



Sheffield Schools Forum 23 February 2023 Executive Summary of Decisions

Funded Early Learning (FEL) Allocation 2023/24 and Outturn 2021/22

Funding 2023/24

- The income allocation for 2023/24 is £37.83m.
- There is an increase in the rate of:
 - 6p per pupil hour for 2-year-olds; and
 - 5p for 3&4-year-olds plus an additional 11p Teachers' Pay and Pension Grant (TPPG).
- The Forum approved the recommendation of the Early Years Working Group to:
 - Increase the funding for 2-year-olds by 32p per hour to £5.63, ensuring that Sheffield passes on 100% of income received to providers.
 - Increase the base rate for 3&4-year-olds by 16p per pupil hour to £4.59 (5p plus 11p TPPG) as per the outcome of recent consultation with providers which the Forum noted was in the interests of the sector overall.

Outturn Funding 2021/22

The Forum noted plans to consult with providers over the summer regarding distribution of a net positive outturn of £465k.

High Needs Block Funding 2023/24

The Forum noted the following:

- The allocation for the High Needs Block for 2023/24 is £98.4m – a £10.6m increase, including £4m for cost pressures.
- Special school places have increased by 118 to an average of 1,645 and places in integrated resources (IRs) have increased by 37 to 291.
- There will be an average increase of £1,038 per place for special schools and an increase of 3.4% on base budgets for IRs.
- There will be continued investment in the localities budget of £6m including the £1.5m transfer from the Schools Block as previously agreed by the Forum.
- A provision of £2.5m has been made for growth.
- There will be a total investment of £3.8m for the Inclusion Centre for 250 places and we will regularly monitor occupancy.
- An allocation of £3.1m will be made for post-16 provision.

Final School Budgets 2023/24

- The Forum noted the contents of the paper and **approved the 2023/24 individual school budgets set at £425.4m** (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the [Schools Forum papers](#)):

- There is a £42.4m increase in our Schools Block allocation overall for 2023/24 – a real terms cash increase of £12m.
- Pupil numbers are starting to rise – an increase of 923.
- Sheffield now provides £69 over and above the National Funding Formula (NFF) recommended Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) for primary places.
- It is now mandatory for LAs to move at least 10% closer towards the NFF and they must use all NFF factors.
- The overall £ per pupil average for secondary and primary is £5,693.
- Pupil Premium is increasing by 5%.
- A Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MSAG) is being introduced from April 2023.
- There is a change to the de-delegated budget to Learn Sheffield as a result of the School Improvement Commission coming to an end in August 2023.
- Regarding the Central Schools Services Block – the Council is continuing to absorb the reduction in the historic commitments element (£428k).

Capital Allocation/Buildings Programme

- A paper was shared for information only outlining that we have been successful in bids for funding to re-build the following seven schools as part of the DfE's Re-build Programme:
 - Brunswick Primary
 - Pipworth Primary
 - Lydgate Junior
 - Carfield Primary
 - Lowfield Primary
 - Ballifield Primary
 - Windmill Hill Primary – the academy trust submitted the bid directly as the responsible body
- Submissions were based on a programme of condition surveys undertaken across the estate.

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