

DSG Overview and Indicative School Budget Share Modelling

Key Messages

Forum members are asked to:

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

1. Introduction/background

The Resourcing Strategy Team have been working with the Schools Forum Funding Working Group to produce a set of mainstream school budget share models in order to determine which model should be used in the final production of mainstream school budget shares.

2. Early Years Funding Changes - Extended Entitlements

- New Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) for 2-year-old working parents and under 2's.
- DSG to be based on termly headcounts for these two funding streams.
- New Special Educational Needs Inclusion Fund (SENIF) to be established for 2-years- old and under.
- National rates published for all under 2s, 2, 3-&4-year-olds, Disability Access Fund (DAF), Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP), maintained nursery schools (MNS).
- Wraparound from September 2024.

3. DSG Increases

- 3.1. Overall indicative DSG increased by £38m, 6.1% in cash terms.
- 3.1.1. Schools Block £25.8m; (£11.3m excluding rolled-in Mainstream Schools Additional Grant).
- 3.1.2. High Needs Block £4.7m.
- 3.1.3. Early Years £19m (£14.1m new funding streams).
- 3.1.4. Central Services Schools Block – minus £400k.
- 3.1.5. Teachers' Pay Additional Grant £3m.

4. Mainstream Schools Budget Share Modelling

- 4.1. Three final models were produced based on increasing Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) and moving towards the National Funding Formula.

5. Recommendations

Forum members are asked to:

- **Note** the contents of the presentation.
- **Approve** the recommended model – Model 3.
- **Note** the Early Years Consultation paper 9 for information.