

# Schools Forum

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

# National Update & Budget Setting

# National Update (21/22)

- National distribution of extra money between the blocks is key to understanding future financial impact
  - rising to £4.8bn in 21/22 and finally £7.1bn in 22/23
  - a number of LAs with DSG deficit (high needs)
- Expect to get this in July...
- Additional funding 'catch up' – impact? How funded?
- Mainstreaming Teachers' Pay and Pension Employer Contribution grants - £2bn nationally
  - Baseline adjustments will be key for NFF baseline
  - Also funds centrally employed teachers – DSG & Core
  - Post 16

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- Updating the IDACI factor in the NFF
  - Carefully done to avoid funding turbulence
  - Simplification and unintended policy impact
- Changes to sparsity – doesn't affect Coventry
- Growth, Business Rates likely to be delayed
- CSSB Historic Commitments – looking to further reduce in 21/22 – 20% £320K approx.
- SEND Review – delayed – this was originally due to inform distribution of funding

# Membership update

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- Review of Schools Forum membership carried out
  - Normally just an update ahead of Sept at this stage
  - But no May-20 census to update on so this will be the final position
- Changes above plus existing vacancies
  - This will mean 1 primary vacancies and 3 academy vacancies
- Also some members' terms ending in Aut-20
  - Conversations will be had about renewing or holding an election prior to expiration of term
- Membership report at September meeting as usual

# Membership Update

<b>Respresented sector</b>	<b>Current Membership</b>	<b>Updated Membership</b>	<b>Structural Changes</b>	<b>Vacancies at Sept-20*</b>
Primary Schools	8	7	-1	1
Secondary Schools	0	0	0	0
Mainstream Academies	10	11	+1	3
Special Schools	2	2	0	0
Special Academies	1	1	0	0
Maintained Nursery School	1	1	0	0
Pupil Refferal Unit (PRU)	1	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

\*Assuming terms are renewed

# **2019/20 DSG Outturn & Reserves**

# Overview Outturn & Reserves

- Centrally held DSG had an overspend of £0.6m
  - Primarily due to HN overspend of £1.1m, underspend on De-delegated expenditure £0.3m and underspend on Early Years (£0.2m).
- This left a £3.4M central DSG reserve closing balance
  - Central - £2.9m; Other - £0.5m
- After 20/21 reserve contributions this leaves £3.0M
  - Central - £2.5m; Other - £0.5m
- Maintained Schools and PRUs reserve - £17.8m

# DSG Outturn Block Analysis

Block	Central £000's	Other £000's	Comments
Schools Block	0	-18	Other- Lower NNDR charges funded in-year
Early Years Block	-244		Underspend on central and 3&4 yr old funding partially offset by overspend on 2 yr old funding
De-delegated	-252		Underspend on New Arrivals, maternity and school improvement
High Needs	1,093		Overspend of £2.0m on SEN provision, offset by underspends on other SEN services
Central	-35		A number of small underspends
<b>Total</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>Net £0.6m overspend</b>

# DSG Reserve Position

	Central £m	Other £m
<b>Opening Balance as @ 01/04/19</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Budget Setting 2019/20- use of reserves	2.2	
In-year under/ overspend	0.6	0.0
Rounding adjustment	0.1	-0.1
<b>Closing Balance as @ 31/3/20</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
Budget Setting 20/21	0.5	
Early Years adj - 2 year olds	0.1	
Early Years adj - 3 & 4 year olds	-0.2	
<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
General	-2.2	
Earmarked: De-delegated	-0.3	
Earmarked: NNDR		-0.5

# **2019/20**

# **School Balances**

# School Balances – Summary by Phase

## Total Reported Balances by Phase Including Academies

School Type	17-18	Change	18-19	Change	19-20	Balance % of budget
	Balance (£000's)		Balance (£000's)		Balance (£000's)	
Primary (inc Nursery)	24,484	+2,417	26,901	-2,133	24,767	17.3%
Secondary	17,679	-3,327	14,352	+737	15,089	13.9%
Special & PRU's	1,893	+2	1,895	+878	2,773	11.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,056</b>	<b>-908</b>	<b>43,148</b>	<b>-518</b>	<b>42,629</b>	<b>15.4%</b>

# Age Profile of School Balances – No. of schools & academies by Phase

Reported balances as a % of school budget shares across 3 years

	<5%			5% - 10%			>10%		
School Type	17-18	18-19	19-20	17-18	18-19	19-20	17-18	18-19	19-20
Primary	7	5	15	14	15	13	66	67	59
Secondary	7	7	6	2	4	4	12	10	11
Special & PRU	5	6	3	1	0	3	3	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>73</b>

# COVID-19 Additional Costs

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- Free School Meals
- Additional Costs Grant
  - Specific – FSM, Cleaning
  - Self-certified – expectation that schools not adding to historic reserves
  - First claim window now open
- Transport – LA impact
- Early Years Funding census – demand reduction, sufficiency
- Suppliers and LA traded services

# FSM

- Schools not using the national scheme need to ensure they include additional costs to claim as part of grant
- Funding for Summer now confirmed – still through EdenRed but as part of a separate process
- Confirmation that where not using the national scheme will still be funded up to £90 per child (additional costs Autumn grant window)
- Important schools refer to the Summer Food Fund guidance

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-summer-food-fund?utm\\_source=d295e29e-7444-4c48-85af-788e8ce41674&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-summer-food-fund?utm_source=d295e29e-7444-4c48-85af-788e8ce41674&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

# Additional Costs grant

- Process and Summer term claim window now open
- Very specific in relation to what can be claimed for (FSM for those not attending school, additional cleaning, increased premises costs) although schools can 'register' other costs
- Basically schools can claim if in-year deficit – budget plan
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-schools/school-funding-exceptional-costs-associated-with-coronavirus-covid-19-for-the-period-march-to-july-2020>
- <https://form.education.gov.uk/service/coronavirus-schools-fund-claim>

# Suppliers/LA traded Services

- The key principles are:
  - Suppliers at 'risk'
  - Where organisations / individuals are paid using public funds / government money (e.g. budget share, grants) the organisation should not furlough staff;
  - Consideration of the continuity of the service following this period; and
  - Recognition that no organisation should be 'better off' financially as a result of this and the various support measures in place.
- Expectation that schools will be guided by the principle and largely take a status quo approach towards suppliers / services
- Opportunity to explore alternative delivery methods for goods and services

# Early Years

- EY providers normally funded based on activity
  - Given significantly reduced activity, sum-20 census not practical
- Providers funded based on either:
  - Spr-20 actual data (adjusted for usual spr → sum activity change)
  - Sum-20 forecast numbers
- This seems to have been well received by the sector and has allowed a sufficiency of places during lockdown.
- Next challenge will be impact on autumn 2020
  - Working on best approach to determining funding
  - DFE also aware that nos in Jan-21 may not be representative either, and as DSG is funded on Jan census, could leave LAs with shortfall.

# SEND update

# Funding

- We reported at last meeting that we had approximately £1M earmarked to be spent following determination of priorities with Headteacher Partnership – areas identified were:
  - Early Years, KS1 Rapid Response, Additional Keys Capacity, Additional KS2 Autism places, ERP / Satellite provision, Future SEMH places, Future other special school places, Extra resource for mainstream banded model, Training capacity (general and targeted), Other (inc future year inflation)
- We have not been able to move forward further work on this, and need to return to consultation with the partnership to see if these remain the key areas
- Currently reporting this funding to underspend

# Ongoing work

- **Mainstream Top-up review**
  - Undertook to review band 5/6 top-up arrangements this year
  - Original aim to consult in summer and 'go-live' in Sept-20
  - Work delayed due to Covid-19 response, now beginning work on this, revised aim to go-live from April-21
- **Special School exceptional funding arrangements**
  - Undertook to review process for pupils needing 1:1 staffing etc
  - Changes went live in Apr-20 but further work requested
  - Again this has been delayed by Covid-19 response, SEN prioritising this as soon as capacity allows.