to the Clerk. **Action MD, SH**

#### 3. Matters arising from the minutes

- 3.1 Year 14 placements have all now been confirmed for next September, but Martin, Robin and Dean will be setting up a joint working party to coordinate these placements for next year. **Action MD**
- 3.2 Pt 3.3 Mary to circulate the link to the feedback received on the SEND consultation; in particular that received from parents. **Action MJ**
- 3.3 Pt 3.4 WW is still to distribute the minutes of the School Block working party. It is assumed that they will be presented at the School Forum meeting next week. **Action WW**
- 3.4 Pt 3.5 The query about funded places at CoNEL wasn't passed on, however, following discussion, it was confirmed that only occupied places are now paid for.
- 3.4.1 MJ reported that she is currently reviewing all funded places.
- 3.5 Pt 3.6 The interface between the SEND Review and Early Years has been agreed. It was **agreed** that early expenditure on children's needs can prevent higher costs later on.

- 3.6 Pt 3.7 The level of financial information to come to this group was discussed. The full s251 document is unlikely to be necessary but relevant, up to date, information will be provided. MD to provide MJ with examples of what has previously been received for discussion. **Action MD, MJ**
- 3.6.1 BS reported that the ESFA have undertaken an informal review and looked at the HNB budget classifications to ensure that everything has been properly coded. The Council are reviewing the £1.3 million annual transfer from the High Needs Block to support Early Help services and reduction proposals will be taken to Schools Forum when the review is completed.
- 4. Minutes of the Early Years Forum meeting (17th November) for information**
- 4.1 Noted. See 3.5 above.
- 5. SEND Strategy and Written Statement of Action: Mary Jarrett**
- 5.1 Mary explained that this will be going to Scrutiny Committee for approval
- 5.2 There were 96 responses to the strategy consultation, There was only 1 response from a young person, but this is to be expected as the strategy was aimed at parents and practitioners in SEND Services. The strategy includes proposals for improving the participation of children and young people.
- 5.2.1 MJ confirmed that parents and carers of all pupils are included, but children younger than KS2 won't themselves be included at this stage.
- 6. s251: Brian Smith**
- 6.1 The next return will be in July 2022 and so the details will come to the HNB meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>. It will form part of the HNB Recovery Plan. A further discussion can be held at the 11<sup>th</sup> February meeting **Action BS**
- 6.2 *Members noted that they wish to receive in-year live data and not just historical data. It was suggested that data similar to that submitted to school governing bodies would be appropriate.* It was noted that this group does not have the same governance arrangements as a school GB; the level of scrutiny will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 7. HNB Recovery Update**
- 7.1 Presentation regarding ISOS work to be circulated with the minutes for discussion regarding review of funding to support children in mainstream schools with SEND. **Action MJ**
- 8. AOB**
- 8.1 Members discussed the SEND contingency fund. It was agreed that this system required review and this would be the work supported by Isos. Members noted:
- Concern about the quality of provision described in plans
  - Concern about the rigour used to establish the success in achieving outcomes from EHCPs.
  - Impact of SEND funding in mainstream schools with falling Rolls.
- MJ noted that there had been an additional 0.25% transfer to the Schools Block to address some of these extra costs.
- 8.1.2 MJ explained that if a school has more than 40% above the average number of SEND pupils they can access this additional funding. This applies to around a third of schools. BS said he would send the link to last year's distribution of funds. He confirmed that the same system would be used this year. **Action BS**
- 8.3 It was **agreed** that these minutes would go to the February Schools Forum meeting, not to next week's meeting.



There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at **3.20pm**.

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**Schools Forum Early Years Working Group  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 10am. Virtual meeting**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation/ Representation</b>
Melian Mansfield (MM)	<b>CHAIR.</b> Chair of Pembury House Nursery School
Ngozi Anuforo (NA)	Head of Strategic Commissioning, Early Help and Culture
Gladys Baah-Okere (GBO)	PVI Settings Rep
Luisa Bellavita (LB)	PVI Settings Rep
* Joanna Conroy (JC)	Childminder
* Duwan Farquharson (DF)	Willow Director of Business
* Jane Griffin (JG)	SBM Seven Sisters Primary School
Nick Hewlett (NH)	Principal Advisor for Early Years
Sian McDermott (SMcD)	Nursery Head Rep (Rowland Hill)
Storm Moncur (SM)	Childminder
Susan Tudor-Hart (ST-H)	School Forum PVI Settings Rep
* Lucy Walker-Collins (LW-C)	Primary Rep (Stroud Green Primary School)
Melanie Widnall (MW)	Principal Advisor for Early Years
* Christine Yianni (CY)	Childcare Sufficiency Manager
* Grant Bright (GB)	Primary Rep (Rokesly Primary School)
<b>Also Present</b>	
Cllr Zena Brabazon (ZB)	Lead Member
Brian Smith (BS)	School's Finance Manager
Sarah Hargreaves (SH)	Senior Governance Officer

\* denotes absence

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 Introductions were made and Brian Smith was welcomed to his 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Apologies have been received from Lucy Walker-Collins, Grant Bright, Joanna Conroy, Duwan Farquharson and Christine Yianni. No apologies have been received from Jane Griffin.

**2. Minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

- 2.1 Pt 3.1 MH has spoken to GBO.
- 2.2 Pt 4.1.1 It was clarified that the 0-25 strategy referred to the overarching strategy which covers both SEND and EY services. MM and SMcD will follow up at the HNB meeting on whether this will be covering all services, as concern had been expressed that EY services were not being adequately included. **Action MM, SMcD**
- 2.3 The minutes were **agreed**, they will be signed and returned to Ngozi for safe keeping when this is next possible.

### 3. Matters arising not on the agenda

- 3.1 Pt 3.1 The issue of the need for transparency in school's funding has been raised with Ali Mohammad in Finance; it is hoped that he will be able to resolve it. MM has spoken to Ali and will do so again as several schools are still having issues. There is a need for more narrative as to what the funds paid actually cover. BS will raise it will finance colleagues as well. BS said that any changes should have been pre-agreed with schools and so there shouldn't be any surprises. **Action MM, BS**
- 3.1.1 Ngozi **agreed** to raise it again at the SBM meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January. **Action NA**
- 3.2 Pt 3.2 The planned meeting between Ngozi and Cllr Brabazon has now been subsumed into the EY Review meetings and so won't now happen.
- 3.3 Pt 3.3 The possibility of childminders being used in settings rather than agency staff has been considered further. It is unclear as to who would arrange the cover and have an up to date list of vacancies. It was **agreed** that it would be useful for settings to be aware of who else operates in their local area so that local arrangements can be made, if necessary, but there was no appetite for arranging this borough wide.
- 3.3.1 To be discussed further at the Provision Planning Meeting by NA and NH. A map of which settings are located where will be circulated. **Action NA, NH**
- 3.4 Pt 6.7 The modelling of 2 year olds as though they were 3 will form part of the deprivation formula modelling which will come to the next meeting. **Action NA**

### 4. High Needs Block minutes, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 for information

- 4.1 Noted.
- 4.2 SMcD said that she had met with Mary Jarrett and Jackie Difolco regarding the inclusion of the under 5's in the SEND strategy, and the issues have been moved forward. SMcD is now also on the SEND Executive.

### 5. Draft Early Years DSG Paper 2022-23

- 5.1 NA said that the EY Review had its last Reference Group Meeting before Christmas. The key themes coming out of the Review will be coming to this group for discussion. Some of the work streams will continue; for example early education and child care, integrated services. The next step will be to undertake action planning. To come to the next meeting. **Action NA**
- 5.1.2 *Members said that they needed to be clear as to which of the several groups was responsible for which areas; an overall shape of the Review was needed.* This will be completed before it is submitted to Cabinet.
- 5.1.3 A paper will go to February's School Forum meeting to agree the recommendations from this group.
- 5.2 The funding allocation is still indicative; the actuals, based on the number of children in attendance, won't be known until the autumn, although there is likely to be a mid-year adjustment based on the extra Census which was completed. It is hoped that there will be a top-up of around £786,000 to the funding received as numbers have now increased; the current funding is lower to reflect the lower numbers of children in attendance during the pandemic. It was noted that the take-up of places was almost back to pre-pandemic levels.
- 5.3 It was felt that there is a need for funding to support the 3 and 4 year olds who have additional needs but who don't meet the EHCP thresholds. Those who meet the thresholds are funded via the HNB. In Haringey the 2's are also funded, although this isn't a requirement.
- 5.4 There is a 6 monthly return completed to the DfE (s251 return) covering the numbers in attendance and what the expenditure has been. The DfE uses this to monitor that the borough isn't retaining more than 5% of the funding for central costs.
- 5.5 The DfE will be returning to "normal" with one January Census.
- 5.6 Funding will be on the basis of children attending settings; accurately counting them can be an issue.
- 5.7 Pupil Premium funding is increasing from 53p per hour to 60p per hour and DAF funding, per child, is increasing from £615 to £800 per year. Both from April 2022.

- 5.8 Whilst nationally maintained nursery schools funding is due to rise by 3.5% it is possible that the 3 Haringey centres could loose out as they are currently relatively well funded.

## 6. Two Year Old Offer - funding rate, criteria and model for funding

- 6.1 For the 2's funding is £6.03ph. This is a flat rate and there are no supplements payable. 3-4's receive £5.68ph. 5% for central costs is retained, from this block only. (Nothing is retained from the 2's funding or the schools block). Costs are increasing, in particular the London Living Wage is increasing to £11.05ph, there are also increases in National Insurance from April '22, increased heating costs etc. This makes 2's year old places unviable for some settings. There also currently high staff cover costs as although children are not getting too sick with Covid the adults are.
- 6.1.1 There was general agreement that any additional funding should be added to the base rate to benefit all settings.
- 6.2 It was noted that although schools can receive Covid funding from the DfE maintained nursery schools and the PVI settings can't.
- 6.3 *Settings asked officers to raise these issues at all relevant forums.* NA and NH confirmed that this happens, but the DfE is also under pressure from the Treasury to save money. LB said that she had written to the Duchess of Cambridge (and had received a reply) on issues to do with under 5's funding.
- 6.4 Currently £76,000 is ring fenced for the Quality supplement. After full discussion it was **agreed** that this was sufficient, but shouldn't be reduced. (Any reduction would only be a short-term cost saving and not of long term benefit).
- 6.5 When all other outlays have been met the funding available to spend on a deprivation supplement is 37p per child ph.
- 6.6 *Members asked if PVI settings had been encouraged to apply for part 3 Covid business support?* They should be encouraged to apply. However, the LBH guidance is that the scheme isn't going to be re-opened; settings which have already received it will get a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant (as long as they are still operating) but new applications won't be accepted.
- 6.6.1 NA said that 14 settings had received business rate relief. There is also discretionary business rate relief. It was noted that this is business support and is different to school support. However, businesses can only claim it if parents pay their own fees and so it does not apply to settings only offering 15 or 30 hours. Officers will check the details on eligibility and raise the gap for PVI's with the DfE. **Action NA, NH**
- 6.6.2 ZB said that she would write to the Head of Regeneration to see if the local rules can be looked at again. **Action ZB**
- 6.7 Nurseries, it was noted, are helping to keep the economy moving and are businesses in their own right.
- 6.8 *There is £15,000 spent on outreach and marketing. Is this sufficient to pay towards a salary and who is the officer?* NA said it is a contribution towards Christine Yianni's role and publicity materials.

## 7. Deprivation Supplement Review

- 7.1 The deprivation supplement modelling isn't yet complete.
- 7.1.1 The rents for the PVI sector are still an issue.
- 7.2 The 2's funding will benefit from the full pass through to give the uplift to £6.03 ph.
- 7.3 The centrally retained funding will depend on what the total funding will be (depending on children in settings).
- 7.4 The proposed headline funding figures are:

£ 471,000	Quality Improvement Team ,Early Years Team, Advisory Team
£320,000	Admin Team, Childcare Sufficiency Team
£19,000	Corporate Overheads *
£18,000	Trade Union levy for schools and maintained nurseries

\* BS explained that this covers HR, legal and finance services. Some are charged on a per capita basis but there are different calculations for different elements. NA will circulate the details. **Action NA**

- 7.5 It was **agreed** that an additional meeting was needed to discuss the deprivation supplement in more detail. Papers will be circulated in advance. **Action NA**  
**12 noon** SMcD, ZB, NH, BS, MW left the meeting.

**8. AOB - Members Updates**

- 8.1 LB asked for guidance on applying for funding via Panel for 2 year olds. NA said to speak to Ellika McAuley.

**9. Date for Next Extra Meeting**

- 9.1 **Agreed** as **20<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm** via Teams.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at **12.15pm**.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Actions from the EYF minutes: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Item	Action	By Whom
2.2	To check that the SEND strategy adequately includes services for children under 5 years	MM, SMcD
3.1	To ensure that the Finance Team give further narrative explanations as to what funding allocations cover. To speak to Ali Mohammad	MM, BS
3.1.1	To raise the same issue at the SBM meeting on January 19 <sup>th</sup>	NA
3.3.1	To discuss at the Provision Mapping Meeting which settings could support each other with staffing vacancies and to circulate a map of all settings locations	NA, NH
3.4	To include two year old funding modelling in the deprivation supplement modelling	NA
5.1	To draft actions following on from the EY Review and to bring them to the next meeting	NA
6.6.1	To raise with the DfE the gaps in Covid support funding which preclude PVI settings from applying	NA, NH
6.6.2	To write to the Head of Regeneration to see if the rules around local support can be changed to allow PVIs to apply for support	ZB
7.4	To circulate the breakdown of how corporate costs are charged	NA
7.5	To circulate papers for an additional meeting on the deprivation supplement	NA