

Schools Funding Forum 13th June 2019

ITEM 4

Subject Heading:

School year end balances 2018-19

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Eligibility to vote:

**Representatives of LA maintained
schools**

SUMMARY

This report provides an analysis of the LA maintained school balances carried forward from 2018-19 into 2019-20.

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 of the 43 primary and one special school that are LA maintained at the start of financial year 2019-20. Two pairs of schools operate a single budget within their federations.

	Total funding £m	Total c/fwd balance £m	Balance as a % of funding
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%
2014-15	72.3	6.6	9.1%

2. School 2018-19 balances with % bandings

	No. above 15%	No. between 10% & 15%	No. between 5% & 10%	No. between 0% & 5%	No. in deficit
2018-19	0	4	14	11	13
2017-18	0	6	11	16	9
2016-17	1	4	14	20	3
2015-16	3	7	14	14	4
2014-15	5	9	17	9	2

No. of years	No. of schools above 10%	No. of schools in deficit
5	2	0
4	0	1
3	1	3
2	1	3
1	0	7
Total	4	13

	No. above 10%	No. between 5% & 10%	No. between 1% & 5%	No. below 1%	No. in deficit
2018-19 deficits	1	1	7	4	13

Note: of the 13 schools in deficit in 2018-19, three are by less than £1,000.

The local authority is in discussion with all LA maintained schools with balances above 10% and also those that are unable to set a balanced budget in 2019-20.