Agenda Item 32

TITLE 2023/24 Proposed Schools Block Budget submission

FOR CONSIDERATION BY Schools Forum on 11 January 2023

WARD None Specific;

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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

This reports forms part of regular reporting to Schools Forum, informing areas of statutory decision making and improving visibility and consultation on wider Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) financial matters.

RECOMMENDATION

Schools Forum are asked to approve the Final 2023/24 Schools Block Budget prior to submission to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This is the Final 2023/24 Schools Block Budget for discussion and agreement.

We were informed by the ESFA of our final DSG allocation for 2023/24 on 16^{th} December.

2023/24 Final School Block Budget January 2023

.01 Purpose of the Report

This report provides a final School Block Budget for 2023/24 for consideration by the Schools Forum following the announcement of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations in December 2022. Pupil data has now been updated to reflect the October 2022 census together with the updated data sets for determining additional educational needs.

.02 Recommendations

Schools Forum are asked to approve the Final 2023/24 Schools Block budget prior to submission to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) on 20th January 2023.

.03 Background

Final funding allocations for the 2023/24 financial year were received from the ESFA on 16th December 2022. The final budget reflects the October 2022 pupil numbers and updated data.

.04 Changes from Estimated Budget

Table A shows that the final allocation was £138,779,889, a difference of £341,599 from the estimated budget. The difference is due to an additional 36 pupils compared to the figures received from schools in September, which shows how pupil numbers keep changing throughout the year. This also affected the growth fund income we had estimated. The impact on individual schools will vary depending on the pupil characteristics in each school, see Appendix A.

54 schools will see an increase in budget from 2022/23 with 11 seeing a reduction. All 11 of these schools have seen reduction in pupil numbers from October 2021.

As discussed at the December meeting of Schools Forum, a disapplication request has been made by the LA to the Secretary of State in respect of a 0.5% transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block for 2023/24, equating to approx. £694k. While formal outcome of that process is not known at the time of writing, the LA has been advised that it is extremely unlikely that approval will be granted, given that Schools Forum did not support the block transfer. Figures provided in Appendix A therefore assume no block transfer for the 2023/24 financial year. The DSG Management Plan retains a block transfer assumption from 2024/25 onwards however, and therefore work will continue through the relevant task & finish groups and the Borough Education Partnership to secure system wide support for the approach in future financial years.

Amount to put through APT	137,113,993	136,738,290	375,703
0.5% Transfer to HNB	-	-	-
Growth Fund Estimate	1,665,896	1,700,000	- 34,104
	138,779,889	138,438,290	341,599
Growth	1,665,896	1,505,440	160,456
Premises	1,634,878	1,634,877	1
Secondary SUF	63,495,841	63,424,604	71,237
Primary PUF	71,983,274	71,873,369	109,905
Number on Roll	26,415	26,379	36
		ESTIMATED	
	2023/24 FINAL with no transfer	2023/24 ESTIMATED	Variance between Estimated and Final
	2022/24 510141	2022/24	

Table A

Compares the Draft Budget for 2023/24 with the Final Budget for 2023/24

The Model

The model takes into account the results of the consultation with schools in November.

- Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) has been set at 0.5%. Therefore, every school will see a 0.5% increase on the pupil led factors compared to 2022/23
- The minimum NFF rates have been used against each factor.
- Notional SEN has been increased in line with the national average, with total of £14.9m allocated through the model.
- More factors are used in the notional SEN calculation, which are Option 1 from the consultation, i.e.:

Factor	Option 1
AWPU	4%
Deprivation	30%
Low Prior Attainment	100%
Lump Sum	30%

- The minimum per pupil level factor (MPPL) will continued to be used as the basis for the calculations for expansion classes
- We have added an inflationary uplift for 2023/24 for the new and growing school rates that haven't changed since 2018/19. We have based the increase on the average cumulative MPPL increase since 2020-21, which is 15%.

• We haven't yet received a response with regards to our disapplication request for our all-through school, but the model has assumed that this will be approved as Schools Forum supported that approach.

Growth Fund

The DSG finance settlement confirmed Growth Funding of £1.66m for 2023/24, a slight increase on that assumed in planning figures previously discussed.

In order to meet mainstream place planning challenges, the full allocation is proposed to be retained for Growth, which taken with the anticipated £234k remaining in reserves at the end of this financial year, gives £1.894m total resources for 2023/24.

In line with the all schools consultation, pupil led funding for new classes remains based on MPPL, and an inflationary uplift has been applied to both lump sum and pupil diseconomies funding. The inflationary factor used is 15%, which equates to the average cumulative uplift in MPPL since 2020/21.

Mainstream Schools Additional Grant

In 2023/24 schools will also be receiving additional funding, called the Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MSAG). This is in additional to the core DSG budget allocation, and schools will have the flexibility to prioritise their spending of the MSAG to best support the needs of their pupils and staff and address cost pressures.

Wokingham has been advised of a provisional amount of £4.5m for our schools. School level allocations will be published by the ESFA in Spring 2023 and paid to schools in two tranches, 5/12ths during the summer term and 7/12ths during the autumn term.

Similar to the Supplementary Grant received in 2022/23, the MSAG will be incorporated into schools core budgets in 2024/25.

The basic rates will have the Area Cost Adjustment (ACA)

Please see table C below for the rates applicable to each age range. When the school level allocations are published, the Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) will be applied to the funding rates to take into account geographical variation in labour costs. For Wokingham the ACA is 1.0348.

Table C

	Primary	KS3		KS4	
Basic per pupil rate	119		168	190	
Lump sum	4510				
FSM6 per pupil rate	104		152	152	

.05 Summary

The Final Schools Block budget for 2023/24, subject to Schools Forum approval, will be submitted to the ESFA by the 20th January deadline.

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							FINAL MODEL (excl 0.5% transfer)	
URN	LAESTAB	School Name	NOR Oct 2021	2022/23 Post MFG Budget	FINAL NOR Oct 2022	NOR movement from Oct 2021	FINAL MODEL (excl 2023/24 Post MFG Budget	0.5% transfer) Varianc betwee 2022/23 an Fina
Total			25,849	128,253,240	26,598	749	137,113,913	8,860,673
147862	8722009	Alder Grove CofE Primary School	125	738,611	185	60	1,063,239	324,628
109850	8722116	Aldryngton Primary School	315	1,369,587	316	1	1,418,092	48,505
149352	8723372	All Saints CofE (Aided) Primary School	239	1,173,099	260	21	1,305,635	132,536
109836	8722100	Bearwood Primary School	268	1,238,437	273	5	1,299,588	61,152
147023	8722008	Beechwood Primary School	344	1,562,223	346	2	1,618,079	55,856
142181	8724001	Bohunt School Wokingham	1225	6,822,397	1229	4	7,145,824	323,427
147378	8723048	Crazies Hill Church of England Primary School	99	531,171	88	-11	486,939 -	44,232
144571	8723312	Earley St Peter's CofE Primary School	490	2,096,711	467	-23	2,089,071 -	7,640
109855	8722121	Emmbrook Infant School	184	850,332	183	-1	875,054	24,722
109863	8722130	Emmbrook Junior School	252	1,097,360	257	5	1,154,665	57,305
140953	8722002	Evendons Primary School	387	1,661,205	389	2	1,724,195	62,990
109829	8722088	Farley Hill Primary School	208	917,481	269	61	1,200,569	283,088
110012	8723315	Finchampstead CofE VA Primary School	112	563,787	104	-8	547,563 -	16,225
142182	8722003	Floreat Montague Park Primary School	371	1,779,927	416	45	2,036,671	256,744
109924		Gorse Ride Infants' School	110	591,010	93	-17	530,271 -	60,739
109877	8722148	Gorse Ride Junior School	219	1,052,950	213	-6	1,062,370	9,420
110015	8723319	Grazeley Parochial CofE Aided Primary School	212	956,779	210	-2	983,734	26,955
145284	8722163	Hatch Ride Primary School	204	900,575	201	-3	917,920	17,345
109929	8722237	Hawkedon Primary School	630	2,755,558	632	2	2,852,568	97,010
131689	8722246	Highwood Primary School	418	1,893,355	428	10	1,974,172	80,817
109930	8722238	Hillside Primary School	415	1,832,951	424	9	1,930,696	97,745
147805	8722106	Keep Hatch Primary School	421	1,807,341	449	28	1,994,731	187,390
109830	8722089	Lambs Lane Primary School	210	976,225	209	-1	1,005,603	29,378
131192	8723371	Loddon Primary School	573	2,490,937	557	-16	2,504,590	13,653
136637	8724053	Maiden Erlegh School	1389	7,746,700	1409	20	8,216,763	470,063
145281	8722067	Nine Mile Ride Primary School	364	1,557,298	365	1	1,612,663	55,365
138367	8724000	Oakbank	513	3,126,229	547	34	3,498,239	372,010
145283	8722132	Oaklands Infant School	171	778,699	160	-11	760,222 -	18,477
145282	8722062	Oaklands Junior School	246	1,059,617	250	4	1,109,379	49,761
147556	8723046	Polehampton Church of England Infant School	178	831,895	177	-1	828,533 -	3,362
147580	8723370	Polehampton Church of England Junior School	229	1,061,374	235	6	1,069,267	7,893
109927	8722235	Radstock Primary School	356	1,566,468	369	13	1,673,573	107,105
109894	8722167	Rivermead Primary School	420	1,823,812	424	4	1,900,232	76,420
109989	8723057	Robert Piggott CofE Infant School	125	609,756	117	-8	601,630 -	8,126
109993		Robert Piggott CofE Junior School	172	803,185	170	-2	823,307	20,122
145285	8723330	Saint Sebastians CofE Primary School	138	701,677	132	-6	698,392 -	3,284
L47249	8722157	Shinfield Infant and Nursery School	268	1,169,226	270	2	1,215,364	46,139
109976	8723041	Shinfield St Mary's CofE Junior School	361	1,548,215	361	0	1,599,046	50,830
147379	8723320	Sonning Church of England Primary School	205	885,967	207	2	918,147	32,181
133383	8722247	South Lake Primary School	423	1,846,079	417	-6	1,884,820	38,741
872124	8720124	St Cecilia's CofE Primary School	0	-	90	90	481,514	481,514
145286	8724048	St Crispin's School	1029	5,843,273	1128	99	6,719,988	876,715
110041	8723368	St Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School	420	1,798,803	421	1	1,862,008	63,205
147377	8723037	St Nicholas Church of England Primary, Hurst	139	670,205	136	-3	683,246	13,042
109987	8723055	St Paul's CofE Junior School	384	1,666,176	384	0	1,720,347	54,171
144455		St Teresa's Catholic Academy	300	1,285,286	298	-2	1,318,915	33,629
110062		The Bulmershe School	1187	7,103,275	1214	27	7,511,923	408,648
109878	8722149	The Colleton Primary School	329	1,448,497	318	-11	1,446,102 -	2,395
144637		The Coombes CofE Primary School	441	1,905,215	387	-54	1,755,902 -	149,313
148453		The Emmbrook School	932	5,434,820	1072	140	6,498,732	1,063,911
139853		The Forest School	469	2,804,330	596	127	3,687,058	882,728
109921		The Hawthorns Primary School	428	1,869,196	432	4	1,946,736	77,540
136880		The Holt School	1156	6,428,372	1195	39	6,873,946	445,574
136891		The Piggott School	1275	6,929,021	1320	45	7,414,043	485,022
142166		Waingels	1160	6,628,373	1195	35	7,113,770	485,398
109869		Walter Infant School	268	1,186,265	268	0	1,235,561	49,297
147926		Wescott Infant School	141	684,815	153	12	747,387	62,572
148014		Westende Junior School	231	1,059,971	240	9	1,104,114	44,143
139900	8722001	Wheatfield Primary School	205	904,317	212	7	954,312	49,995
148800	8722105	Whiteknights Primary School	421	1,826,029	419	-2	1,854,442	28,413
109889	8722160	Willow Bank Infant School	178	821,836	167	-11	805,195 -	16,640
109890	8722161	Willow Bank Junior School	243	1,063,019	240	-3	1,085,685	22,666
139899		Windmill Primary School	193	922,285	192	-1	938,965	16,680
109876 109988		Winnersh Primary School Woodley CofE Primary School	413 318	1,792,933 1,400,725	405 308	-8 -10	1,815,513 1,407,094	22,580 6,369
		Primary (Years R-6) Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)		3,476.50 4,762.81			3,532.14 4,979.75	
		Key Stage 3 (Years 10-11)		5,492.87			5,612.50	
	AVVPU	MPPL		1,239,915			1,565,395	
		MFG		552,564			994,757	
		CAP		- 552,564			-	
		Ratio		1 : 1.29			1:1.31	