

DSG 2023-24
School Forum
7 October 2022

De-delegation proposals 23/24

- New proposals in Spotlight newsletter
- **School Improvement** – replacement of government grant of £230k pa by de-delegation of £12 per pupil
- **Contingencies** - de-delegation at £3 per pupil for three years to build up fund for unexpected and significant costs e.g. Employment Tribunals
- **Behaviour Support Service** at £4 per primary pupil – to be reviewed with BWG in December
- All other de-delegations to have inflationary increase of 1.9% as per DfE's NFF allocations

Schools Block 2023/24

- £122.35m funding for full NFF and an MFG at 0.5%
- Forum has very limited discretion to change NFF
- MFG guarantees a minimum per pupil increase to all schools and can be set between 0.0% and 0.5%
- Any greater increase requires DFE approval
- Choice of MFG at 0% or 0.5%
- MFG at 0.5% costs £378k and to support 6 larger primary schools with high deprivation. Max is £145k
- At 0% the cost is £314k and supports 6 schools with the max at £131k

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Base Reference Case

- MFG at 0.5% minimum and SEN Protection scheme funded with expected £350k surplus growth plus **£25k underspend** = £375k

Current spend of SEN Protection scheme

- Estimated at £619K 22-23
- Which is the max transfer of 0.5% of Schools Block

Consulted BWG to scale back gains by 16.5% to create surplus £274k to add to maintain SEN scheme at £615k – but will not fund continued growth.

HNB Consultation in Autumn 2022

Additional £1.57m is provisionally allocated;

- £0.5m out-county independent schools
- £0.6m inflation on tariffs A - C (2%) D-F (+5%)
- £0.2m autism places from September 2023
- £0.2m PRU site leads and increase in tariffs
- £0.05m increase in behaviour based tariffs re Brookfield
- £0.03m Early Years high needs tariffs increases re parity with schools

Doesn't look enough to set a balanced budget

Next Steps

- Consultation with schools October to November
- Views re SEN protection v MFG
- Views on delegation options for LA schools
- Review at Dec 2 BWG
- DSG confirmed mid- December
- Finalise budget proposals BWG 6th Jan
- Schools Forum 13 Jan
- Submit to DfE 20 Jan
- High Needs budget to Schools Forum 3 March

High Needs Deficit Forecast

- Based on extrapolation from 2016-17 of top 5 LAs with biggest deficits – most were tiny in 2016-17
- Ave deficit in 2016-17= £1.2m
- Ave deficit forecast in 2024-25 = £117.3m
- Applying year on year % to Herefordshire we get
- **21-22** £0.3m, **22-23** £0.9m, **23-24** £2.9m
- **24-25** £5.8m, **25-26** £10m, **26-27** £15.7m
- **27-28** £20.3m, **28-29** £25.1m, **29-30** £29.3m
- Herefordshire is 5 years behind Top 5 but same national EHCP pressures apply