



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

Schools Funding Forum 17th September 2020 ITEM 10

Subject Heading:

**Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)
2021-22**

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Eligibility to vote:

All school and academy members

SUMMARY

This report summarises the announcement of indicative DSG Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) funding for financial year 2021-22 and seeks approval for the retention of funding to maintain central statutory services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum:

- (i) notes the allocation of CSSB for 2021-22
- (ii) considers the request to retain funding for central statutory services

REPORT DETAIL

1. Background

As part of the introduction of a Schools and High Needs National Funding Formula in 2018-19 the DfE also introduced a fourth funding block, the CSSB, which

brought together funding for services previously funded through the Schools Block and through an Education Services Grant. The allocation for 2021-22 is shown below.

The ESFA Operational Guidance requires Schools Forum approval for the central retention of this funding as section 3 below.

2. CSSB allocation 2021-22

Indicative funding for 2021-22 through the DSG Central Service Block has been announced by the DfE as shown in the table below with comparable data from 2020-21.

	Ongoing responsibilities			Historical commitments	Total CSSB
	Pupil nos.	Per pupil £	£	£	£
2021-22	36,867	36.14	1,332,480	183,994	1,516,473
2020-21	36,867	35.20	1,297,701	229,992	1,527,693
Difference	0	0.94	34,779	-45,998	-11,219

3. Services to be funded

The services that LAs can fund from the CSSB are set out in the extract from the Operational Guidance at Appendix A attached. For Havering, these services are as follows:

Ongoing responsibilities	2021-22 £
Copyright licences	182,152
Admissions	511,590
Schools Forum	44,548
LA responsibilities to all schools	594,190
Total	1,332,480

Historical commitments	2021-22 £
Schools Partnerships/Schools Causing Concern	183,994

Total	1,516,474
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The copyright licence costs tend to increase each year but LAs are not notified of the increase until later in the year. It is suggested that should the licence cost be different from the £182,152 above, the allocation for LA responsibilities to all schools is adjusted to balance to the CSSB.

Schools Funding Forum approval is requested for this use of the CSSB.