

Agenda Item X



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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. Introduction.

- 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 recouplement 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.

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.

Appendix A: £244,587 unutilised growth fund distributed via 2021-22 APT

| URN | School Name | Original 21-22 Allocation | Revised 21-22 Allocation | Schools Allocation from Growth Fund Underspend |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Total | | 210,463,094.00 | 210,707,681.00 | 244,587.00 |
| 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 |