



SCHOOLS FUNDING FORUM AGENDA

8.00 am

**Thursday
12 June 2025**

**CEME , Rainham, Room
235**

Members 21: Quorum: 9

MEMBERSHIP:

Representative Groups

LA Maintained School Representatives:

Head Teachers (7): Emma Allen, Special
Michael Ross, Primary
Kirsten Cooper, Primary
Georgina Delmonte, Primary
Hayley McClenaghan, Primary
David Unwin-Bailey, Primary
Chris Speller, Primary

Governors (1): Vacancy

**Academy
Representatives:**

Primary (2): Chris Hobson
Vacancy

Secondary (5) Neil Frost
Scott McGuinness
David Turrell
Paul Larner
Vacancy

Special (1) Andy Smith

AP Academy (1) Tony Machin

**Non-School
Representatives:** **Error! No document variable supplied.**

**Early Years PVI Sector
(1)** Emma Reynolds

Post 16 (1) Paul Lerner

Diocesan Board (2) Chris Speller, Diocese of Chelmsford
Michael Ross, Diocese of Brentwood

Trade Unions (2): George Blake/John McGill, Teachers
Peter Liddle, Support Staff

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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... (Pages 1 - 5)

The notes are attached at Appendix A.

3 MATTERS ARISING

4 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT YEAR END BALANCE 2024-25 (Pages 6 - 8)

5 LA MAINTAINED SCHOOLS' BALANCES 2024 -25 (Pages 9 - 11)

6 SECTION 151 BUDGET SUBMISSION 2025 -26 (Pages 12 - 22)

7 EARLY YEARS FUNDING UPDATE (Pages 23 - 30)

8 HIGH NEEDS FUNDING RATES 2025 -26 (Pages 31 - 35)

9 NEXT MEETINGS

Havering Schools Funding Forum met 6 times during the 2024-25 academic year and the

LA is proposing that meetings follow the same pattern for 2025-26. **The proposed dates for**

meetings are:

- ☐ Thursday 2nd October 2025 (room 233)
- ☐ Thursday 23rd October 2025 (room 233)
- ☐ Thursday 27th November 2025 (room 233)
- ☐ Thursday 15th January 2026 (room 233)
- ☐ Thursday 12th February 2026 (room 235 / remote)
- ☐ Thursday 11th June 2026 (room 233)

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Zena Smith
Democratic and Election Services Manager

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HAVERING SCHOOLS FUNDING FORUM

Thursday 13th February 2025 Via TEAMS
(8.00 – 8.33 am)

Present: Representative

Groups

LA Maintained School Representatives:

Primary: Kirsten Cooper (Chair)
Georgina Delmonte
Hayley McClenaghan
Chris Speller (also representing the Diocese of Chelmsford)
David Unwin Bailey*
Mike Ross (also representing the Diocese of Brentwood)

Academy Representatives:

Primary: Chris Hobson (CH)

Secondary Neil Frost
Paul Larnar (also representing post 16)
David Turrell (Vice Chair)

Special Schools Emma Allen (maintained)*
Andy Smith (Academy)*

Non-School Representatives:

Early Years PVI Sector: Becky McGowan (BM)

Trade Unions: George Blake (Teaching staff union representative)

Non Members in attendance:

Angela Adams (AA)	Clerk, HGS
Trevor Cook (TC)	Assistant Director of Education
Katherine Heffernan (KH)	Head of Finance (Business Partnering)
Lisa Jones (LJ)	Principal Education Finance Officer
Hany Moussa (HM)	Principal Education Finance Officer
Jacqueline Treacy	Senior Inspector (Schools Causing Concern)

*for part of the meeting

1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW MEMBERS, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS OR OBSERVERS

All were welcomed to the meeting.

There were no apologies for absence received but Scott McGuinness, Tony Machin and Peter Liddle were not in attendance. It was noted that Becky McGowan was attending on behalf of Emma Reynolds.

2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th JANUARY 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2025 were received and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The following were matters arising from the previous minutes that were not included elsewhere on the agenda:

- 3.1. Union facility time (minute 3.1 refers): Forum members were advised that a meeting had taken place the previous day with the majority of unions in attendance. Positive discussions had taken place with regards to union facility time. The amount of facility time that could be attributed to each union was in the process of being recalculated and this would be taken back to the unions in June for agreement. The unions had raised with Havering that the rate proposed of £2.90 per hour was at the lower rate when benchmarked against other authorities.

Contributions from Academy schools was also in the process of being reviewed. Unions confirmed that they had spoken to all the Academy schools and any Academy not buying into the service would be invoiced directly for any union facility time.

Union membership and transparency was also raised, any information shared would be done so in line with GDPR.

An update would be received at the next meeting.

ACTION: HM

- 3.2. Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) (minute 3.5 refers): Forum members noted that this would be included under a wider restructure that was being launched with a 30 day consultation the following day. The new model would be in place after Easter.

- 3.3. Forum composition (minute 4 refers): Forum members agreed that the representation needed to be aligned with the cluster areas at Primary level. It also needed to be ensured that there was a balance between primary and secondary representation.

The following was agreed:

Primary representation

Cluster B would be represented by Mike Ross

Cluster E would be represented by Chris Speller

Mike Ross would also represent the Diocese of Brentwood and Chris Speller would also represent the Diocese of Chelmsford. When voting these 2 representatives would need to state which sector they were voting on behalf of.

Secondary Representation

Paul Larner would be a secondary Academy representative.

Paul Larner and David Turrell would also represent the post 16 sector.

Forum members agreed the appointment of these forum members.

ACTION: AA / HM

4. EARLY YEARS

Forum members noted the report and were asked to agree the funding rates for Early Years for 2025 -26.

Forum members noted that the consultation had been completed on the funding for 2025 -26 for Early Years, they would be required to vote on the hourly rates, centrally retained budget and deprivation rates.

There number of responses received to the consultation had increased to 87 in comparison to 60 responses received the previous year. All responses were in agreement. There had been 32 comments, which had been shared with Forum members, some of them related to questions over the early years payments but it was confirmed that each element of the early years funding had its own budget calculated on the per pupil amount. Examples were shared of the hourly payments for different age ranges. There had been an increase in all rates for next year, this had been replicated with deprivation and the quality supplement for schools would also continue to support additional costs due to the teachers' pay increments and pension contribution rises.

There had also been an increase in SEN Inclusion Funding (SENIF) to support children with complex needs and to support those with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP). Providing this proactive support for the nursery children ensured that when they joined Reception their needs could be met.

TC thanked all for the good response to the consultation and noted that there had been some confusion around some of the information shared, it was felt that some of it had been presented in a technical way and the language used going forward would be reviewed. Feedback had also been received on the centrally retained funding and a response to this would be shared. TC thanked EYPG for their input.

BM noted that Emma Reynolds had advised that a lot of information had been shared at a meeting earlier in the week but the central retention continued to be raised.

E Allen and A Smith joined the meeting at this point, 8:24 am

A question was raised with regards to Quality Assurance for Early Years and it was

noted that they were not doing what nurseries needed. The transparency of this had been discussed at the meeting earlier in the week. It was also requested that the funding agreement and the language used be reviewed.

In response it was noted that quality assurance were providing targeted support to PVI, they were supporting those who needed it as a priority with provisions that were good or outstanding being visited less frequently. This would be reviewed as part of the agreement for next year. It was also noted that there were vacancies on the team.

TC advised that quality assurance had completed an exercise to ensure they aligned with the framework and the Ofsted cycle.

BM asked if a meeting could be held with quality assurance representatives so that expectations could be shared. TC advised that a working party could be set up to cover this. This would be followed up outside of the meeting.

ACTION: TC

D Unwin –Bailey joined the meeting at this point, 8:27

Forum members then voted as follows on the Early Years funding rates for 2025 - 26

	Yes	No	Abstained
The base hourly rate for:			
a. 9 months to two year olds (under twos) entitlement, £12.45	All agreed	None	None
b. two year olds – working parents' entitlement, £9.17	All agreed	None	None
c. two year olds – disadvantaged families' entitlement, £9.17	All agreed	None	None
d. three/four year olds (universal and extended) entitlement. £6.40	All agreed	None	None
The continuation of the quality supplement to allocate funds to schools replacing the previous years' grants which supported schools with the additional costs due to the teachers' pay award and pension contribution increase.	All agreed	None	None
Whether deprivation rates of funding continue to be aligned with the rates that are used for schools in the National Funding Formula.	All agreed	None	None
The level of the SEN Inclusion Fund (SENIF) to support providers.	All agreed	None	None
The level of the centrally retained budget for LA support and commissioning.	All agreed	None	None

5. NEXT MEETINGS

Forum members noted the dates of the upcoming meetings for the remainder of the academic year.

Thursday 12th June 2025 (room 235)

Meetings to start at 8.00 a.m. at CEME room 233 or 235.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Forum members thanked the Local Authority for the additional work behind the scenes.

KH advised that before the next meeting in June the High Needs Task and Finish group would need to meet to review high needs and interventions. This could take place during April or May. Forum members asked KH to circulate some dates.

ACTION: KH

In response to a question from C Speller, HM advised that the budget packs for the schools were on track to be shared by 28th February 2025.

TC also advised that the report presented to cabinet had been passed.

There were no further items of any other business raised.

Meeting closed at 8.33 am

Agenda Item 4



Schools Funding Forum 12th June 2025

ITEM 4

Subject Heading:

**Dedicated Schools Grant – Year End
Balance 2024-25**

Report Author:

**Hany Moussa – Principal Education
Finance Officer**

Eligibility to vote:

All members

SUMMARY

This report sets out the year end position on expenditure from the Dedicated Schools Grant in 2024-25 and the proposed use of balances in 2025-26.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum:

- (i) notes the areas of under or overspend from the 2024-25 Dedicated Schools Grant
- (ii) agrees the allocation of funding in financial year 2025-26 as set out in the proposals below

REPORT DETAIL

1. Balance carried forward from 2023-24

Including all earmarked funding from previous financial years, the carry forward balance from centrally retained DSG from 2024-25 into 2025-26 is a deficit of £34.722m. The revised deficit, after commitments have been taken in consideration, at the end of 2023-24 was £15.322m, so the in-year increase was £19.4m.

In comparison, during the financial year 2024-25, the revised forecasted cumulative deficit was estimated to be up to £36.3m.

This is the sixth year that the combined total of all year end balances of activities funded by the DSG has been in deficit. This is due to High Needs costs rising faster than funding and 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 2024-25 financial year, or whose DSG surplus has substantially reduced during the year, is required to complete the DSG Management Plan or to have an equivalent framework.

In addition, the DSG statutory override, extended until March 2026, allows LAs to carry forward DSG deficits without impacting their general reserves. This provision ensures that DSG deficits are managed separately, maintaining financial stability for councils. However, it is a technical adjustment, as the cash has already been spent, leading to a shortfall. This may result in further pressures on the existing General Fund pressures that the council is facing. Havering are awaiting the anticipated reform of the funding models in DSG and other grants, in order to remedy the financial deficiencies in the funding models.

A full breakdown of the under and overspends for DSG, along with proposals for the allocation of underspends for use in 2025-26 is shown in the tables below.

	Under/(Over) spend	Proposals
Funding Block	£000	
Early Years	1,744	
Under Twos	615	Allocate to EY providers as a supplementary hourly rate for all entitlements for the Summer term claims
2 year olds	756	
3&4 year olds	-2	
Provision for Early Inclusion Funding	221	Retain for SENIF fund for financial year 2025-26
Centrally retained	154	Retain for new responsibilities due to DfE changes

Schools Block	226	Retain for Growth to fund new Special School start-up cost
Pupil Growth/Falling Rolls	236	
Other	(10)	

Central Schools Support	1	Offset HN deficit *
School Partnerships/SCC	1	

De-delegation	37	
Maternity	(18)	
Insurance	(54)	
Free School Meals Checking Service	7	
Trade Union Facility Time	46	Carry-forward £46k for re-organisation of arrangements for TUFT as part of COSWP review. <i>Composed of: cumulative balance from previous year (£26k), in-year de-delegation (£2k) and academy buyback (£18k).</i>
EAL	30	
Attendance and Behaviour	26	

High Needs Block	(36,730)	
In year overspend	(21,434)	Rolled forward to next financial year
Cary forward of overspent DSG from 23-24 (prior year deficit)	(15,296)	Previous year rolled forward deficit balance

		2023-24	In year change
TOTAL	(34,722)	(15,296)	(19,426)

Committed for 2025-26

Early Years Block	1,744
Schools Block – Growth	226
De-delegation – TUFT	46
Total commitments	2,016

Revised DSG deficit cfwd	(36,738)
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Reconciliation of DSG deficit

HN deficit	(36,730)
De-delegation – TUFT	(8)
DSG deficit carried forward	(36,738)

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ITEM 5

Subject Heading:	LA maintained schools' balances 2024-25
Report Author:	Hany Moussa – Principal Education Finance Officer
Eligibility to vote:	Representatives of LA maintained schools

SUMMARY

This report provides an analysis of the LA maintained school balances carried forward from 2024-25 into 2025-26.

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 37 primary and one special school that were LA maintained at the end of financial year 2024-25. Two pairs of schools operate a single budget across their federations.

	Total income £m	Total c/fwd balance £m	Balance as a % of income
2024-25	133.6	-0.5	-0.4%
2023-24	122.5	1.8	1.5%
2022-23	110.8	3.9	3.5%
2021-22	106.4	4.5	4.3%
2020-21	101.4	4.7	4.7%
2019-20	96.3	2.3	2.3%

2. Total value of school surpluses and deficits

Year	Total surpluses £m	Total deficits £m	Net balances £m
2024-25	5.8	6.3	-0.5
2023-24	5.4	3.6	1.8
2022-23	5.3	1.4	3.9
2021-22	5.4	0.9	4.5
2020-21	5.8	1.1	4.7
2019-20	3.7	1.4	2.3

3. School with surplus - percentage banding

	No. above 15%	No. between 10% & 15%	No. between 5% & 10%	No. between 0% & 5%	No. in deficit
2024-25	1	5	7	10	15
2023-24	1	3	8	11	14
2022-23	1	3	11	7	15
2021-22	1	4	11	12	9
2020-21	1	4	15	7	11
2019-20	0	2	15	6	16

4. School in deficit – percentage banding

	No. above 10%	No. between 5% & 10%	No. between 1% & 5%	No. below 1%	Total No. in deficit
2024-25	10	3	2	0	15
2023-24	7	5	2	0	14
2022-23	0	6	8	1	15
2021-22	1	3	4	1	9
2020-21	1	4	4	2	11
2019-20	2	4	9	1	16

5. Schools in deficit - duration

No. of years	No. of schools in deficit	Previous year No. of schools in deficit
> 5	9	8
5	0	1
4	0	0
3	5	0
2	0	5
1	1	0
Total	15	14

6. Schools with balances above 10% - duration

No. of years	No. of schools above 10%	Previous year No. of schools above 10%
> 5	2	2
5	0	0
4	0	2
3	0	1
2	0	0
1	2	1
Total	4	6

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 2025-26. Those schools with a deficit will have a Deficit Recovery Plan in place, and a licensed deficit will be issued to support those affected schools to overcome the adverse financial position over an agreed term.

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ITEM 6

Subject Heading:

Section 251 Budget submission 2025-26

Report Author:

**Hany Moussa – Principal Education
Finance Officer**

Eligibility to vote:

All members

SUMMARY

This report presents the Section 251 budget statement for financial year 2025-26.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To note 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 2025-26 are shown in Appendices A to C, and are currently undergoing the usual DfE assurance checks.

LA Table: FUNDING PERIOD (2025-26)

Department for Education Section 251 Financial Data Collection

Report produced on 09/05/2025 19:21:59

Local Authority: 311 Havering London Borough Council

Description	Early Years	Primary	Secondary	SEN/ Special Schools	AP/ PRUs	Post School	Gross	Income	Net
1.0.1 Individual Schools Budget (before academy recoupment), including sixth form grant for maintained schools, but excluding high needs place funding	£45,926,580.00	£132,425,981.00	£120,963,850.00				£299,316,411.00		£299,316,411.00
1.0.2 High needs place funding within Individual Schools Budget (before academy recoupment), excluding funding for 16-19 academies and free schools and FE colleges and independent learning providers	£0.00	£772,500.00	£286,000.00	£4,223,333.00	£400,000.00		£5,681,833.00		£5,681,833.00
1.1.1 Contingencies		£0.00	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.1.2 Behaviour support services		£0.00	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.1.3 Support to UPEG and bilingual learners		£117,396.00	£0.00				£117,396.00	£0.00	£117,396.00
1.1.4 Free school meals eligibility		£28,956.00	£0.00				£28,956.00	£0.00	£28,956.00
1.1.5 Insurance		£366,135.00	£0.00				£366,135.00	£0.00	£366,135.00
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		£705,943.00	£0.00				£705,943.00	£0.00	£705,943.00
1.1.9 Staff costs – supply cover for facility time		£51,608.00	£0.00				£51,608.00	£0.00	£51,608.00
1.2.1 Top-up funding – maintained schools	£0.00	£18,761,585.00	£0.00	£6,690,596.00	£0.00		£25,452,181.00	£0.00	£25,452,181.00
1.2.2 Top-up funding – academies, free schools and colleges	£0.00	£7,449,708.00	£10,913,402.00	£11,346,376.00	£0.00	£3,073,000.00	£32,782,486.00	£0.00	£32,782,486.00
1.2.3 Top-up and other funding – non-maintained and independent providers	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,870,000.00	£0.00	£1,061,000.00	£6,931,000.00	£0.00	£6,931,000.00
1.2.4 Additional high needs targeted funding for mainstream schools and academies	£0.00	£532,731.00	£120,015.00				£652,746.00	£0.00	£652,746.00
1.2.5 SEN support services	£951,826.00	£1,147,986.00	£751,671.00	£16,383.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,867,866.00	£0.00	£2,867,866.00
1.2.6 Hospital education services				£0.00	£492,000.00		£492,000.00	£0.00	£492,000.00
1.2.7 Other alternative provision services	£0.00	£346,882.00	£880,146.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,227,028.00	£0.00	£1,227,028.00

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Description	Early Years	Primary	Secondary	SEN/ Special Schools	AP/ PRUs	Post School	Gross	Income	Net
1.8.1 TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET (before Academy recoupment)	£48,808,794.00	£165,378,104.00	£134,794,977.00	£28,654,291.00	£892,226.00	£4,134,000.00	£383,992,009.00	£0.00	£383,992,009.00
1.9.1 Estimated Dedicated Schools Grant for 2025-26 (before academy recoupment), excluding high needs place funding for 16-19 academies and free schools and FE colleges and independent learning providers							£355,513,076.00		
1.9.2 Dedicated Schools Grant brought forward from 2024-25 (please show a deficit as a negative)							-£34,722,341.00		
1.9.3 Dedicated Schools Grant carry forward to 2026-27							£63,201,274.00		
1.9.4 Grant for maintained school sixth forms							£0.00		
1.9.5 Local Authority additional contribution							£0.00		
1.9.6 Total funding supporting the Schools Budget (the sum of lines 1.9.1 to 1.9.5)							£383,992,009.00		
1.10.1 Academy recoupment from the Dedicated Schools Grant of schools block funding (show as a negative)							-£159,448,277.00		
1.10.2 Academy recoupment from the Dedicated Schools Grant of high needs place funding shown under line 1.0.2 (show as a negative)							-£3,486,833.00		
2.0.1 Central support services							£1,029,222.00	£959,584.00	£69,638.00
2.0.2 Education welfare service							£313,763.00	£0.00	£313,763.00
2.0.3 School improvement							£717,104.00	£0.00	£717,104.00
2.0.4 Asset management - education							£200,350.00	£200,350.00	£0.00
2.0.5 Statutory/ Regulatory duties - education							£2,550.00	£2,550.00	£0.00
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							£1,713,898.00	£0.00	£1,713,898.00
2.1.2 SEN administration, assessment and coordination and monitoring							£2,774,891.75	£0.00	£2,774,891.75

Description	Early Years	Primary	Secondary	SEN/ Special Schools	AP/ PRUs	Post School	Gross	Income	Net
2.1.3 Independent Advice and Support Services (Parent partnership), guidance and information							£122,430.00	£0.00	£122,430.00
2.1.4 Home to school transport (pre 16): SEN transport expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£8,065,116.00	£0.00		£8,065,116.00	£0.00	£8,065,116.00
2.1.5 Home to school transport (pre 16): mainstream home to school transport expenditure	£0.00	£183,410.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£183,410.00	£0.00	£183,410.00
2.1.6 Home to post-16 provision: SEN/LLDD transport expenditure (aged 16-18)			£0.00	£274,494.08	£0.00	£532,841.44	£807,335.52	£0.00	£807,335.52
2.1.7 Home to post-16 provision: SEN/LLDD transport expenditure (aged 19-25)			£0.00	£297,368.58	£0.00	£577,244.90	£874,613.48	£0.00	£874,613.48
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							£338,830.00	£0.00	£338,830.00
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			£198,130.91	£33,021.82	£198,088.27	£0.00	£429,241.00	£187,081.00	£242,160.00
2.3.2 Adult and Community learning							£2,320,320.00	£1,865,466.00	£454,854.00
2.3.3 Pension costs							£416,420.00	£0.00	£416,420.00
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							£20,309,494.75	£3,215,031.00	£17,094,463.75
3.0.1 Funding for individual Sure Start Children's Centres							£826,375.17	£286,610.00	£539,765.17
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							£60,092.14	£0.00	£60,092.14
3.0.4 Other spend on children under 5							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.0.5 Total Sure Start children's centres and other spend on children under 5							£886,467.31	£286,610.00	£599,857.31
3.1.1 Residential care							£16,689,682.37	£1,000,000.00	£15,689,682.37
3.1.2a Fostering services (excluding fees and allowances for LA foster carers)							£5,672,649.90	£0.00	£5,672,649.90

Description	Early Years	Primary	Secondary	SEN/ Special Schools	AP/ PRUs	Post School	Gross	Income	Net
3.1.2b Fostering services (fees and allowances for LA foster carers)							£2,941,643.25	£0.00	£2,941,643.25
3.1.3 Adoption services							£1,009,529.85	£0.00	£1,009,529.85
3.1.4 Special guardianship support							£1,569,710.00	£0.00	£1,569,710.00
3.1.5 Other children looked after services							£3,931,444.28	£0.00	£3,931,444.28
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							£950,000.00	£0.00	£950,000.00
3.1.8 Education of looked after children	£8,807.00	£41,984.00	£27,085.00	£568.00	£36.00		£78,480.00	£0.00	£78,480.00
3.1.9 Leaving care support services							£5,249,938.00	£0.00	£5,249,938.00
3.1.10 Asylum seeker services children							£313,340.00	£0.00	£313,340.00
3.1.11 Total Children Looked After	£8,807.00	£41,984.00	£27,085.00	£568.00	£36.00		£38,406,417.65	£1,000,000.00	£37,406,417.65
3.2.1 Other children and families services							£729,960.00	£0.00	£729,960.00
3.3.1 Social work (including LA functions in relation to child protection)							£19,592,277.00	£0.00	£19,592,277.00
3.3.2 Commissioning and Children's Services Strategy							£3,552,423.00	£0.00	£3,552,423.00
3.3.3 Local Safeguarding Children Board							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.3.4 Total Safeguarding Children and Young People's Services							£23,144,700.00	£0.00	£23,144,700.00
3.4.1 Direct payments							£1,991,740.00	£0.00	£1,991,740.00
3.4.2 Short breaks (respite) for disabled children							£2,627,260.00	£0.00	£2,627,260.00
3.4.3 Other support for disabled children							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.4.4 Targeted family support							£1,582,380.00	£64,600.00	£1,517,780.00
3.4.5 Universal family support							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.4.6 Total Family Support Services							£6,201,380.00	£64,600.00	£6,136,780.00
3.5.1 Universal services for young people							£1,375,630.00	£338,340.00	£1,037,290.00
3.5.2 Targeted services for young people							£743,680.00	£0.00	£743,680.00
3.5.3 Total Services for young people							£2,119,310.00	£338,340.00	£1,780,970.00
3.6.1 Youth justice							£1,001,980.00	£270,740.00	£731,240.00
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)							£404,301,503.75	£3,215,031.00	£401,086,472.75
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)							£72,490,214.96	£1,960,290.00	£70,529,924.96

Description	Early Years	Primary	Secondary	SEN/ Special Schools	AP/ PRUs	Post School	Gross	Income	Net
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)							£476,791,718.71	£5,175,321.00	£471,616,397.71
7 Capital Expenditure (excluding CERA)	£506,841.00	£3,299,193.00	£621,220.00	£17,138,049.00	£34,512.00		£21,599,815.00	£0.00	£21,599,815.00
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)							£258,179,738.00	£256,888,839.00	£1,290,899.00
Central School Services							£1,911,978.00	£1,911,978.00	£0.00
High Needs (excluding post school)							£47,602,010.00	£77,371,842.00	-£29,769,832.00
Early Years							£47,819,350.00	£47,819,350.00	£0.00
Total							£355,513,076.00	£383,992,009.00	-£28,478,933.00

EY Proforma Table: FUNDING PERIOD (2025-26)

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Local Authority: 311 Havering London Borough Council

Pass-through rate for 3 & 4 year olds:														97.8%	
Pass-through rate for 2 year olds - Families receiving additional support:														98.9%	
Pass-through rate for 2 year olds - Working Parents:														96.1%	
Pass-through rate for 9 month to 2 year olds - Working Parents:														96.2%	
Row Heading	Description	Unit Value (£)			Unit Applied	Number of Units (Universal 15 hours)			Number of Units (Additional 15 hours)			Anticipated Budget (£)			TOTAL
		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class				
1. 3 & 4 Year Olds: Base Rate	3/4 year old Universal/Extended Base Rate	£5.78		£5.78	PerHour	1,113,463.62		875,000.00	742,309.08		742,309.08	£10,726,366		£9,348,046	£20,074,413
Row Heading	Description	Unit Value (£)			Unit Applied	Number of Units (Universal & Additional 15 hours)			Anticipated Budget (£)			TOTAL			
		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class				
2a. 3 & 4 Year Olds: Supplements - Deprivation	Band A - Pupils in the most deprived 2.5% of LSOAs	£0.78		£0.78	PerHour	8,509.29			12,214.28		£6,637		£9,527	£16,164	
2a. 3 & 4 Year Olds: Supplements - Deprivation	Band B - Pupils in the next 5% most deprived LSOAs	£0.59		£0.59	PerHour	47,586.86			27,644.99		£28,076		£16,311	£44,387	
2a. 3 & 4 Year Olds: Supplements - Deprivation	Band C - Pupils in the next 5% most deprived LSOAs	£0.56		£0.56	PerHour	47,787.82			24,957.86		£26,761		£13,976	£40,738	
2a. 3 & 4 Year Olds: Supplements - Deprivation	Band D - Pupils in the next 5% most deprived LSOAs	£0.51		£0.51	PerHour	124,107.61			63,025.73		£63,295		£32,143	£95,438	
2a. 3 & 4 Year Olds: Supplements - Deprivation	Band E - Pupils in the next 10% most deprived LSOAs	£0.33		£0.33	PerHour	189,874.47			121,996.28		£62,659		£40,259	£102,917	
2a. 3 & 4 Year Olds: Supplements - Deprivation	Band F - Pupils in the next 10% most deprived LSOAs	£0.27		£0.27	PerHour	320,551.08			114,968.98		£86,549		£31,042	£117,590	
2b. 3 & 4 Year Olds: Supplements - Quality	Quality – Mainstream Schools TPPG Transition			£0.39	PerHour				677,340.50				£264,163	£264,163	
2c. 3 & 4 Year Olds: Supplements - Flexibility	No budget lines entered														
2d. 3 & 4 Year Olds: Supplements - Rurality/Sparsity	No budget lines entered														
2e. 3 & 4 Year Olds: Supplements - EAL	No budget lines entered														
Funding provided through supplements:														3.3%	
3. 3 & 4 Year Olds: Maintained nursery school lump sums	No budget lines entered														
TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS SINGLE FUNDING FORMULA (3 & 4 YEAR OLDS):														£20,755,813	
4. 2 Year Olds - Families receiving additional support: Base Rate	2 year old Base Rate - Disadvantaged	£8.78		£8.78	PerHour	227,476.42			45,000.00		£1,997,243		£395,100	£2,392,343	
5a. 2 Year Olds - Disadvantaged: Supplements - Deprivation	No budget lines entered														
5b. 2 Year Olds - Disadvantaged: Supplements - Quality	No budget lines entered														
5c. 2 Year Olds - Disadvantaged: Supplements - Flexibility	No budget lines entered														
5d. 2 Year Olds - Disadvantaged: Supplements - Rurality/Sparsity	No budget lines entered														
5e. 2 Year Olds - Disadvantaged: Supplements - EAL	No budget lines entered														
Funding provided through supplements:														0.0%	
6. Total 'top-up' amount paid to individual providers to ensure the rate for 2 year olds from															
TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS LOCAL FUNDING FORMULA (2 YEAR OLDS - DISADVANTAGED):														£2,392,343	
7. 2 Year Olds - Working Parents: Base Rate	2 year old Base Rate - Schools Entitlement	£8.29		£8.29	PerHour	828,877.80			170,000.00		£6,871,397		£1,409,300	£8,280,697	
8a. 2 Year Olds - Working Parents: Supplements - Deprivation	No budget lines entered														
8b. 2 Year Olds - Working Parents: Supplements - Quality	No budget lines entered														
8c. 2 Year Olds - Working Parents: Supplements - Flexibility	No budget lines entered														
8d. 2 Year Olds - Working Parents: Supplements - Rurality/Sparsity	No budget lines entered														
8e. 2 Year Olds - Working Parents: Supplements - EAL	No budget lines entered														
Funding provided through supplements:														0.0%	
TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS LOCAL FUNDING FORMULA (2 YEAR OLDS - WORKING PARENTS):														£8,280,697	
9. 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working Parents: Base Rate	Under Two - Working Entitlement	£11.36			PerHour	1,082,889.29					£12,301,622			£12,301,622	
10a. 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working Parents: Supplements - Deprivation	No budget lines entered														
10b. 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working Parents: Supplements - Quality	No budget lines entered														
10c. 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working Parents: Supplements - Flexibility	No budget lines entered														
10d. 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working Parents: Supplements - Rurality/Sparsity	No budget lines entered														
10e. 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working Parents: Supplements - EAL	No budget lines entered														
Funding provided through supplements:														0.0%	
TOTAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL FUNDING FORMULA (9 MONTH TO 2 YEAR OLDS - WORKING PARENTS):														£12,301,622	
11ai. SENIF (Funding paid directly to providers): 3 & 4 Year Olds - Funding allocated from EY	Notional Budget Split										£304,751		£304,751	£609,501	

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Calculation of pass-through rate for 3 and 4 year olds

Calculation of pass-through rate for 2 year olds - Families receiving

Calculation of pass-through rate for 2 year olds - Working parents

Calculation	Description	Amount
A	7. 2 year olds - Working parents Base Rate(s) per hour, per provider type	£8,280,697
	8a. 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Deprivation	£0
	8b. 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Quality	£0
	8c. 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Flexibility	£0
	8d. 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Rurality/Sparsity	£0
	8e. 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - EAL	£0
	11c (i) SEN Inclusion Fund - 2 Year Olds - Working parents - Funding allocated from EY Block	£423,629
	11c (ii) SEN Inclusion Fund - 2 Year Olds - Working parents - Funding allocated from HN Block	£100,000
	12c. Early years contingency funding - 2 Year Olds - Working parents	£0
	Subtotal =	£8,804,326
	Planned total base rate hours for 2 year olds - Working parents (including hours through MNS)	998,878
	Equivalent average rate to providers for 2 year old - Working parents entitlement hours	£8.81
B	LA hourly rate for 2 year olds (published in the DSG allocations tables)	£9.17
C	Test of meeting requirement	96.1%

Calculation of pass-through rate for 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents

Calculation	Description	Amount
A	9. 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents Base Rate(s) per hour, per provider type	£12,301,622
	10a. 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Deprivation	£0
	10b. 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Quality	£0
	10c. 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Flexibility	£0
	10d. 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Rurality/Sparsity	£0
	10e. 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - EAL	£0
	11d (i) SEN Inclusion Fund - 9 month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents - Funding allocated from EY Block	£615,144
	11d (ii) SEN Inclusion Fund - 9 month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents - Funding allocated from HN Block	£50,000
	12d. Early years contingency funding - 9 month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents	£0
	Subtotal =	£12,966,766
	Planned total base rate hours for 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents (including hours through MNS)	1,082,889
	Equivalent average rate to providers for 9 month to 2 year old - Working parents entitlement hours	£11.97
B	LA hourly rate for 9 month to 2 year olds (published in the DSG allocations tables)	£12.45
C	Test of meeting requirement	96.2%

S251 Budget 2025-26 - High Needs Places Table Report

Department for Education Section 251 Financial Data Collection

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Local Authority: 311 Havering London Borough Council

					Special Educational Needs (SEN) Places		SEN Place Funding	Alternative Provision (AP) Places		AP Place Funding	Hospital Education Places		Hospital Education Place Funding	Total Place Funding
School Name	DfE Number	Is School/Unit Opening/Closing In-Year?	Date Opening Closing	Type of Establishment	April 2025 to August 2025	September 2025 to March 2026	April 2025 to March 2026 (£)	April 2025 to August 2025	September 2025 to March 2026	April 2025 to March 2026 (£)	April 2025 to August 2025	September 2025 to March 2026	April 2025 to March 2026 (£)	April 2025 to March 2026 (£)
Suttons Primary School	2024	Open	01/04/2025	Mainstream	4.00	9.71	£70,000.00							£70,000.00
Clockhouse Primary School	2038			Mainstream	20.00	20.00	£120,000.00							£120,000.00
Nelmes Primary School	2086			Mainstream	13.00	13.00	£82,000.00							£82,000.00
Mead Primary School	2087			Mainstream	12.00	12.00	£72,000.00							£72,000.00
R J Mitchell Primary School	2093			Mainstream	21.00	21.00	£154,000.00							£154,000.00
St Edward's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School	3301			Mainstream	14.00	14.00	£92,000.00							£92,000.00
Corbets Tey School	7000			Special	160.00	160.00	£1,605,000.00							£1,605,000.00
Grand Total:					244.00	249.71	£2,195,000.00							£2,195,000.00

Schools Funding Forum 12th June 2025**ITEM 7****Subject Heading:****Early Years – funding update****Report Author:****Hany Moussa – Principal Education Finance Officer****Eligibility to vote:****All forum members****SUMMARY**

This report outlines the proposed changes in the entitlement to funded Early Years provision, the Early Years Expansion Grant and the DfE change to the LA data collection for the Early Years Block funding from 2026-27.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum notes the report

REPORT DETAIL

The information in sections 1 and 2 of this report was presented to Early Years providers at the Summer 2025 Termly Preparation briefing on 24th April 2025. Information for section 3 of this report was from a DfE notification issued on 4th June 2025.

1. 2025-26 funding rates

Current funding rates for Early Years are shown at Appendix A. These are the rates agreed by the Forum at their meeting held on 13th February 2025.

In line with the annual review of SENIF, the arrangements for funding SENIF is currently undergoing a review and there may be revised arrangements in place from the Autumn 2025 term claims.

The legislation for the current financial year arrangement is in effect, and from 1st April 2025, the Early Years entitlement was expanded to support those under two year old children (between the ages of 9 months to two years of age) and two year old children of working families to be able to participate in a nursery provision with up to 15 hours. From 1st September 2025, the roll-out will expand for children between the ages of 9 months to

four years of age, of working parents being able to participate for 30 hours of funding at a nursery provision.

Those children from non-eligible families will be limited to 15 hours for the two year old and three/four year old entitlements, however education services has been working with other partners to support families, with additional hours above the funded entitlement the LA receives for them.

2. Havering Early Years Expansion Grant 2025-2026

The Early Years Expansion Grant aims to support local authorities in expanding the early years entitlements for under twos and two year olds, ensuring sufficient childcare places are available as per the Department for Education (DfE) guidelines.

The total grant amount of £416,868 will be distributed equally among all eligible providers who meet the above criteria. This grant provides the LA an opportunity to strengthen provision across the borough.

The total number of eligible providers will be determined after completion of the Summer 2025 Actual and Adjustment exercises. Each provider will receive a fixed, equal payment, calculated by dividing the total grant by the number of eligible providers. Providers must have an Ofsted overall judgement of Good or above, have submitted a valid funding claim for at least one child in the under twos or two year olds age cohorts for the Summer 2025 term and commit in writing to delivering the relevant funded entitlement for the remaining two terms of the financial year, Autumn Term 2025 and Spring Term 2026.

The Policy and Funding Scheme for Under Twos and Two Year Olds Early Years Expansion Grant is in Appendix B.

In the spring budget 2023 the Government announced the following changes, in what it described as a 'childcare revolution' and the status of the roll-out is shown in the table:

Autumn 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Childminder grants become available* £204m invested into 3/4yo and 2yo funding rate* Staff:child 2yo ratio change (1:5 from 1:4)	✓
April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* 15 hours for working parents of 2-year-olds introduced* £288m invested into 3/4yo and 2yo funding rates	✓
September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* National wraparound support begins* 15 hours for working parents of children 9 months plus introduced	✓
September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* 30 hours for all working parents of children from 9 months to primary school age introduced	<i>upcoming</i>
September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* All schools to offer 8am-6pm wraparound on their own or in partnership	<i>t.b.c.</i>

3. Early Years Census Change from financial year 2026-27

The DfE has notified LAs of a change of methodology for the data collection that affects LA funding levels for the Early Years Block. This affects the Early Years census, whereby the DfE will move from an annual to a termly data collection from the 2026-27 financial year.

Currently, due to the expansion of the entitlements, funding for the early years entitlements is split as follows:

- Aggregated data for the new working parents' entitlements are funded using **termly** headcounts (Summer and Autumn)
- Child-level data for the new working parents' entitlements **and** established entitlements (two year old FRAS [disadvantaged] and three/four year old entitlements) are funded via the Spring terms' **annual** Early Years Census (January preceding the financial year and January census during the financial year, e.g. for financial year 2025-26, this is January 2025 and January 2026 Census).

From the 2026-27 financial year, all early years entitlements, both new and established, will be funded using termly child-level data. This change is intended to better align funding with actual delivery patterns across the year and improve the precision of local authority allocations.

The termly Early Years census will begin in May 2026, following the final annual census in January 2026. The DfE has indicated that the new census will align with the school census model, with child-level data submissions required three times per year. This marks a significant shift from the current model for Early Years data collection, which uses aggregated termly data for new entitlements and annual child-level data for all other entitlements.

Implications for Local Authorities

This transition will result in a notable increase in operational workload for local authorities. Specifically:

- The frequency of data submissions will triple, from one annual return to three child-level returns per year
- Data uploads will be required via the DfE data collection portal, consistent with the school census approach
- The Early Years Admissions team, which currently manages the annual census return, will need to absorb the additional requirements for the two new termly returns
- This will necessitate planning for additional capacity, systems support, and administrative resources from 2025-26 onwards to ensure readiness for implementation in May 2026

Next Steps

- Await confirmation from the DfE on data structure and expectations for termly child-level submissions – expected in Autumn 2025
- Incorporate resourcing for additional census activity into 2025-26 delivery plans
- Engage with software provider to ensure system is updated to support the revised data requirements
- Prepare communications to early years providers once final guidance is released by the DfE

Updates will be issued at future School Forum meetings as more information becomes available.

Funding Factor	Funded age of the child	2025-26 Funding Rate
Factor 1 Base rate	9 months to two year olds (Under twos)	£11.36 per hour
	Two year olds – working	£8.29 per hour
	Two year olds – disadvantaged (FRAS) (includes an in-built deprivation rate)	£8.85 per hour
	Three and four year olds Universal 15 hours funding Extended 30 hours funding	£5.78 per hour
Factor 2 Deprivation Funding rate	Three and four year olds	IDACI A - £0.78 per hour IDACI B - £0.59 per hour IDACI C - £0.56 per hour IDACI D - £0.51 per hour IDACI E - £0.33 per hour IDACI F - £0.27 per hour
Factor 3 Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)	Under twos, Two and Three and four year olds	£1.00 per hour
Factor 4 Disability Access Fund (DAF)	Under twos, Two and Three and four year olds	£938 per annum
Factor 5 Inclusion Fund	Under twos, Two and Three and four year olds (SENIF)	£5.56 per hour
	Under twos (Complex Needs/EHCP)	£2.08 per hour
	Two year olds - working (Complex Needs/EHCP)	£5.15 per hour
	Two year olds - disadvantaged (Complex Needs/EHCP)	£4.59 per hour
	Three and four year olds (Complex Needs/EHCP)	£7.66 per hour



Havering Early Years Expansion Grant 2025-2026

Policy and Funding Scheme for Under Twos and Two Year Olds Early Years Expansion Grant

1. Purpose of the Grant

The Early Years Expansion Grant aims to support local authorities in expanding the early years entitlements for under twos and two year olds, ensuring sufficient childcare places are available as per the Department for Education (DfE) guidelines.

Havering has been allocated a total of £416,868 for this purpose.

2. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this funding, providers must:

- Have a signed and valid Directory and Funding Agreement in place with the London Borough of Havering, effective from 1st April 2025 onwards.
- Must have an Ofsted overall judgement of Good or above
- Have submitted a valid funding claim for at least one child in the under twos or two year olds age cohorts for the Summer 2025 term.
- Commit in writing to delivering the relevant funded entitlement for the remaining two terms of the financial year: Autumn Term 2025 and Spring Term 2026.

3. Allocation of Funding

The total grant amount of £416,868 will be distributed equally among all eligible providers who meet the above criteria.

The total number of eligible providers will be determined after completion of the Summer 2025 Actual and Adjustment exercises. Each provider will receive a fixed, equal payment, calculated by dividing the total grant by the number of eligible providers.

4. Payment Process

Payments will be processed once the Summer Term 2025 Actual and Adjustment funding exercises are complete. This process will take place in the latter part of the Summer Term, with payments scheduled to be made before the end of August 2025, in line with DfE guidelines.

5. Conditions of Funding

By accepting the funding, providers agree to:

- Maintain delivery of the early years entitlements for under twos and/or two year olds for the duration of the Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026 terms.
- Cooperate with any local authority monitoring or data requests related to the use of this funding.
- Notify the local authority of any significant changes to their provision that could affect the delivery of the entitlement (e.g. negative or adverse change to Ofsted judgement outcome if a provider judgement drops from an outstanding or good to RI or inadequate they would not be able to take any more under 2s or 2YOs until it improves, closure, reduction in capacity, or staffing changes).

6. Monitoring and Compliance

The local authority reserves the right to recover funds in part or in full if:

- A provider is found to be non-compliant with any of the eligibility or delivery criteria.
 - The provider fails to deliver the agreed funded places for the specified age groups in the Autumn 2025 or Spring 2026 terms.
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Provider Declaration Form

This declaration form must be completed and submitted by all providers wishing to receive funding from the Havering Early Years Expansion Grant 2025–2026.

By signing this form, the provider confirms their eligibility and commitment to delivering the funded entitlement for the specified terms.

Provider Information

Provider Name:	
Ofsted Registration Number:	
Ofsted Judgement Grade:	
Date of Ofsted Inspection:	
Contact Name:	
Email Address:	
Telephone Number:	

Declaration

I confirm that our setting:

- Has a valid Directory and Funding Agreement with the London Borough of Havering effective from 1st April 2025.
- Has submitted a funding claim for children in the under twos or two year olds cohort for the Summer 2025 term.
- Will continue to deliver the funded entitlement for the Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026 terms.
- Understands that failure to comply with these commitments may result in repayment of funds.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1) When will the funding be paid?

Payments will be made before the end of August 2025, after completion of the Summer 2025 Actual and Adjustment funding exercises.

2) Can I still receive funding if I only deliver for one of the two terms?

No. Providers must commit to delivering the entitlement for both the Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026 terms to receive funding.

3) How is the funding amount determined per provider?

The total grant of £416,868 will be divided equally among all eligible providers who meet the criteria.

4) What happens if a provider becomes ineligible after receiving funds, e.g. change to Ofsted inspection judgement outcome?

The local authority reserves the right to reclaim funds in full or in part if the provider fails to comply with the delivery obligations.

5) What if I have questions or need support?

Please contact the Early Years Admissions and Organisation Team for further assistance.



Schools Funding Forum 12th June 2025

ITEM 8

Subject Heading:

High Needs funding 2025-26

Report Author:

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Eligibility to vote:

All forum members

SUMMARY

This report details the High Needs funding arrangements and rates for schools for 2025-26 and High Needs Task and Finish group.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum notes the report and agrees for the resumption of the High Needs Task and Finish Group, and specialist sub-groups, to review current year and future year arrangements for High Needs funding levels and support.

REPORT DETAIL

High Needs Block Funding allocated to schools

Following consultation with schools, for 2025-26 £1.291m was transferred from the Schools Block to High Needs in order to ensure that increased funding rates introduced in 2024-25, following a similar transfer of funds, could be maintained. The Task and Finish Group established to examine funding for 2024-25 was reformed to examine funding for 2025-26.

High Needs funding rates 2025-26

The High Needs Task and Finish Group completed the process of reviewing and

agreeing the funding arrangements for the High Needs Block at meeting held after the previous School Forum meetings. The outcome of the working group's proposals and agreed rates for 2025-26 are as follows:

Funding in Support of Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs)

Funding for EHCP for 2025-26 will be transitioning to standardised bands of different levels of intervention and support, which will be mapped using the previous hours index to the applicable band level.

Primary and Secondary Schools are required to fund the first £6,000 of additional support from their budget. For 2025-26 additional funding will be allocated from the High Needs Block for hours above 7.7 at a rate of £20.00 per hour, which is then mapped to the new band system that will be in place for funding children with EHCPs. This is an increase from the in-year revised 2024-25 rate of £19.00 per hour paid after the first 8.1 hours. This stage is the preliminary stage prior to the descriptors and engagement prior to full implementation of the new funding bands.

The new approach will simplify funding calculations and reduce administrative tasks for schools. Schools will map existing support hours to a designated band, providing them with a broader approach to allocate resources according to student needs.

The adoption enables the following:

- **Flexible Resource Allocation:** Schools can tailor the application of funds to the specific needs of each student, allowing for a broader range of interventions.
- **Simplified Administration:** Banded funding reduces the complexity of hour-based calculations, streamlining financial planning and reducing administrative costs.
- **Enhanced Outcome Focus:** The banding system emphasises student outcomes over service hours, supporting schools to adopt more effective support practices.

The funding bands have been set based on weekly funding allocations, with distinct band levels reflecting varied levels of support.

Range mapped to standard hours	Standard hours		Weekly Notional SEN	Weekly SEN top-up	Total weekly amount of support
0 - 7.7	7.7	→	£153.06	£0.00	£153.06
7.8 – 15	15	→	£153.06	£146.00	£299.06
15.1 – 20	20	→	£153.06	£246.00	£399.06
20 – 30	25	→	£153.06	£346.00	£499.06
30 – 40	32.5	→	£153.06	£496.00	£649.06
30 – 40	35	→	£153.06	£546.00	£699.06
40 – 45	42.5	→	£153.06	£696.00	£849.06

The SEND department and the Education Finance team will oversee the mapping and the descriptors, to ensure consistency and alignment with individual student needs.

Specialist Units in Primary and Secondary Schools

Specialist Unit funding consists of three elements as shown below. The overall funding (Elements 1 to 3) has been increased to be £30,000 per place, effective from 1st September

2024, as a result of the review of high need funding allocations to schools that the LA and school engaged in.

- Element 1: The AWPU is retained (i.e. not deducted) for pupils on roll at October census attending the ARP.
- Element 2: An additional £6,000 is allocated.

For any empty places at the time of the October census and additional places that are required in the unit, £10,000 is allocated per place (element 1 + element 2).

- Element 3: A further £19,832.35 top up is allocated per filled place rather than relying on top up funding derived from individual pupils EHCPs. For empty or additional places, an additional £20,000 is allocated.

Filled, empty and additional places within the Specialist Unit have £30,000 per place funding, which the following tables illustrate.

The composition of the £30,000 is as follows for filled places within the unit:

Key Stage	Year Group	Place funding		Top-up	Total
		Basic Entitlement	£6k SEN	Top-up	
Key Stage 1 & 2	R-6	£4,167.65	£6,000.00	£19,832.35	£30,000.00
Key Stage 3	7-9	£5,873.92	£6,000.00	£18,126.08	£30,000.00
Key Stage 4	10-11	£6,622.52	£6,000.00	£17,377.48	£30,000.00

The composition of the £30,000 is as follows for unfilled or additional places within the unit:

Key Stage	Year Group	Place funding	Top-up	Total
		£10k Place	Top-up	
Key Stage 1 & 2	R-6	£10,000.00	£20,000.00	£30,000.00
Key Stage 3	7-9	£10,000.00	£20,000.00	£30,000.00
Key Stage 4	10-11	£10,000.00	£20,000.00	£30,000.00

Resource Provisions in Primary and Secondary Schools

Resource Unit funding consists of three elements as shown below. The overall funding (Elements 1 to 3) has remained at a minimum of £22,194 per place (dependent on the filled place in each Key Stage as shown the tables below).

- Element 1: The AWPU is retained (i.e. not deducted) for pupils on roll at October census attending the ARP.
- Element 2: An additional £6,000 is allocated.

For any empty places at the time of the October census and additional places that are required in the unit, £10,000 is allocated per place (element 1 + element 2).

- Element 3: A further £12,194 top up is allocated per filled place rather than relying

on top up funding derived from individual pupils EHCPs. For empty or additional places, an additional £12,194 is allocated.

Filled, empty and additional places within the Specialist Unit have £22,194 per place funding, which the following tables illustrate.

The composition of the £22,194 is as follows for filled places within the unit:

Key Stage	Year Group	Place funding		Top-up	Total
		Basic Entitlement	£6k SEN	Top-up	
n/a	N	£10,000.00		£12,194.00	£22,194.00
Key Stage 1 & 2	R-6	£4,167.65	£6,000.00	£12,194.00	£22,361.65
Key Stage 3	7-9	£5,873.92	£6,000.00	£12,194.00	£24,067.92
Key Stage 4	10-11	£6,622.52	£6,000.00	£12,194.00	£24,816.52

The composition of the £22,194 is as follows for unfilled or additional places within the unit:

Key Stage	Year Group	Place funding	Top-up	Total
		£10k Place	Top-up	
n/a	N	£10,000.00	£12,194.00	£22,194.00
Key Stage 1 & 2	R-6	£10,000.00	£12,194.00	£22,194.00
Key Stage 3	7-9	£10,000.00	£12,194.00	£22,194.00
Key Stage 4	10-11	£10,000.00	£12,194.00	£22,194.00

Special school funding

The Special School Matrix funding top-up rates remain unchanged from the previous year's level, and this has and will continue to be reviewed by the members of the High Needs and Task Finish Group.

Level	2024-25 £	2025-26 £
A+	Bespoke	Bespoke
A	38,194	38,194
B	24,194	24,194
C (i)	12,194	12,194
C (ii)	8,861	8,861

Out of Borough Pupils

Other than for LAC pupils with SEN, the home authority should provide the additional high needs top up funding above the first £6,000.

High Needs Funding Task and Finish group

A Task and Finish Group was originally established in autumn 2021 to review high needs funding rates for schools in preparation for the 2022-23 financial year. Since then, the group has continued to play an important role in shaping funding arrangements and responding to financial pressures, meeting annually to support decision-making for the 2023-24 and 2024-

25 financial years. The group has reviewed funding band values, considered the impact of rising costs on provision, and advised on targeted use of the High Needs Block to support schools with the most complex needs.

In light of ongoing cost pressures and the current deficit position, it is recommended that the Task and Finish Group remains in place on an indefinite basis. Supported by specialist sub-groups, the group will continue to monitor financial developments, assess the impact on schools, and provide recommendations to ensure funding arrangements remain fair, transparent, and responsive to need.