

DSG Overview and Indicative School Budget Share Modelling 2025/26

Key Messages

Forum members are asked to:

- Note the presentation (Appendix 1) around Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and Mainstream Schools Budget Shares.
- Approve the recommended model.

1. Introduction/background

1.1. The Sheffield Education Forum Funding Working Group has reviewed a series of mainstream school budget share models. This work is focused on identifying the most suitable model for finalising mainstream school budget allocations.

2. DSG Increases

- 2.1. Overall indicative DSG for 2025/26 has increased by £19.4m - 2.82% in cash terms.
- 2.1.1. Schools Block - £9.7m; (£35.8m less £26.1m rolled-in grants, Teachers Pay and Pension plus Core Grant).
 - 2.1.2. High Needs Block - £9.7m.
 - 2.1.3. Early Years - £19m (£14.1m new funding streams).
 - 2.1.4. Central Services Schools Block – minus £20k.

3. Mainstream Schools Budget Share Modelling

3.1. Three final models were produced based on increasing Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) and the primary lump sum, and moving towards the National Funding Formula.

4. Recommendations

Forum members are asked to:

- **Note** the contents of the presentation.
- **Approve** the recommended model to be used for the calculation of the mainstream school budget shares – **Model 3**.