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**Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**

**Report Title: DSG and Schools 2025-26 DSG Outturn and DSG Allocations 2026-27.**

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**Purpose:**

1. To inform members of the 3 years DSG allocations including 2026-27.
2. To inform members of the provisional DSG position 2025-26.
3. To note the schools closing balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

**Recommendations:**

1. To note the DSG 2025-26 provisional outturn and schools' balances.

**1 Introduction.**

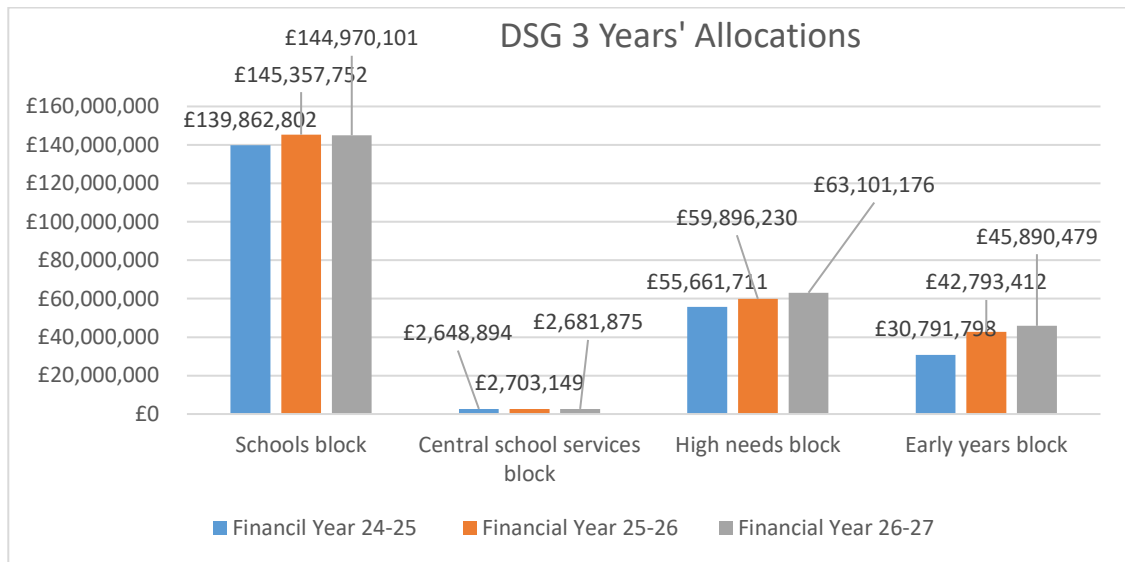
- 1.1 This report sets out the provisional outturn for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2025-26. The outturn shows that the overall deficit of the DSG grant stands at £9.772m.
- 1.2 This paper sets out a summary of the DSG analysis of the four blocks' financial position for the financial year 2025-26 and the indicative allocations for the financial year 2026-27.
- 1.3 The DSG is currently divided into four blocks: Schools, High Needs, Early Years and Central School Services blocks.

- 1.4 This report presents the annual Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations and the expected outturn position for each funding block. The respective service areas responsible for each block will provide separate, individual reports detailing their specific spending strategies and plans for the utilisation of the allocations.

## 2 Analysis of Dedicated Schools Grant Allocations

- 2.1 Graph A below sets out Haringey's DSG allocations for 2024-25, 2025-26, and the indicative DSG allocations for 2026-27.

**Graph A: Dedicated Schools Grant Year on Year Allocations**



**Table A: Dedicated Schools Grant Year on Year Allocations after recoupment**

Funding breakdown	Financial Year 24-25	Financial Year 25-26	Financial Year 26-27
<b>Schools block</b>	£139,862,802	£145,357,752	£144,970,101
<b>Central school services block</b>	£2,648,894	£2,703,149	£2,681,875
<b>High needs block</b>	£55,661,711	£59,896,230	£63,101,176
<b>Early years block*</b>	£30,791,798	£42,793,412	£45,890,479
<b>Total</b>	<b>£228,965,205</b>	<b>£250,750,543</b>	<b>£256,643,631</b>

\* Early years 2025-26 and 2026-27 is indicative subject to DfE clawback in July 26 and July 27

- 2.2 The funding formulae are largely based on pupil census numbers, and the funding is passported to the schools and nurseries. There has been a year-on-year decrease in the Central School Services Block rate per pupil has decreased by 2.5% each year.

## 3 DSG closing position – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

- 3.1 The Schools Block began the financial year with a zero-opening balance. A total budget of £144.068m was allocated for 2025-26, and the actual outturn matched this figure exactly, indicating 100% funding passported to schools as budgeted, after the block transfer of 0.5% from the High Needs Block £1,167m, along with the block transfer of 0.05% £0.122m to the Central School Services Block for the Education Welfare Service, and the allocation of £0.328m to the Growth Fund.

- 3.2 Similar to the Schools Block, the Central Block also started the year with an opening balance of £0. The budget for the year was set at £2.83 million including £0.122m Schools Block transfer. With no variance between the planned and actual spending, the block closed the year with a balanced position of £0.

The High Needs Block started the year with a significant deficit of £11.327m, highlighting ongoing financial pressures. Despite a budget allocation of £64.053m for 2025-26, the actual outturn exceeded this by £1.375m, bringing the total expenditure to £65.428m. As a result, the deficit increased further to £12.702m by the end of the financial year.

- 3.3 The Early Years Block started the year in a positive position, with a surplus of £1.820m. A budget of £42.793m was allocated, but actual spending came in lower at £41.683m, resulting in an underspend of £1.110m. This led to an increased closing surplus of £2.930m (subject to DfE clawback in July 2026).

**Table B: 2025-26 DSG Provisional Outturn**

DSG Block Closing Position 2025-26	Opening balance at 01-04-25	Budget (including Block Transfers & SV Income)	Provisional Outturn 2025/26	Outturn In Year Variance	Closing Balance at 31-03-26
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Schools Block	0	144,068,622	144,068,622	0	0
Central Block *	0	2,825,149	2,825,149	0	0
High Needs Block **	(11,327,139)	64,053,360	65,428,245	(1,374,884)	(12,702,024)
Early Years Block ***	1,819,739	42,793,412	41,683,074	1,110,338	2,930,077
<b>Total</b>	<b>(9,507,400)</b>	<b>253,740,543</b>	<b>254,005,090</b>	<b>(264,547)</b>	<b>(9,771,947)</b>

\* CSSB – Includes a transfer of £0.122m from Schools Block

\*\* High Needs Block – Includes £2.990m from the DfE as part of the Safety Valve allocation, and a £1,167m (0.5%) block transfer from the Schools Block for the 2025–26 financial year.

\*\*\* Early Years Block – subject to the DfE clawback July/August 2026

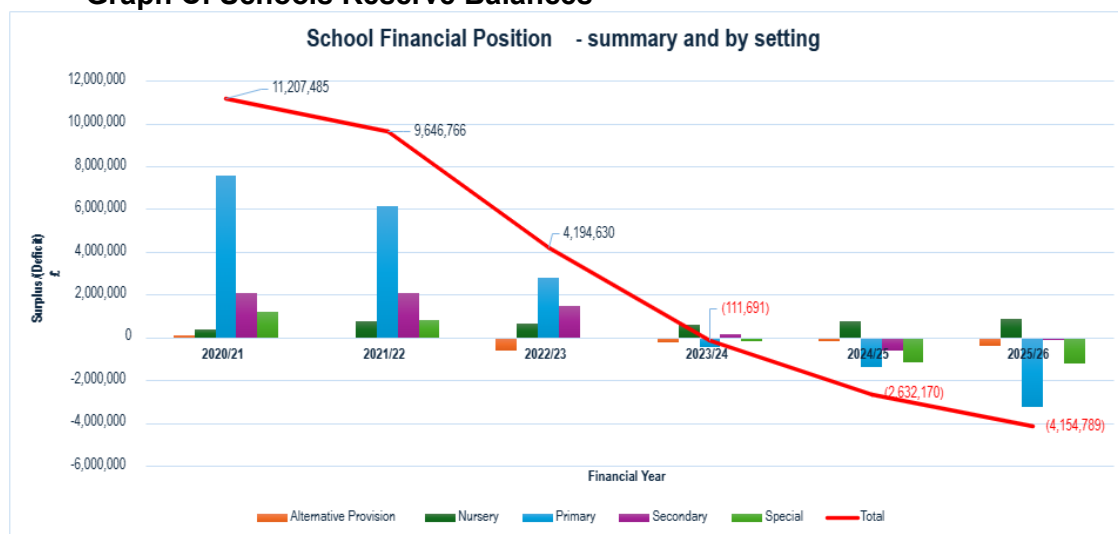
- 3.4 The Early Years Block expenditure also includes the DfE Early Years clawback for July 2025, amounting to **£165k**.
- 3.5 The Early Years reserve balance presented in the table above does not reflect the **£549k** of commitments approved by the Early Years Working Group against the reserve. A detailed breakdown of these expenditure commitments against the available balance is provided in the Early Years Block (EYE) paper.

## 4 Overview of Schools balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

- 4.1 The analysis below provides an update on the schools' year end balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. Graph C illustrates the movement in school reserve balances

from 2020–21 to 2025–26, while Table C provides a detailed overview of the changes specifically during the 2025–26 financial year.

**Graph C: Schools Reserve Balances**



**Table C: Schools Reserve Balances**

Type of School	Number of Schools with Deficit	Deficit £'000s	Number of schools with Surplus	Surplus £'000s	Total net deficit / (surplus)	Schools with Licensed Deficit Recovery Plan
Nursery	0	0	3	880	880	0
Primary	24	-7,320	27	4,059	-3,261	14
Secondary	3	-1,811	2	1,668	-143	0
Special	2	-1,582	2	354	-1,228	0
AP	1	-402	0	0	-402	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-11,116</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6,961</b>	<b>-4,155</b>	<b>14</b>

**Licensed Deficits**

4.2 At the end of financial year 2025-26, 14 (2024-25, 21) schools had a licenced deficit with the total amount outstanding of £2.734m (£2.947m 2024-25).

**Schools in Financial Difficulty**

4.3 The council has supported schools in financial difficulty with dedicated central finance support, providing cashflow advances and assisting with redundancy costs of restructures relating to permanent staff savings via the Restructure and Scrutiny Panel.

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