



**Subject Heading:**

**Central Schools Services Block 2024-25**

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**Eligibility to vote:**

**All school and academy members**

### SUMMARY

This report is to inform the Schools Funding Forum of the final allocation received for the Dedicated Schools Block Central Schools Services Grant.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Schools Funding Forum:

- (i) notes the funding received and agrees that the additional sum in the final allocation is held as a contingency.

### REPORT DETAIL

#### **1. Dedicated Schools Grant - Central School Services Block 2024-25**

The Central School Services Block (CSSB) is allocated on the basis of the per-pupil rates and historic commitments announced in July 2023. The final allocation uses pupil numbers from the October 2023 census.

Funding for 2024-25 through the DSG CSSB is as follows:

Year	Ongoing responsibilities			Historical commitments	Total CSSB
	Pupil nos.	Per pupil £	£	£	£
2024-25	39,654.0	41.67	1,652,383	94,206	1,746,589
2024-25 indicative	38,897.5	41.67	1,621,025	94,206	1,715,231
2023-24	38,897.5	40.57	1,578,072	117,757	1,695,829
Difference 2023-24 to 2023-24	756.5	1.10	74,311	-23,551	50,760
Difference 2024-25 indicative to 2024-25	756.5	0.00	31,358	0	31,358

The services that the LA can fund from the CSSB are set out in the Operational Guidance on DSG allocations issued by the DfE. The Schools Funding Forum gave approval to the use of the ongoing responsibilities and historical commitments funding, based on the indicative allocations, at the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023. Details are shown below.

Ongoing responsibilities	2024-25 indicative £
Copyright licences	230,000
Admissions	524,380
Schools Forum	45,662
LA responsibilities to all schools	761,019
Pension funding	59,964
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,621,025</b>

Historical commitments	
Schools Partnerships/Schools Causing Concern	94,206
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,715,231</b>

<b>Final funding for CSSB services</b>	<b>1,746,589</b>
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The copyright licence fees for local authorities are normally announced alongside the schools funding settlement in December. This has been delayed by the DfE as negotiations are still ongoing with some of the copyright management organisations for new agreements and will stretch into the new year. This means the DfE will announce the applicable charges for the copyright licence at a later date.

Therefore, the LA is proposing that the provisional agreed distribution that was agreed in the September 2023 remaining unchanged. The additional CSSB allocation of £31,358 being earmarked to support any increase as a result of the final DfE charges being released for the National Copyright Licence, with any remaining balance to be held as contingency.