

Schools Funding Forum 13th January 2022

ITEM 6

Subject Heading:

Report Author:

Eligibility to vote:

High Needs Funding 2022-23

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SUMMARY

This report provides details of the 2022-23 National Funding Formula allocation for high needs and an additional High Needs Block allocation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Schools Funding Forum:

(i) notes the Dedicated Schools Grant - High Needs Block formula allocation and additional High Needs Block allocation for financial year 2022-23

REPORT DETAIL

1. High Needs Block National Funding Formula allocation 2022-23

The High Needs Block for 2022-23 is based on the National Funding Formula (NFF) figures released in July 2021 and reported to the Schools Funding Forum at the meeting held on 23rd September 2021. The allocation has been updated to reflect special school pupil numbers from the October 2021 school census. This resulted in an increase in funding of £63k.

Funding for 2022-23 through the DSG High Needs Block National Funding Formula:

	2022-23			Change	
Funding factor	Final £	Indicative £	2021-22 £	2021-22 to 2022-23 final £	Change %
	0.470.500	0.400.000	0.040.505	404.007	
(A) Basic entitlement factor	2,172,532	2,109,083	2,048,505	124,027	6.1
(B) Historic spend factor	11,194,567		10,603,814	590,753	5.6
(C) Population factor	12,581,963		11,075,302	1,506,660	13.6
(D) FSM factor	2,117,116		1,850,498	266,618	14.4
(E) IDACI factor	2,243,173		1,956,690	286,483	14.6
(F) Bad health factor	1,637,830		1,452,054	185,776	12.8
(G) Disability factor	1,562,504		1,387,839	174,665	12.6
(H) KS2 low attainment factor	1,260,458		1,078,723	181,736	16.8
(I) KS4 low attainment factor	1,617,724		1,509,728	107,995	7.2
(J) Funding floor factor	0		39,033	-39,033	-100.0
(K) 2021-22 hospital education, AP teachers pay/pension and supplementary funding factor	135,746		138,549	-2,802	-2.0
(L1) Import/export adjustment	-1,374,000		-1,320,000	-54,000	4.1
(L2) New and growing special free schools	24,000		18,000	6,000	33.3
Total funding	35,173,615	35,110,164	31,838,736	3,334,879	10.5

It should be noted that the figures shown are before DfE recoupment for the direct funding of academies and non maintained special schools.

2. Additional High Needs Block allocation 2022-23

The autumn 2021 spending review confirmed an additional £1.6 billion for schools and high needs in 2022-23 over and above the previous settlement for that year. £1.2b of this will be allocated through a schools supplementary grant as outlined in Agenda Item 5.

In addition to the schools supplementary grant, local authorities have been allocated £325m additional high needs funding for 2022-23. This is on top of the DSG high needs block allocations, calculated under the NFF and outlined above.

The additional funding has been allocated pro rata to the high needs formula funding for each local authority. Havering will receive an additional £1,411,237, bringing the total high needs allocation to £36,584,852. This is an increase of £4,746,166 on the total for 2021-22, a rise of 14.9%.

Year	NFF formula £	Additional £	Total £
2022-23	35,173,615	1,411,237	36,584,852
2022-23 indicative	35,110,164	-	35,110,164
2021-22	31,838,736	-	31,838,736
Difference 2021-22 to 2022-23	3,334,879	1,411,237	4,746,116
			14.9%

The anticipated deficit at year end 2021-22 and the proposed increase in high needs funding for schools must be taken into account when considering the impact of the additional £4.7m in meeting the costs of ongoing high needs provision in Havering.