Agenda Item 6



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

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Purpose:

To note the planned expenditure through the DSG Central School Services Block

Recommendations:

Schools Forum is asked to note the planned expenditure through the DSG Central School Services Block in 2020-21

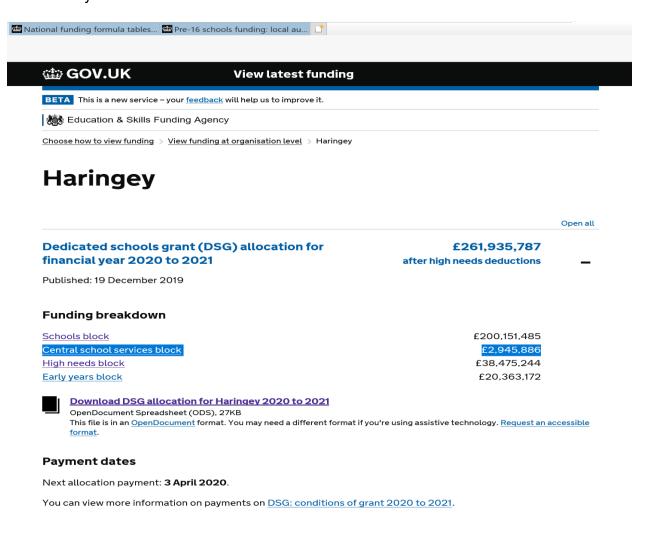
1. Introduction

- 1.1. The central school services block (CSSB) within the DSG will continue to provide funding for local authorities to carry out central functions on behalf of compulsory school age pupils in state-funded and maintained schools and academies in England.
- 1.2. The block will continue to cover the two distinct elements of:
 - 1.2.1. ongoing responsibilities, and
 - 1.2.2. historic commitments.
- 1.3. CSSB will fund 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 topsliced 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 2020-21 can be found can be found on the following weblink:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/840552/2020-21_NFF_CSSB_technical_note.pdf

- 1.5. The paper covers arrangements for CSSB in 2020-21. It sets out Haringey's funding allocation and presents the planned expenditure.
- 2. Central Schools Services Block updates
- 2.1 Haringey's provisional CSSB allocations for the financial year 2020-21 is £2.946m. The allocation funded at the rate of £87.11 per pupil for 33,818 pupils recorded in October 2019 census.
- 2.2 The CSSB national funding formula (NFF) allocates funding to LAs for ongoing functions using a pupil-led formula. The formula uses two factors, a basic perpupil factor, through which LAs receive most of the funding, and a deprivation factor.

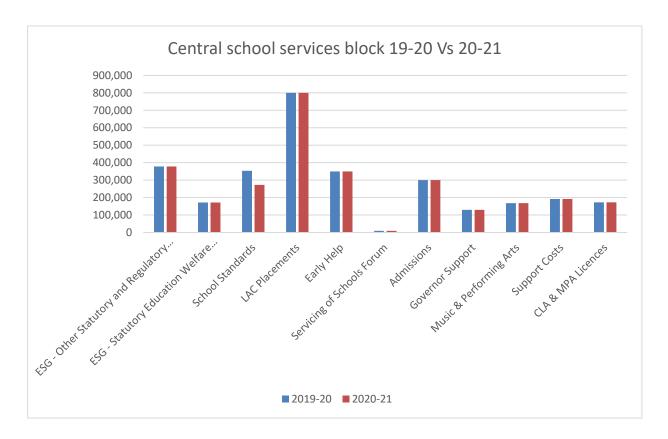
- 2.3 Provisional CSSB has reduced by £80k compared with the 2019-20 centrally retained elements. The maximum per-pupil reduction in funding for ongoing functions each LA will receive is 2.5%. Permitted gains in per-pupil funding are set at the highest level possible to ensure that the total CSSB funding does not exceed the available budget.
- 2.4 LAs that are set to face reductions in per-pupil funding for ongoing functions, compared to their 2019-20 baseline, as a result of the CSSB NFF will be protected against large losses year-on-year.
- 2.5 Funding for historic commitments will be based on the actual cost of the commitment, and funding will reduce as commitments cease. There will therefore be no protection for historic commitments in CSSB.
- 3 Central School Services Block allocation 2019-20 and 2020-21
- 3.1 The extract from ESFA website represents Haringey's funding allocation for the financial year 2020-21.



3.2 The extract from ESFA funding allocation award letter represents Haringey's funding allocation for the financial year 2019-20.

Dedicated schools grant: 2019-20 allocations local authority summary	2019-20 DSG allocations, after deductions for academies recoupment and direct funding of high needs places by ESFA				
	2019-20 schools block (£ million)	2019-20 central school services block allocation (£ million)	2019-20 high needs block allocation (£ million)	2019-20 early years block (£ million)	2019-20 total DSG allocation (£ million)
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309 Haringey	130.243	3.026	33.774	20.089	187.132
LONDON	3,354.134	83.610	1,144.449	706.131	5,288.325
METROPOLITAN AUTHORITIES	4,106.721	101.784	1,200.195	841.707	6,250.405
UNITARY AUTHORITIES	3,080.042	110.608	1,242.991	815.875	5,249.516
UPPER TIER AUTHORITIES	5,583.197	171.513	1,884.869	1,239.020	8,878.598
London	3,354.134	83.610	1,144.449	706.131	5,288.325
East of England	1,311.661	49.687	521.437	373.592	2,256.377
East Midlands	992.591	44.744	418.566	279.889	1,735.791
North East North West	767.394	21.609	244.994	171.964	1,205.961
South East	2,984.064 2.653.782	55.508 70.932	729.470 916.624	495.305 540.015	4,264.346 4.181.354
South West	1.023.607	70.932 41.577	473.443	305.148	4,181.354 1.843.774
West Midlands	1,023.607	56.793	561.342	379.491	2,619.155
Yorkshire and the Humber	1,621.530	43.055	462.180	351.196	2,619.155

- 4 Central School Services Block planned expenditure 2020-21
- 4.1 Graph A represent a comparison of funding allocations for individual planned and actual expenditures over the last 2 years.



4.2 Table A represent a comparison of funding allocations for individual planned expenditure for the financial year 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Central school services block	2019-20	2020-21
ESG - Other Statutory and Regulatory Duties (Include SACRE)	378,000	377,851
ESG - Statutory Education Welfare Service	172,000	172,000
School Standards	353,035	273,035
LAC Placements	800,000	800,000
Early Help	350,000	350,000
Servicing of Schools Forum	10,000	10,000
Admissions	300,000	300,000
Governor Support	130,000	130,000
Music & Performing Arts	168,000	168,000
Support Costs	192,000	192,000
CLA & MPA Licences	173,000	173,000
Total budget allocation for Schools Block	3,026,035	2,945,886
Allocation for the financial year	3,026,035	2,945,886
Diff	0	0