



SCHOOLS FUNDING FORUM AGENDA

8.30 am	Thursday 17 June 2021	Zoom
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Members 17: Quorum: 7

MEMBERSHIP:

Representative Groups

LA Maintained School Representatives:

Head Teachers (7): Emma Allen, Special
Hayley McClenaghan, Primary
Kirsten Cooper, Primary
Georgina Delmonte, Primary
Hayley Durrant, Primary
David Unwin-Bailey, Primary
Steve Bowers, Primary

Governors (1): Dave Waters, Primary

Academy Representatives:

Primary (1): Kate Ridley-Moy

Secondary (4): Neil Frost
David Turrell
Keith Williams
Denise Broom
Vacancy x2

Special (1): Vicki Fackler

AP Academy (1): Gary Haines

**Non-School
Representatives:**

Early Years PVI Sector (1) Emma Reynolds

Post 16 Vacancy

Decision Board Vacancy

Trade Unions (2): John Delaney/John McGill, Teachers
Peter Liddle, UNISON

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AGENDA ITEMS

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS OR OBSERVERS

2 TO AGREE THE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD MARCH 2021 (Pages 1 - 4)

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2021 as a correct and accurate record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

4 LA MAINTAINED SCHOOL BALANCES 2020-21 (Pages 5 - 8)

Report attached

5 DSG OUTTURN 2020-21 (Pages 9 - 12)

Report attached

6 SECTION 251 BUDGET SUBMISSION (Pages 13 - 21)

Report attached

7 HIGH NEEDS FUNDING (Pages 22 - 25)

Report attached

8 EARLY YEARS FUNDING UPDATE (Pages 26 - 28)

Report attached

9 PROPOSED DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS IN THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR

Dates to be proposed by Nick Carter.

10 PROJECTIONS FOR RECEPTION INTAKE NUMBERS - EXEMPT ITEM (Pages 29 - 32)

Report attached

11 SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY 2021-22 - EXEMPT ITEM (Pages 33 - 36)

Report attached

12 SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP AND SCHOOLS CAUSING CONCERN FUND - EXEMPT ITEM (Pages 37 - 38)

Report attached

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Andrew Beesley
Head of Democratic Services

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCHOOLS FUNDING FORUM

Zoom

23 March 2021 (9.30 - 11.20 am)

Present:

Representative Groups

LA Maintained School Representatives

Head Teachers: Emma Allen
Steve Bowers
Kirsten Cooper
Hayley Durrant
Hayley McClenaghan

Governors: Dave Waters

Academy Representatives

Primary: Kate Ridley-Moy

Secondary: Denise Broom
Neil Frost
David Turrell
Keith Williams

Special: Vicki Fackler

Non-School Representatives:

Trade Unions: Peter Liddle, UNISON
John McGill, NASUWT

53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS OR OBSERVERS

Apologies were received for the absence of Georgina Delmonte, David Unwin-Bailey and John Delaney.

54 TO AGREE THE NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting of the Forum held on 14th January 2021 and the notes of the special meeting held on 23rd February 2021 were agreed as a correct record

55 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

56 LOCAL AUTHORITY DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Forum received a report on the progress of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Management Plan which had also been presented to the SEND Executive Board.

Members noted that at the end of the 2019-20 financial year, Havering had an overall deficit on the Dedicated Schools Block of £1.13million. This had been due to an overspend on the High Needs Block of £4.6m.

Members were presented with a projection for the overspend on the High Needs Block for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24. Initiatives aimed at containing costs in future years included a new 60 place Special free school for children and young people aged 3-16 who have complex ASD or social emotional and mental health needs. There is to be an expansion of additionally resourced provisions (ARPs) in mainstream settings for pupils with moderate learning difficulties and communication and interaction needs.

Officers had been invited to an 'informal' meeting with the DfE on 15h April 2021 to discuss progress and support available on DSG management plans.

The forum noted the report.

57 HIGH NEEDS NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA REVIEW CONSULTATION

The Forum was provided with details of the DfE consultation on changes for 2022-23 to the national funding formula used for allocations of high needs funding to local authorities. The consultation closed on the following day.

A breakdown of how Havering's High Needs Block allocation for 2021/22 had been calculated was presented.

Question 1 of the consultation asked whether the historic spend factor in the formula should use 2017-18 budget figures or 2017-18 outturn figures. Members noted that the proposed change would be unlikely to affect the

allocation that Havering received as Havering received the minimum year on year increase (funding floor).

Question 2 looked at the proportion of funding made up by the historic spending factor and asked whether it should be changed. This had fallen by 10% since the current funding mechanism was introduced.

In Question 3 the DfE were seeking suggestions on alternatives to the historic cost factor that would enable local circumstances to be recognised in the formula.

Question 4 proposed that attainment for 2019 was counted twice in the formula, in the absence of suitable data for 2020.

In Question 5 the DfE asked for ideas on which factors could be added to the formula.

The Forum noted the report and asked that the response submitted by the Local Authority be brought to the next meeting.

58 SCHOOLS FUNDING 2021-22

The Forum were informed that final allocations of funding for the financial year 2021-22 had been issued to LA maintained primary schools on 26th February 2020. Primary and secondary academies had received notification of their funding from the EFSA for the financial year starting 1 September 2021.

Anonymised allocations for each school and academy were provided to Forum members. It was explained that de-delegation of funding applied to LA maintained primary schools only. All academies, and LA maintained Special schools, had to meet any costs in the areas de-delegated from their budget shares.

The Forum noted the report.

59 PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING 2021-22

The Forum received a report that showed the impact on school funding of the change to the date used for calculating Pupil Premium allocations. In future funding would be calculated using data from the previous October pupil census rather than the January pupil census. In total £514k less would be allocated in Pupil Premium funding with 50 schools losing funding and only three gaining. The largest single loss was £28k.

The Forum noted the report.

60 THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19 FOR SCHOOLS AND EY SETTINGS

The Forum received an update on the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Local Authority's schools and Early Years settings.

The Forum noted that 24 LA maintained schools submitted a second claim for 'Exceptional costs' in December with a further two submitting a claim for the first time. £510k had now been received by schools in total.

The autumn and spring tranches of the Catch up premium had been received by schools and academies, with a third tranche due in the summer term.

The DfE on-line claim form for the Workforce fund was currently live. It was explained that schools do not have to calculate whether they meet the absence criteria. This is shown as schools enter details of absences.

It was noted that funding for mass asymptomatic testing was available for those schools required to carry out testing. This would be paid retrospectively based on the number of recorded tests on their individual NHS Test & Trace accounts.

Members were presented with the results of a survey of Early Years settings on the financial impact of coronavirus. 50 settings had responded with loss of income having had, by far, the greatest impact. The average net loss for day nurseries that had participated in the survey exceeded £100k.

61 NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Forum would be held on Thursday 17 June at 8.30am and would take place at CEME or via Zoom.

62 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.



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ITEM 4

Subject Heading:

LA maintained schools' balances 2020-21

Report Author:

**Nick Carter – Principal Finance Officer
Schools**

Eligibility to vote:

**Representatives of LA maintained
schools**

SUMMARY

This report provides an analysis of the LA maintained school balances carried forward from 2020-21 into 2021-22.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum notes the report.

REPORT DETAIL

1. Year on Year Comparison of School Balances

The table below shows the total balances carried forward each year for the 42 primary and one special school that were LA maintained at the end of financial year 2019-20. Three pairs of schools operate a single budget across their federations. St Ursula's Catholic Infant and Junior schools amalgamated to become St Ursula's Catholic Primary during the course of the financial year. The Infant and Junior school figures for previous years have been combined in the tables below.

	Total funding £m	Total c/fwd balance £m	Balance as a % of funding
2020-21	101.4	4.7	4.7%
2019-20	96.3	2.3	2.3%
2018-19	91.5	3.6	3.9%
2017-18	85.9	3.5	4.1%
2016-17	77.5	3.8	5.0%
2015-16	74.8	5.2	6.9%

2. School 2020-21 balances with % bandings

	No. above 15%	No. between 10% & 15%	No. between 5% & 10%	No. between 0% & 5%	No. in deficit
2020-21	1	4	15	9	11
2019-20	0	2	15	6	18
2018-19	0	4	14	10	13
2017-18	0	6	11	15	9
2016-17	1	4	14	19	3
2015-16	3	7	13	14	4

No. of years	No. of schools above 10%	No. of schools in deficit
> 5	1	1
5	0	2
4	0	3
3	0	3
2	0	2
1	4	0
Total	5	11

	No. above 10%	No. between 5% & 10%	No. between 1% & 5%	No. below 1%	Total No. in deficit
2020-21 deficits	1	4	4	2	11
2019-20 deficits	2	4	10	2	18
2018-19 deficits	1	1	7	4	13

Note: of the schools in deficit, three were by less than £1,000 in 2018-19 and one in 2019-20.

The local authority will be in discussion with both LA maintained schools with balances above 10% and also those that are unable to set a balanced budget in 2021-22.

3. Breakdown of school income and expenditure

Appendix A shows the breakdown of school income and expenditure for LA maintained schools in 2020-21 by Consistent Financial Reporting category and the change from 2019-20.

The pandemic has clearly had a marked impact on the pattern of income and expenditure. Income from lettings, facilities and services, parental contributions and donations all fell markedly. Cleaning and other occupation costs rose sharply and there was also an increase in expenditure on ICT resources. Expenditure on catering supplies (free school meals), learning resources (which includes educational visits), agency supply staff, CPD, energy and brought in services all fell significantly. Capital expenditure, including that financed from revenue also fell.

Comparison of school income and expenditure 2020-21 to 2019-20

CFR category		2020-21 £	2019-20 £	Change £	Change %
Revenue income					
I01	Funds delegated by the local authority (LA)	81,376,189	77,105,098	4,271,091	5.5
I02	Funding for sixth form students	352,400	353,600	-1,200	-0.3
I03	High needs top up funding	7,620,187	6,437,754	1,182,433	18.4
I05	Pupil premium	4,594,190	4,690,914	-96,724	-2.1
I06	Other government grants	121,961	161,571	-39,610	-24.5
I07	Other grants and payments received	215,227	149,595	65,632	43.9
I08A	Income from letting premises	179,689	396,304	-216,615	-54.7
I08B	Other income from facilities and services	582,757	1,364,814	-782,057	-57.3
I10	Receipts from supply teacher insurance claims	584,514	432,038	152,476	35.3
I11	Receipts from other insurance claims	79,586	9,887	69,699	705.0
I12	Income from contributions to visits etc.	351,376	1,148,658	-797,282	-69.4
I13	Donations and/or voluntary funds	208,813	417,218	-208,405	-50.0
I15	Pupil focused extended school funding and/or grants	22,655	37,305	-14,650	-39.3
I18	Additional grant for schools	5,075,082	3,613,514	1,461,568	40.4
Total school generated income		101,364,626	96,318,271	5,046,355	5.2
Revenue expenditure					
E01	Teaching staff	47,208,273	44,014,437	3,193,837	7.3
E02	Supply teaching staff	148,423	185,768	-37,345	-20.1
E03	Education support staff	22,722,462	21,792,524	929,938	4.3
E04	Premises staff	3,202,183	3,145,271	56,912	1.8
E05	Administrative and clerical staff	5,717,883	5,462,105	255,778	4.7
E07	Cost of other staff	3,133,018	3,179,744	-46,727	-1.5
E08	Indirect employee expenses	348,825	318,132	30,693	9.6
E09	Staff development and training	199,127	342,783	-143,656	-41.9
E10	Supply teacher insurance	398,426	448,003	-49,577	-11.1
E12	Building maintenance and improvement	887,383	917,623	-30,239	-3.3
E13	Grounds maintenance and improvement	122,189	133,015	-10,827	-8.1
E14	Cleaning and caretaking	842,459	693,053	149,406	21.6
E15	Water and sewerage	198,089	244,241	-46,151	-18.9
E16	Energy	928,652	1,174,684	-246,031	-20.9
E17	Rates	1,448,125	1,423,101	25,025	1.8
E18	Other occupation costs	573,530	433,504	140,025	32.3
E19	Learning resources	2,130,867	3,053,316	-922,449	-30.2
E20	ICT learning resources	770,761	681,654	89,107	13.1
E21	Examination fees	509	2,325	-1,816	-78.1
E22	Administrative supplies	778,979	725,916	53,063	7.3
E23	Other insurance premiums	136,116	128,931	7,185	5.6
E24	Special facilities	80,991	133,730	-52,739	-39.4
E25	Catering supplies	1,545,025	2,715,043	-1,170,018	-43.1
E26	Agency supply teaching staff	1,092,932	1,547,458	-454,526	-29.4
E27	Brought in professional services - curriculum	2,289,575	2,604,640	-315,064	-12.1
E28a	Brought in professional services - other (except PFI)	1,130,584	1,186,518	-55,934	-4.7
E29	Loan interest	12,616	7,905	4,711	59.6
E30	Direct revenue financing (revenue contribution to capital)	839,166	971,657	-132,491	-13.6
Total school revenue expenditure		98,887,169	97,667,080	1,220,089	1.2
Net revenue expenditure		-2,477,456	1,348,809	-3,826,266	-283.7
Capital income					
CI01	Capital income	700,670	463,286	237,384	51.2
CI04	Direct revenue financing	839,166	971,657	-132,490	-13.6
Total capital income		1,539,836	1,434,943	104,894	7.3
Capital expenditure					
CE01	Acquisition of land and existing buildings	29,168	12,495	16,673	133.4
CE02	New construction, conversion and renovation	665,305	1,076,830	-411,525	-38.2
CE03	Vehicles, plant, equipment and machinery	512,989	247,490	265,500	107.3
CE04	Information and communications technology	123,177	479,248	-356,071	-74.3
Total capital expenditure		1,330,639	1,816,063	-485,424	-26.7
Net capital spend		-209,197	381,120	-590,317	-154.9



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ITEM 5

Subject Heading:

**Dedicated Schools Grant – Year End
Balance 2020-21**

Report Author:

**Nick Carter – Principal Finance Officer
(Schools)**

Eligibility to vote:

All members

SUMMARY

This report sets out the year end position on expenditure from the Dedicated Schools Grant in 2020-21 and the proposed use balances in 2021-22.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum:

- (i) notes the areas of under or overspend from the 2020-21 Dedicated Schools Grant
- (ii) agrees the allocation of funding in financial year 2021-22 as set out in the proposals below

REPORT DETAIL

1. Balance carried forward from 2020-21

Including all earmarked funding from previous financial years, the carry forward balance from centrally retained DSG from 2020-21 into 2021-22 is a deficit of £1,662,056 (0.72% of DSG). The deficit at the end of 2019-20 was £1,034,426, so the in year increase was £627,630.

This is the second year that the combined total of all year end balances of activities funded by the DSG has been in deficit. This is due to DSG underspends in other areas being insufficient to cover the overspend in the High Needs Block.

Any local authority that has an overall deficit on its DSG account at the end of the 2020-21 financial year, or whose DSG surplus has substantially reduced during the year, is required to complete the Dedicated School Grant Management Plan or to have an equivalent framework.

A full breakdown of the under and overspends along with proposals for the allocation of underspends for use in 2021-22 is shown in the tables below.

	Under/(Over) spend	Proposals
Funding Block	£000	
Early Years	952	
Provision for 2 year olds (in-year)	81	As agreed, the use of any unspent balances in the Early Years Block is discussed with EYPRG prior to a decision being made
Provision for 3&4 year olds (in-year)	62	
Centrally retained	108	
Previous year adjustment	701	Previously agreed to earmark for supporting Early Years funding levels for 2021-22

Schools Block	661	
Pupil Growth/Falling Rolls	629	Offset HN deficit *
Other	32	Offset HN deficit *

De-delegation	53	
Maternity/Paternity Scheme	62	Refund to primary/special schools
Trade Union Facility Time	(9)	cfwd as T.U. Facility Time deficit in 2021-22 due to Academy schools not procuring for LA-wide central support

High Needs Block	(3,504)	
In year overspend	(2,920)	Deficit to be partially offset by other DSG underspends
School Block transfer to High Needs	500	Previously agreed balance to support High Needs
Cary forward of overspent DSG from 19-20 (prior year deficit)	(1,084)	Increases the in-year deficit

Central Schools Support	115	
School Partnerships/SCC	16	Offset HN deficit *

Central Services	99	Offset HN deficit *
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Other DSG Funding	58	
Balance of additional grants	61	Offset HN deficit *

		2019-20	In year change
TOTAL	(1,662)	(1,034)	(628)

Committed for 2021-22

De-delegated balances to be returned to schools	62
De-delegated Trade Union Facility Time balance to be carried forward	(9)
Earmarked early years adjustment	701
Total commitments	754

Early Years central retention	108
Balance of early years grant	143
To be determined	251

Revised DSG cfwd to HN Block	(2,667)
<i>Percentage of DSG</i>	<i>1.15%</i>

(1,084)	(1,583)
<i>0.49%</i>	<i>0.66%</i>

Reconciliation of offset of HN deficit

HN deficit	(3,504)
Pupil Growth/Falling Rolls & Other	661
Central Schools Support	115
Grants balance	61
HN deficit carried forward	(2,667)

A breakdown of expenditure from the Growth Fund is shown in Appendix A

USE OF PUPIL GROWTH FUND IN 2020-21		£
PRIMARY		
New permanent expansions in 3 primary schools for 90 places		145,645
Funding of cohorts moving through from previous year permanent expansions 11 schools, 334 additional places (11.5 forms of entry)		304,056
New bulges in primary schools		0
Commitment to schools for unfilled bulge classes from previous year 7 schools, 8 bulge classes, 61 places funded		152,559
Unfilled places in primary schools		270,632
Falling rolls - pupil numbers below 85% of operating PAN in first 2 years		386,618
Allocations to meet infant class size regulations (1 school)		41,613
SECONDARY		
New permanent expansions in 1 secondary school for 30 places		58,514
Funding of cohorts moving through from previous year permanent expansions 8 schools, 236 additional places		441,290
New bulge in secondary schools		0
TOTAL		<u>1,800,927</u>
Budget		2,430,363
Underspend		-629,436
2019-20 expenditure (for comparative purposes)		1,994,077



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ITEM 6

Subject Heading:

Section 251 Budget Statement 2020-21

Report Author:

**Nick Carter – Principal Finance Officer
(Schools)**

Eligibility to vote:

All members

SUMMARY

This report is to present the Section 251 budget statement for financial year 2021-22.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To receive the Section 251 budget statements.

REPORT DETAIL

Local authorities are required under Section 251 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 to prepare and submit an education and children and young people's services budget statement to the Department for Education by 30th April each year.

The statement is intended to provide a clear picture of the LA's planned spending on its schools budget, de-delegated items, high needs budget, early years budget, and central provision funded both from the Dedicated Schools Grant and from the Council's general fund for education and children and young people's services.

All LAs in England are required to prepare this statement in a common format. The statements are used by the Department for Education for the publication of

statistics, for constructing benchmarking tables for local authorities, and for answering Parliamentary Questions and other requests for data.

The Section 251 budgets statements submitted by Havering for 2021-22 are shown in Appendices A to C

LA Table: FUNDING PERIOD (2021-22)

Department for Education Section 251 Financial Data Collection

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Local Authority: 311 Havering

Description	Early Years	Primary	Secondary	SEN/ Special Schools	AP/ PRUs	Post School	Gross	Income	Net
1.0.1 Individual Schools Budget (i.e. school budget shares, before Academy recoupment), including 6th form grant for maintained schools, but excluding all high needs place funding	£20,617,230.00	£103,119,015.00	£90,084,250.00				£213,820,495.00		£213,820,495.00
1.0.2 High needs place funding within Individual Schools Budget (i.e. within school budget shares, before Academy recoupment), including all pre- and post-16 place funding for maintained schools and academies	£0.00	£556,667.00	£208,669.00	£3,955,633.00	£451,667.00		£5,172,636.00		£5,172,636.00
1.1.1 Contingencies		£190,080.00	£0.00				£190,080.00	£0.00	£190,080.00
1.1.2 Behaviour support services		£186,247.00	£0.00				£186,247.00	£0.00	£186,247.00
1.1.3 Support to UPEG and bilingual learners		£93,097.00	£0.00				£93,097.00	£0.00	£93,097.00
1.1.4 Free school meals eligibility		£26,059.00	£0.00				£26,059.00	£0.00	£26,059.00
1.1.5 Insurance		£350,042.00	£0.00				£350,042.00	£0.00	£350,042.00
1.1.6 Museum and Library services		£0.00	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.1.7 Licences/subscriptions		£0.00	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.1.8 Staff costs – supply cover excluding cover for facility time		£463,104.00	£0.00				£463,104.00	£0.00	£463,104.00
1.1.9 Staff costs – supply cover for facility time		£43,200.00	£0.00				£43,200.00	£0.00	£43,200.00
1.1.10 School improvement		£0.00	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.2.1 Top-up funding – maintained schools	£0.00	£4,549,270.00	£0.00	£3,333,871.00	£0.00		£7,883,141.00	£0.00	£7,883,141.00
1.2.2 Top-up funding – academies, free schools and colleges	£0.00	£996,313.00	£3,065,263.00	£5,114,277.00	£957,848.00	£1,492,491.00	£11,626,192.00	£0.00	£11,626,192.00
1.2.3 Top-up and other funding – non-maintained and independent providers	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,500,000.00	£0.00	£900,280.00	£3,400,280.00	£0.00	£3,400,280.00
1.2.4 Additional high needs targeted funding for mainstream schools and academies	£0.00	£166,316.00	£217,418.00				£383,734.00	£0.00	£383,734.00
1.2.5 SEN support services	£584,220.00	£564,125.00	£368,385.00	£8,284.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,525,014.00	£0.00	£1,525,014.00
1.2.6 Hospital education services				£0.00	£80,100.00		£80,100.00	£0.00	£80,100.00
1.2.7 Other alternative provision services	£0.00	£247,593.00	£946,520.00	£84.00	£73,880.00	£0.00	£1,268,077.00	£0.00	£1,268,077.00
1.2.8 Support for inclusion	£0.00	£76,733.00	£89,698.00	£0.00	£5,410.00	£0.00	£171,841.00	£0.00	£171,841.00
1.2.9 Special schools and PRUs in financial difficulty				£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.2.10 PFI/ BSF costs at special schools, AP/ PRUs and Post 16 institutions only				£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.2.11 Direct payments (SEN and disability)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.2.12 Carbon reduction commitment allowances (PRUs)					£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.2.13 Therapies and other health related services	£0.00	£130,000.00	£45,000.00	£200,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£375,000.00	£0.00	£375,000.00
1.3.1 Central expenditure on early years entitlement	£820,000.00						£820,000.00	£0.00	£820,000.00

Description	Early Years	Primary	Secondary	SEN/ Special Schools	AP/ PRUs	Post School	Gross	Income	Net
1.4.1 Contribution to combined budgets	£0.00	£180,000.00	£20,000.00	£0.00	£0.00		£200,000.00	£0.00	£200,000.00
1.4.2 School admissions	£0.00	£312,300.00	£194,488.00	£4,374.00	£0.00		£511,162.00	£0.00	£511,162.00
1.4.3 Servicing of schools forums	£5,069.00	£22,882.00	£14,943.00	£336.00	£20.00		£43,250.00	£0.00	£43,250.00
1.4.4 Termination of employment costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.5 Falling Rolls Fund	£0.00	£144,462.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£144,462.00	£0.00	£144,462.00
1.4.6 Capital expenditure from revenue (CERA)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.7 Prudential borrowing costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.8 Fees to independent schools without SEN	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.9 Equal pay - back pay	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.10 Pupil growth	£0.00	£1,436,895.00	£948,642.00	£0.00	£0.00		£2,385,537.00	£0.00	£2,385,537.00
1.4.11 SEN transport	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.12 Exceptions agreed by Secretary of State	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.13 Infant class sizes		£43,307.00					£43,307.00	£0.00	£43,307.00
1.4.14 Other Items	£21,471.00	£96,917.00	£63,289.00	£1,423.00	£83.00	£0.00	£183,183.00		£183,183.00
1.5.1 Education welfare service							£94,370.00	£0.00	£94,370.00
1.5.2 Asset management							£31,815.00	£0.00	£31,815.00
1.5.3 Statutory/ Regulatory duties							£534,634.00	£0.00	£534,634.00
1.6.1 Central support services							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.6.2 Education welfare service							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.6.3 Asset Management							£38,534.00	£0.00	£38,534.00
1.6.4 Statutory/ Regulatory duties							£229,880.00	£0.00	£229,880.00
1.6.5 Premature retirement cost/ Redundancy costs (new provisions)							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.6.6 Monitoring national curriculum assessment							£37,152.00	£0.00	£37,152.00
1.7.4 Other Specific Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.8 TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET (before Academy recoupment)	£22,047,990.00	£113,994,624.00	£96,266,565.00	£15,118,282.00	£1,569,008.00	£2,392,771.00	£252,355,625.00	£0.00	£252,355,625.00
1.9.1 Estimated Dedicated Schools Grant for 2021-22 (after deductions for post school high needs place funding, but including school and academy post-16 high needs place funding)							£251,654,857.00		
1.9.2 Dedicated Schools Grant brought forward from 2020-21 (please show a deficit as a negative)							-£1,664,951.00		
1.9.3 Dedicated Schools Grant carry forward to 2022-23 (please show a deficit as a positive)							£0.00		
1.9.4 Grant for maintained school 6th forms							£0.00		
1.9.5 Local Authority additional contribution							£0.00		
1.9.6 Total funding supporting the Schools Budget (lines 1.9.1 to 1.9.5)							£249,989,906.00		
1.10.1 Academy: recoupment from the Dedicated Schools Grant, excluding the recoupment of high needs place funding shown in line 1.0.2 above (please show as a negative)							-£115,836,193.00		
1.10.2 Academy: recoupment from the Dedicated Schools Grant of high needs place funding shown under line 1.0.2 above (please show as a negative)							-£3,114,336.00		
2.0.1 Central support services							£240,500.00	£372,280.00	-£131,780.00
2.0.2 Education welfare service							£110,810.00	£0.00	£110,810.00
2.0.3 School improvement							£401,924.00	£29,310.00	£372,614.00
2.0.4 Asset management - education							£98,421.00	£0.00	£98,421.00

Description	Early Years	Primary	Secondary	SEN/ Special Schools	AP/ PRUs	Post School	Gross	Income	Net
2.0.5 Statutory/ Regulatory duties - education							£408,058.00	£107,123.00	£300,935.00
2.0.6 Premature retirement cost/ Redundancy costs (new provisions)							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2.0.7 Monitoring national curriculum assessment							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2.1.1 Educational psychology service							£653,317.00	£0.00	£653,317.00
2.1.2 SEN administration, assessment and coordination and monitoring							£965,521.00	£0.00	£965,521.00
2.1.3 Independent Advice and Support Services (Parent partnership), guidance and information							£85,970.00	£0.00	£85,970.00
2.1.4 Home to school transport (pre 16): SEN transport expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,115,800.00	£0.00		£2,115,800.00	£0.00	£2,115,800.00
2.1.5 Home to school transport (pre 16): mainstream home to school transport expenditure	£0.00	£126,290.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£126,290.00	£0.00	£126,290.00
2.1.6 Home to post-16 provision: SEN/ LLDD transport expenditure (aged 16-18)			£0.00	£87,806.00	£0.00	£97,778.00	£185,584.00	£0.00	£185,584.00
2.1.7 Home to post-16 provision: SEN/ LLDD transport expenditure (aged 19-25)			£0.00	£131,708.00	£0.00	£149,478.00	£281,186.00	£0.00	£281,186.00
2.1.8 Home to post-16 provision transport: mainstream home to post-16 transport expenditure			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2.1.9 Supply of school places							£299,345.00	£0.00	£299,345.00
2.2.1 Other spend not funded from the Schools Budget							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2.3.1 Young people's learning and development			£101,594.00	£16,932.00	£5,644.00	£0.00	£124,170.00	£0.00	£124,170.00
2.3.2 Adult and Community learning							£1,835,635.00	£1,815,965.00	£19,670.00
2.3.3 Pension costs							£559,763.00	£0.00	£559,763.00
2.3.4 Joint use arrangements							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2.3.5 Insurance							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2.4.1 Other Specific Grant							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2.5.1 Total Other education and community budget							£8,492,294.00	£2,324,678.00	£6,167,616.00
3.0.1 Funding for individual Sure Start Children's Centres							£715,949.00	£0.00	£715,949.00
3.0.2 Funding for local authority provided or commissioned area wide services delivered through Sure Start Children's Centres							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.0.3 Funding on local authority management costs relating to Sure Start Children's Centres							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.0.4 Other spend on children under 5							£26,770.00	£0.00	£26,770.00
3.0.5 Total Sure Start children's centres and other spend on children under 5							£742,719.00	£0.00	£742,719.00
3.1.1 Residential care							£4,013,333.00	£0.00	£4,013,333.00
3.1.2a Fostering services (excluding fees and allowances for LA foster carers)							£1,628,974.00	£0.00	£1,628,974.00
3.1.2b Fostering services (fees and allowances for LA foster carers)							£657,314.00	£0.00	£657,314.00
3.1.3 Adoption services							£903,698.00	£0.00	£903,698.00
3.1.4 Special guardianship support							£1,536,867.00	£0.00	£1,536,867.00
3.1.5 Other children looked after services							£850,528.00	£0.00	£850,528.00
3.1.6 Short breaks (respite) for looked after disabled children							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.1.7 Children placed with family and friends							£4,410,699.00	£0.00	£4,410,699.00
3.1.8 Education of looked after children							£74,871.00	£0.00	£74,871.00

Description	Early Years	Primary	Secondary	SEN/ Special Schools	AP/ PRUs	Post School	Gross	Income	Net
3.1.9 Leaving care support services							£2,722,031.00	£0.00	£2,722,031.00
3.1.10 Asylum seeker services children							£348,902.00	£0.00	£348,902.00
3.1.11 Total Children Looked After	£8,776.00	£39,612.00	£25,867.00	£582.00	£34.00		£17,147,217.00	£0.00	£17,147,217.00
3.2.1 Other children and families services							£601,790.00	£0.00	£601,790.00
3.3.1 Social work (including LA functions in relation to child protection)							£11,339,716.00	£0.00	£11,339,716.00
3.3.2 Commissioning and Children's Services Strategy							£4,054,585.00	£0.00	£4,054,585.00
3.3.3 Local Safeguarding Children Board							£174,190.00	£0.00	£174,190.00
3.3.4 Total Safeguarding Children and Young People's Services							£15,568,491.00	£0.00	£15,568,491.00
3.4.1 Direct payments							£697,850.00	£0.00	£697,850.00
3.4.2 Short breaks (respite) for disabled children							£984,932.00	£0.00	£984,932.00
3.4.3 Other support for disabled children							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.4.4 Targeted family support							£368,247.00	£0.00	£368,247.00
3.4.5 Universal family support							£644,354.00	£0.00	£644,354.00
3.4.6 Total Family Support Services							£2,695,383.00	£0.00	£2,695,383.00
3.5.1 Universal services for young people							£656,183.00	£257,130.00	£399,053.00
3.5.2 Targeted services for young people							£126,427.00	£0.00	£126,427.00
3.5.3 Total Services for young people							£782,610.00	£257,130.00	£525,480.00
3.6.1 Youth justice							£689,182.00	£270,740.00	£418,442.00
4.0.1 Capital Expenditure from Revenue (CERA) (Non-schools budget functions and Children's and young people services)							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
5.0.1 Total Schools Budget and Other education and community budget (excluding CERA) (lines 1.8.1 and 2.5.1)							£260,847,919.00	£2,324,678.00	£258,523,241.00
5.0.2 Total Children and Young People's Services and Youth Justice Budget (excluding CERA)(lines 3.0.5 + 3.1.11 + 3.2.1 + 3.3.4 + 3.4.6 + 3.5.3 + 3.6.1)							£38,227,392.00	£527,870.00	£37,699,522.00
6 Total Schools Budget, Other education and community budget, Children and Young People's Services and Youth Justice Budget (excluding CERA) (lines 5.0.1 + 5.0.2)							£299,075,311.00	£2,852,548.00	£296,222,763.00
7 Capital Expenditure (excluding CERA)	£1,890,129.00	£26,044,687.00	£13,465,815.00	£1,795,848.00	£1,130,144.00		£44,326,623.00	£0.00	£44,326,623.00
8a.1 Substance misuse services (Drugs, Alcohol and Volatile substances) (included in 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 above)							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
8a.2 Teenage pregnancy services (included in 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 above)							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.8.1a DSG Block Planned Expenditure							Allocated DSG funding	Planned Spend	Net
Schools (before Academy recoupment)							£197,433,966.00	£197,433,966.00	£0.00
Central School Services							£1,598,414.00	£1,598,414.00	£0.00
High Needs (excluding post school)							£31,886,015.00	£31,886,015.00	£0.00
Early Years							£20,736,462.00	£21,437,230.00	-£700,768.00
Total							£251,654,857.00	£252,355,625.00	-£700,768.00

EY Proforma Table: FUNDING PERIOD (2021-22)
Department for Education Section 251 Financial Data Collection

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Pass-through rate for delivering government funded hours:																96.3%
Row Heading	Description	Unit Value (£)			Unit Applied	Number of Units (Universal 15 hours)			Number of Units (Additional 15 hours)			Anticipated Budget (£)				
		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	Unit Type	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL	
1. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Base Rate(s) per hour, per provider type	3/4 year old Universal/Extended Base Rate	£5.02		£5.02	PerHour	2,086,060.13		618,477.49	668,695.41		198,255.58	£13,828,873		£4,100,000	£17,928,873	
Row Heading	Description	Unit Value (£)			Unit Applied	Number of Units (Universal & Additional 15 hours)			Anticipated Budget (£)							
		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	Unit Type	PVI		Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL			
2a. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - Deprivation	Band A - Pupils in the most deprived 2.5% of LSOAs	£0.71		£0.71	PerHour	10,645.43			7,980.00	£7,558		£5,666	£13,224			
2a. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - Deprivation	Band B - Pupils in the next 5% most deprived LSOAs	£0.54		£0.54	PerHour	28,068.43			39,330.00	£15,157		£21,238	£36,395			
2a. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - Deprivation	Band C - Pupils in the next 5% most deprived LSOAs	£0.51		£0.51	PerHour	46,791.57			35,340.00	£23,864		£18,023	£41,887			
2a. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - Deprivation	Band D - Pupils in the next 5% most deprived LSOAs	£0.47		£0.47	PerHour	118,794.57			43,206.00	£55,833		£20,307	£76,140			
2a. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - Deprivation	Band E - Pupils in the next 10% most deprived LSOAs	£0.30		£0.30	PerHour	185,875.15			116,345.14	£55,763		£34,904	£90,666			
2a. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - Deprivation	Band F - Pupils in the next 10% most deprived LSOAs	£0.25		£0.25	PerHour	278,845.09			134,349.00	£69,711		£33,587	£103,299			
2b. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - Quality	No budget lines entered															
2c. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - Flexibility	No budget lines entered															
2d. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for supplement payment) - Rurality/Sparsity	No budget lines entered															
2e. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - EAL	No budget lines entered															
Funding provided through supplements:														2.0%		
3. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Maintained nursery school (MNS) lump sums (if applicable)	No budget lines entered															
4. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Hours above universal/ additional 15 hours (if applicable)	No budget lines entered															
TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS SINGLE FUNDING FORMULA (3 & 4 YEAR OLDS):														£18,290,484		

Row Heading	Description	Unit Value (£)			Unit Applied	Number of Units (Universal & Additional 15 hours)			Anticipated Budget (£)			
		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL
5. EYSFF (2 year olds) Base Rate(s) per hour, per provider type	2 year old Base Rate	£5.76	£0.00	£5.76	PerHour	308,535.33		19,323.00	£1,777,164		£111,300	£1,888,464
6a. EYSFF (2 year olds) Two year old supplements Quality (if applicable)	No budget lines entered											
6b. EYSFF (2 year olds) Two year old supplements Other supplements (if applicable)	No budget lines entered											
TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS SINGLE FUNDING FORMULA (2 YEAR OLDS):												£1,888,464
7a (i) SEN Inclusion Fund - 3 & 4 Year Olds (Mandatory) - Funding allocated from EY Block	SENIF Inclusion Fund - £4.90 per hour								£250,000		£50,000	£300,000
7a (ii) SEN Inclusion Fund - 3 & 4 Year Olds (Mandatory) - Funding allocated from HN Block	SENIF Complex Needs Fund - £3.20 per hour								£35,000		£15,000	£50,000
7b (i) SEN Inclusion Fund - 2 Year Olds (if applicable) - Funding allocated from EY Block	No budget lines entered											
7b (ii) SEN Inclusion Fund - 2 Year Olds (if applicable) - Funding allocated from HN Block	No budget lines entered											
TOTAL FUNDING FOR SEN INCLUSION FUND (TOP-UP GRANT ELEMENT):												£350,000
8a. Early years contingency funding - 3 & 4 Year Olds	No budget lines entered											
8b. Early years contingency funding - 2 Year Olds	No budget lines entered											
9a. Early years centrally retained funding - 3 & 4 Year Olds	Central Support Services for the delivery of the entitlement											£820,000
9b. Early years centrally retained funding - 2 Year Olds	n/a											
TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS CENTRAL EXPENDITURE:												£820,000
10. Early years pupil premium - 3 & 4 Year Olds												£69,402
11. Disability access fund - 3 & 4 Year Olds												£68,880

Calculation of pass-through rate

Calculation	Description	Amount
A	1. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Base Rate(s) per hour, per provider type	£17,928,873
	2a. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement	£361,611
	2b. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement	£0
	2c. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement	£0
	2d. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for supplement	£0
	2e. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement	£0
	3. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Maintained nursery school (MNS) lump sums (if	£0
	7a (i) SEN Inclusion Fund - 3 & 4 Year Olds (Mandatory) - Funding allocated from	£300,000
	7a (ii) SEN Inclusion Fund - 3 & 4 Year Olds (Mandatory) - Funding allocated from	£50,000
	8a. Early years contingency funding - 3 & 4 Year Olds	£0
	Subtotal =	£18,640,484
B	DfE quantum allocation to local authority of MNS supplementary funding	£0
C	Planned total base rate hours for universal 15 and additional 15 hours for 3 and 4	3,571,489
D	Equivalent average rate to providers for three-and four-year old entitlement hours = (A-B) / C	£5.22
E	LA EYNFF hourly rate for three-and four-year olds (published in the DSG	£5.42
F	Test of meeting requirement = (D / E) * 100%	96.3%

S251 Budget 2021-22 - High Needs Places Table Report

S251 Budget 2021-22 Table 2: High needs places & AP settings

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School Name	DfE Number	School /Unit Opening/Closing	Date Opening Closing	Type of Establishment	Special Educational Needs (SEN) Places		Special Educational Needs (SEN) Places	Alternative Provision (AP) Places		AP Place Funding	Hospital Education Places		Hospital Education Place Funding	Total Place Funding
					April 2021 to August 2021	September 2021 to March 2022	April 2021 To March 2022 (£)	April 2021 to August 2022	September 2021 to March 2022	April 2021 To March 2022 (£)	April 2021 to August 2021	September 2021 to March 2022	April 2021 To March 2022 (£)	April 2021 To March 2022
Clockhouse Primary School	2038			Mainstream	8.00	8.00	£60,000.00							£60,000.00
Nelmes Primary School	2086			Mainstream	12.00	12.00	£72,000.00							£72,000.00
Mead Primary School	2087			Mainstream	12.00	12.00	£72,000.00							£72,000.00
The R J Mitchell Primary School	2093			Mainstream	21.00	21.00	£154,000.00							£154,000.00
Corbets Tey School	7000			Special	155.00	155.00	£1,550,000.00							£1,550,000.00
Grand Total:					208.00	208.00	£1,908,000.00							£1,908,000.00

Agenda Item 7



Schools Funding Forum 17th June 2021

ITEM 7

Subject Heading:

High Needs Funding

Report Author:

**Nick Carter – Principal Finance Officer
(Schools)**

Eligibility to vote:

All members

SUMMARY

The Local Authority's proposed approach to a refresh of the High Needs Strategy and a review of High Needs funding will outlined at the meeting and members' views sought. This report also contains the LA's response to the DfE High Needs formula funding held earlier in the year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum:

- (i) discusses the proposed approach and that members convey their views
- (ii) notes the response submitted to the High Needs Formula Review consultation

REPORT DETAIL

High Needs National Funding Formula Review Consultation 2022-23

In March 2021 the DfE held a consultation on changes for 2022-23 to the national funding formula used for allocations of high needs funding to local authorities. This was discussed at the meeting of the Schools Funding Forum on 23 March 2021, the day before the consultation closed. The response submitted by the LA is shown in Appendix A.

Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan

On 15 April 2021 officials from the EFSA held an 'informal meeting' with officers to discuss Havering's Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan. Feedback from this will be given at the meeting.

Proposals for the review of the LAs High Needs Strategy and High Needs funding

Details of the Local Authority's proposed approach to be discussed at the meeting.

Submitted to High Needs national funding formula – proposed changes

Historic spend factor - question 1

Do you agree that we should replace the current lump sum included in the formula calculation with an amount calculated on the basis of actual local authority expenditure, as reported by each local authority?

Agree

Please provide any additional comments:

The use of actual spending is a more logical basis for the historic cost lump sum. The data will be, however, four years old. The quantity and complexity of need has increased significantly in Havering in that period. If historical spend data is used in the formula, this should be more recent

Historic spend factor - question 2

Do you think that we should increase the percentage of actual expenditure in 2017-18 included in the funding formula calculation, or leave it at 50%? Use the comments box to propose a particular increase or reduction in the percentage.

Keep the percentage at 50%

Comments:

The historical spend data is increasing outdated and therefore it is reasonable for it to form a diminishing proportion of the whole. As total funding increases, keeping the percentage at 50% would result a gradual reduction in the significance of this factor. The number of pupils with High Needs and the complexity of need has increased significantly in Havering in the last four years. This is not reflected in the historic cost element of the formula.

Historic spend factor - question 3

To what extent do you agree that the funding formula should include factors that reflect historical local demand for and supply of SEND and AP provision? If you have any suggestions for such factors that could eventually replace the historic spend factor, please provide these in the comments box.

Agree

Comments:

Whilst we agree that the funding formula should include factors that reflect historical local demand for and supply of SEND and AP provision, we do not believe that historical cost from 2017-18 is a suitable factor. Alternative factors that reflect current local demand and cost should be used, if suitable ones can be determined. Alternatively historical spend from the last available year would be more acceptable.

We think that data collected on the SEN2 return would more accurately reflect need. The DfE have ruled out the use of EHCP data. Support provided through

EHCPs is, however, a major factor in determining the funding that the LA distributes. It therefore follows that the formula used to calculate allocations to LAs should incorporate an EHCP factor. Certainly this should be the case if the wider review of High Needs the DfE is currently undertaking brings about greater uniformity in the use of EHCPs across the country.

Low attainment factor - question 4

Do you agree with our proposal to update the low attainment factors using data from 2016, and to substitute the most recent 2019 data in place of the missing 2020 attainment data?

Agree

Comments:

This approach provides consistency with previous years and with funding for Low Attainment via the Schools Block (APT formula).

SEND and AP proxies - question 5

If you wish to offer ideas on factors that could be added to the current formula, or that could replace the current proxies, please provide further details in the comments box below. Please provide your answer in the box below:

The use of EHCP and SEN2 data would better reflect local circumstances. Support provided through EHCPs is a major factor in determining the funding that the LA distributes. It therefore follows that the formula used to calculate allocations to LAs should incorporate an EHCP factor. The use of EHCP data would go some way to capturing the impact of parental preference, identified by the IPSOS Partnership as a major driver of High Needs spending.

The DLA factor currently used in the formula could be refined to make use of the five tiers that exist within that allowance, three for Care and two for Mobility. Rigorous checks are made to ensure claims are valid.

The number of 18-25 year olds in receipt of a PIP should be incorporated.

Other deprivation indices, such as the Index of Multiple Deprivation, could be used alongside IDACI.

Equalities impact assessment - question 6

Please provide any information that you consider we should take into account in assessing the equalities impact of the proposals for change. Before answering this question, please refer to Annex C of the consultation document.

Please provide your answer in the box below:

Whilst we welcome some of the proposed changes and the search for additional factors to incorporate into the formula, the overall allocation to LAs needs to increase significantly, year on year, to have a positive impact on delivery for children and young people with high needs. Many LAs have existing deficits in the High Needs Block. Measures to eliminate these deficits could impact on future provision, with the funding available to support affected stakeholders reducing in order to bring the clear historic overspends.

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Subject Heading:

Early Years Funding update

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Eligibility to vote:

All members

SUMMARY

This report details the change made by the DfE to the way that Early Years funding for Local Authorities will be calculated in 2021-22 and outlines the LAs proposal to review funding rates for providers in light of this. It also provides details on the Early Years Discretionary Grant made available to providers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum:

- (i) notes the changes made to the way that Early Years funding for Local authorities will be calculated and notes the details of the Early Years Discretionary Grant
- (ii) agrees the proposed arrangements for a review of funding rates for providers

REPORT DETAIL

2020-21 funding for LAs

Last year LAs were asked by the DfE to pay providers for attendance regardless of Covid, however, from 1st January 2021 LAs were asked to return to the normal funding process and pay providers for places and hours delivered for EY entitlements.

The DfE announced changes to the way that LAs would be funded in recognition of the fact that January 2021 may not be representative because of the pandemic. Funding is usually

based on a once a year count in January which is felt provides the 'mid point' between lower numbers in the autumn term and higher numbers in the summer. Funding for 2020-21 would instead be as follows:

- Pay LAs for 2020 summer and autumn terms on the basis of their January 2020 census.
- Pay LAs for the 2021 spring term based on January 2021 census attendance

Plus

- A top up if attendance increased through the spring term based on the average of the January 2021 and May 2021 census numbers. This would be capped, however, and only apply if numbers fell below 85% of the January 2020 numbers.

Havering will not receive this top up as numbers for 2 year olds were 85% of the January 2020 number and numbers for 3 - 4 year olds were 94% of the January 2020 number.

Funding for LAs not eligible for the top-up will be based on:

- 9/12th of the January 2020 census PTE numbers (to cover April 2020 to December 2020)

Plus

- 3/12 of the January 2021 census numbers (to cover January 2021 to March 2021)

Final funding allocations will be published in November

2021-22 funding for LAs

Given the uncertainty created by Covid, the DfE do not think that the usual once a year count in January would provide the usual representative 'mid point' on which to base funding for the whole year.

There will be a temporary variation to the approach for funding Early Years in 2021-22 to give LAs and providers more protection over their funding income.

Each LA will be funded based on **termly attendance** for 2021-22. This is to ensure funding aligns with attendance as children return to their settings or take up free entitlements for the first time, as lockdown restrictions are eased. LAs will continue to pay providers for actual attendance.

LAs will be asked to submit their 'local' 2021 summer and autumn counts to the DfE to determine allocations in each of these terms. Spring term 2022 would be funded as usual using the January 2022 census.

The final funding allocations will be based on the following:

- 5/12th of the May 2021 count PTE numbers (to cover April 2021 to August 2021)
- Plus**
- 4/12th of the October 2021 count PTE numbers (to cover September 2021 to December 2021)
 - 3/12 of the January 2022 count PTE numbers (to cover January 2022 to March 2022)

Final funding allocations will be announced in July 2022 as normal

In 2019-20 the use of the January census as a 'mid point' proved beneficial to Havering as numbers in January were higher than the average for all three terms. This is the reason why the previous year adjustment of £701k, as detailed on the DSG outturn statement, was not required to meet payments made to providers. The variation to the funding arrangements means that there will be no similar sum for 2021-22 when final funding allocations are announced in July 2022.

Proposals for a review of the funding rates for providers

In June 2020 the funding rates for 2020-21 were reviewed resulting in an increase in the hourly rates paid to providers. The Local Authority intends to carry out a similar review for 2021-22 taking into account the revised funding arrangements for LAs and the census numbers for May 2021. Verified census data for May is now available.

The findings will be discussed with EYPRG later this term, together with the use of use of the Early Years balances in the DSG. The outcome of these discussions and any proposed change to funding rates will be brought to the Schools Forum at the September 2021 meeting.

Early Years Discretionary Grant – Phases 1 and 2

The council was able to secure a grant of £1.03m to support Early Years providers during the pandemic. This followed on from an earlier grant of £77k made available in August 2020.

Further details on payments made to providers are shown below:

Phase 1 - Early Years Discretionary Grant (August 2020) - payments Sep-20

Provider Type	No. of eligible Providers	Sum of Total payable	Min of Total payable	Max of Total payable	Average of Total payable
Childminder	65	£22,700.00	£300.00	£500.00	£349.23
Day Nursery	26	£24,750.00	£750.00	£1,500.00	£951.92
Preschool	36	£28,000.00	£500.00	£1,500.00	£777.78
Independent	1	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Grand Total	128	£76,950.00	£300.00	£1,500.00	£601.17

Phase 2 - Early Years Discretionary Grant (March 2021) - payments Mar-21/Jun-21

Provider Type	No. of eligible Providers	Sum of Total payable	Min of Total payable	Max of Total payable	Average of Total payable
Childminder	79	£271,523.00	£3,437.00	£3,437.00	£3,437.00
Day Nursery	19	£218,825.00	£10,311.00	£21,769.00	£11,517.11
Preschool	47	£470,869.00	£3,437.00	£10,311.00	£10,018.49
Out of School Club	14	£68,740.00	£3,437.00	£10,311.00	£4,910.00
Grand Total	159	£1,029,957.00	£3,437.00	£21,769.00	£6,477.72

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