

Schools Funding Forum 12th June 2025

ITEM 6

Subject Heading:

Section 251 Budget submission 2025-26

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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.