

Name of meeting: Cabinet
Date: 17th January 2023
Title of report: Report seeking approval for Kirklees' School Funding arrangements for financial year 2023-2024

Purpose of the Report

- To set out the Kirklees schools funding arrangements for 2023-24 in terms of:
 - a. Specific funding factors to be used and the relative weightings and values of the funding factors.
 - b. Exceptions applications to the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and approvals given.
 - c. Central budget provision within the Dedicated Schools Grant Schools Block of funding, the Central School Services Block, and the Early Years Block.
 - d. De-delegation arrangements for mainstream maintained schools (De-delegated funds are a **deduction from a school's budget share** and are held centrally to fund relevant services. De-delegation can only apply to maintained primary and secondary school budgets for mainstream maintained schools)
- To request that the Cabinet approve the outline details of the Kirklees school funding formula for 2023-24 for submission to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) by their deadline of 20th January 2023.

Key decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes, the schools funding distribution affects all schools in every ward in Kirklees
Key decision - is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?	Yes Private report/appendix: No
The decision - is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Strategic Director & name	Mel Meggs 5 th January 2023
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	Eamonn Croston 4 th January 2023
Is it also signed off by the Service Director – Legal, Governance & Commissioning Support?	Julie Muscroft 29 th December 2022
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Carole Pattison - Learning, Aspiration & Communities. Cllr Viv Kendrick - Children (Statutory responsibility for Children) Cllr Paul Davies - Corporate

Electoral [wards](#) affected: All Wards

Ward councillors consulted: None

Public or private: Public

GDPR: There is no personal data contained within this report.

1. Summary

This report sets out the arrangements that have been consulted with School Forum and constituent groups for the funding of local schools and academies for the funding year 2023-2024. The main elements which require Cabinet approval are: -

- The specific funding factors to be used and the relative weightings and values of the funding factors.
- To note any exceptions applications to the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and approvals given.
- Central budget provision within the Dedicated Schools Grant Schools Block of funding, the Central School Services Block, and the Early Years Block.
- De-delegation arrangements for mainstream maintained schools

2. Information required to take a decision

2.1 Background

Dedicated Schools Grant

- 2.1.1 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is the funding that is provided to Councils to fund statutory school age education (4–16-year-olds). DSG funding is also provided in respect of children and young adults from birth to age 25 having Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND). The DSG also provides funding for free early education and childcare provision for 3- and 4-year-olds and for disadvantaged 2-year-olds. Councils are also allocated some DSG funding to pay for some of the statutory and regulatory duties they have for all pupils educated within the borough.
- 2.1.2 All four funding blocks within the Dedicated Schools Grant – Schools, High Needs, Early Years and Central School Services – are now largely determined by National Funding Formula (NFF) calculations.

Schools Forum and Council responsibilities for DSG

- 2.1.3 Every local authority is required to have a Schools Forum to act as the main consultative group on revenue funding issues affecting local schools and related providers. The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012 determine the role, powers and responsibilities of the Forum. The local authority proposes and decides upon the shape and effect of school funding arrangements on an annual basis but must consult with the Schools Forum about changes to be made. There is also a requirement to consult annually with the Forum on both High Needs and Early Years funding arrangements.

2.1.4 The Schools Forum also has some decision-making powers contained within the regulations. The local authority makes an annual proposal, ahead of the new financial year, setting out the central expenditures it plans to make from the Schools Block, the Early Years Block, and the Central Schools Services Block. (Central expenditure from the High Needs Block is formally a Council's executive decision).

The Forum then decides, through consultation with constituent groups, whether to accept, amend or reject proposals. Similarly, the Local Authority makes an annual proposal to the Forum, for the schools it maintains, to de-delegate funding from maintained mainstream primary and secondary schools to operate several central budget arrangements.

2.1.5 The maintained primary and secondary school representatives to the Forum decide on the arrangements that will apply for their phase (having consulted their constituencies). In cases where the Local Authority and the Forum cannot reach an agreement on central retention and de-delegation issues the Secretary of State for Education would adjudicate.

Formal submissions to the Education & Skills Funding Agency

2.1.6 Any exceptions requests seeking permission to make minor variations to the operation of the schools funding formula were made before the ESFA deadline of 18th November 2022 (see Section 2.3 below for more details).

2.1.7 The structure of the local 2023-24 schools funding arrangements and factor values used are required to be submitted to the ESFA by 20th January 2023, based upon a pupil dataset provided by the ESFA which is derived largely from October 2022 pupil census information. The Authority Pro Forma Tool (APT) return to the ESFA is required to show that political approval has been or will be secured for the funding allocations reported. The submission of the funding figures to the ESFA by 20th January 2023 must be regarded as an indicative return until political sign-off is achieved. If amendments are required a subsequent submission would have to be made.

Schools revenue funding issues for 2023-2024 discussed with Schools Forum and constituent groups

2.1.8 These included the following: -

- The changes made to the National Funding Formula for schools for 2023-2024.
- Central budget provision within the Dedicated Schools Grant funding blocks
- De-delegation arrangements for mainstream maintained schools
- High Needs Block funding
- Early Years Block funding

These topics are covered in more detail in sections 2.2 to 2.8 below, with the Forum's recommendations to Cabinet shown at section 3 below.

2.2 Transition Requirements to bring local formulae closer to the National Funding Formula (NFF) for Schools

2.2.1 Local authorities will be required to bring their own formulae closer to the schools NFF from 2023 to 2024. These requirements cover the following:

- Local Authorities will only be allowed to use NFF factors in their local formulae. This means that the looked after children (LAC) factor will no longer be an allowable factor.
- Local Authorities must use all NFF factors – except for the locally determined premises factors which remain optional. This means that local authorities will have to use all 3 deprivation factors (FSM [Free School Meals], FSM6 [Free School Meals Ever 6] and IDACI [income deprivation affecting children index]), as well as LPA [Low Prior Attainment], EAL [English as an Additional Language], mobility, sparsity and the lump sum.
- Local Authorities must move their local formula factor values at least 10% closer to the NFF, except where local formulae are already mirroring the NFF.
- Local Authorities must use the NFF definition for the English as an Additional Language (EAL) factor, although flexibility over the sparsity factor methodology will remain in 2023 to 2024.

2.3 Exceptions applications made to the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA):

2.3.1 Local authorities can apply to the ESFA to use exceptional circumstances relating to school premises, for example rents, or joint-use sports facilities. Unavoidable rental costs for five schools have been submitted for approval based on the updated criteria confirmed by the ESFA.

2.4 De-Delegation Arrangements for Mainstream Maintained Schools (see Appendix C)

2.4.1 Annual proposals on de-delegation are made by the local authority to maintained primary and secondary schools. The ESFA only permits de-delegation against a number of specified headings. The maintained primary and secondary schools representatives to the Forum formally decide on de-delegation issues on behalf of their phase.

2.4.2 The de-delegated budget arrangements proposed for 2023-2024 are: -

- Schools contingency
- Free school meals eligibility checks
- Maternity, paternity and adoptive leave costs
- Trade union facilities time
- Public duties
- International new arrivals service
- School Improvement Commissioning

2.4.3 De-delegation arrangements for 2023-2024 for the maintained sector were consulted upon between 2nd December 2022 and 13th December 2022. Thirty two responses were received and these were considered by Forum members. [Please refer to Appendix C below for details of the 2023-24 de-delegation deductions].

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Funding Settlement 2023-2024

2.5 DSG Schools Block

2.5.1 The 2023-2024 per pupil units of funding for the DSG Schools Block settlement are £4,892 (£4,686 2022-2023) per primary pupil and £6,344 (£6,016 2022-2023) per secondary pupil. These rates represent a 4.4% and 5.45% increase respectively on 2022-2023. The ESFA requires that at least 80% of this funding block is allocated via pupil-led factors.

2.5.2 The confirmed Schools Block allocation for Kirklees for 2023-2024 has increased by £17.0 million (£332 million in 2022-2023 to £349 million for 2023-2024) as below:

Kirklees Council - Dedicated schools grant (DSG) 2023/2024					
Total Primary Schools	Total secondary schools	Total Premises factor	Growth funding	Total schools block	Total schools block (After NNDR* deduction)
£179,653,199	£165,372,220	£5,773,745	£1,459,884	£352,259,048	£349,203,057

2.5.3 The Schools Block funding factors to be used in the 2023-2024 funding allocation to schools will largely be those prescribed by the National Funding Formula (see Appendix A below for a list of these funding factors and values).

*Newly implemented (1 April 2022) National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR) process for state funded schools also referred to as Business Rates.

2.5.4 The HM Treasury Autumn Statement 2022 announced that the core schools budget will increase by £2 billion in the 2023-2024 financial year, over and above totals announced at the Spending Review 2021. For Kirklees schools the indicative **Mainstream School Additional Grant (MSAG)** share totals £11.9 million.

Kirklees Council - Dedicated schools grant (DSG) 2023/2024		
Total schools block (After NNDR deduction)	Mainstream School Additional Grant (MSAG)	Total Schools Block (After NNDR deduction and including MSAG)
£349,203,057	£11,865,643	£361,068,700

2.5.5 On the 11th November 2022 School Forum agreed a Schools Block Transfer of £2.1million to High Needs to support a range of investment measures as part of the broader Kirklees SEND transformation and Safety Valve agenda.

2.6 High Needs Block Funding 2023-24

2.6.1 The settlement for 2023-2024 totals £63.1million, before deductions, as shown in the table below:

Kirklees Council High Needs DSG Block Allocation (16th December 2022)								
Total high needs block before additional funding and deductions	Additional high needs funding	Total high needs block before deductions	Mainstream Academies Pre-16 special educational needs places funded at £6,000	Special Academies Pre-16 special educational needs places	Special Academies Post-16 special educational needs places	Special Academies Pre-16 alternative provision places	Alternative provision academies and free schools Further education (FE) and independent learning provider(ILP) places	Total high needs block after deductions
60,111,522	2,975,131	63,086,653	624,000	1,630,000	240,000	1,040,000	3,282,000	56,270,653

2.6.2 Ongoing revisions to the national budget for the High Needs National Funding Formula have resulted in Kirklees being allocated £63.09 million for High Needs in 2023-2024 (**before deductions**) – a £6.82 million increase on 2022-2023 equivalent to a 12.13% increase.

2.6.3 The uncapped level of Kirklees' revised high needs NFF outcome is £68.59 million.

2.6.4 Following engagement with all schools, Schools Forum on 11th November 2022 agreed a funding transfer of £2.1million from the Schools Block to the High Needs block for 2023/2024. The intention is that the funding will support a range of investment measures as part of the broader Kirklees SEND transformation agenda.

2.6.5 The Council is now in the second year of the Safety Valve intervention programme, which offers support to Local Authorities with Large DSG Deficits. This is an ongoing process with periodic updates reported to Cabinet working alongside the ESFA.

2.7 Early Years Block Funding 2023-2024

2.7.1 The ESFA have announced that the early years entitlements block will receive a further £20million on top of the £180m of additional funding in 2023-2024 compared to 2021-2022 announced at the Spending Review.

2.7.2 The Early Years' National Funding Formula values have increased in comparison to 2022-2023. The majority of local authorities will receive a funding increase between 1% and 10% for the 2- year-old entitlement, and between 1% and 4.9% for the 3- and 4-year-old free entitlements compared to their 2022-23 rates.

2.7.3 In Kirklees, the hourly funding rates will increase by 6p an hour from £5.57 to £5.63 (1.1% increase) for the two-year-old entitlement and by 19p an hour from £4.61 to £4.80 (4.1% increase) for the three-and four-year-old entitlements. An additional 7p will be added to the three-and four-year-old rate for the teacher pay and pension grant bringing the rate to £4.87. This funding was previously allocated to maintained schools and academies with nursery provision to support increased costs associated with teachers pay and pension and will now be included in the three-and four-year-old entitlement base rates. Within the 2023-24 Early Years Block allocation there are some variations associated with changes to overall numbers of children.

2.7.4 Although this adds further investment to early years, Kirklees along with almost one third of other local authorities will still receive the lowest funding base rates for two, three-and four-year olds from April 2023.

2.7.5 Details of the consultation process and timeline regarding the early years funding formula proposals can be found in Appendix D. The main focus of the consultation will be how the funding that was previously allocated through teachers pay and pension grants will be distributed within the formula. Recommendations will be considered by the Early Years and Childcare Reference Group and School Forum in February before being finalised.

2.7.6 The total allocation of the Early Years block for 2023-2024 is £30.16 million. The ESFA allocations for 2023-24 are included in the table below:

Universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds	£17,564,202
Extended entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds	£7,631,310
Targeted entitlement for 2 year olds	£4,204,467
Early years pupil premium	£481,310
Disability Access Funding	£149,040
Maintained Nursery School Supplement	£126,027
Total	£30,156,356

Early Years Funding: 3–4-year-olds:

- 2.7.7 All 3 and 4 year olds are eligible to 570 hours each year of free early learning, usually taken as 15 hours each week during school term time, up to starting in school Reception. This is a universal entitlement for all children.
- 2.7.8 An additional 15 hours, referred to as the extended entitlement, is available to eligible working families with 3 and 4 year olds.
- 2.7.9 The Early Years National Funding Formula hourly rate for Kirklees in 2023-24 is £4.80 (£4.87 including £0.07 for the Teachers Pay and Pension Grants which have been added to the base rates).

Supplements and additional factors

- 2.7.10 The funding rate for the Early Years Pupil Premium will increase from £0.60 to £0.62 per hour per eligible child, and the Disability Access Fund from £800 to £828 per eligible child per year. The supplementary funding hourly rate for maintained nursery schools will also increase by £0.11.

Early Years funding for disadvantaged 2-year-olds

- 2.7.11 Eligible 2-year-olds are entitled to 570 hours each year of free early learning, usually taken as 15 hours each week during school term time.
- 2.7.12 The Early Years National Funding Formula hourly rate for Kirklees in 2023-2024 is £5.63.

2.8 Central School Services Block (CSSB)

- 2.8.1 Kirklees has been allocated £37.33 for every 4 to 16 year-old pupil attending schools and academies in the borough (an increase from the £35.07 rate received in 2022-2023). A sum of £170,000 is included in CSSB to reflect historic annual pension commitments charged to the DSG.
- 2.8.2 A breakdown of budget provision supported by the CSSB can be found at Appendix B below. A significant portion of the CSSB relates to funding for the range of statutory and regulatory duties (these used to be supported by Education Services Grant that ended in 2017) the Council has for all local pupils whether educated in maintained schools or academies.

2.8.3 The **Central School Services Block** within the DSG allocates funding to Councils for a range of statutory and regulatory duties relating to all pupils within the authority no matter what type of school they attend. Although this funding comes directly to the Council, Schools Forum has the responsibility for making an annual decision about the budget provision in response to local authority proposals. The allocation for 2023/2024 is shown below:

Kirklees Council Central school services block (CSSB) 2023/2024			
CSSB Unit of funding	Number of pupils	Historic commitments	Total central school services block
£37.33	62,791	£170,000	£2,513,989

3 Recommendations for the 2023-2024 DSG Schools Funding Formula from Kirklees School Forum

- 3.1 To note the ESFA-approved exceptions application.
- 3.2 To note the consultative process undertaken in collaboration with head teachers through the Kirklees Schools Forum to agree the details of the Kirklees funding formula.
- 3.3 To support the decisions, in principle, relating to central budgets and de-delegated budgets for 2023-2024.
- 3.4 To approve, in principle, the final details of the Kirklees' school funding formula for 2023-2024 submitted to the Education & Skills Funding Agency by the 20th January 2023 deadline.

4 Implications for the Council

- **Working with people**

The Schools Forum continues to support schools working collaboratively to effectively manage resources, particularly focussing on early intervention and prevention, reducing inequalities, and overcoming barriers to learning for children in their communities.

- **Working with Partners**

Through Schools Forum the Council works in partnership with local maintained schools, academies, and other providers to try to ensure the optimum distribution of dedicated schools grant within Kirklees. The Schools Forum includes representation from the Private, Voluntary and Independent nursery and childcare sector and post-16 provider representation.

- **Place-based working**

The schools funding allocation recognises that the needs of different communities within Kirklees vary widely. The allocation contains additional need funding factors to target support towards children from particularly disadvantaged backgrounds.

- **Climate Change and Air Quality**

There are no direct implications for climate change and air quality.

- **Improving outcomes for children**

Schools Forum seeks to ensure that the fairest approach to funding across the schools system is in place, particularly at a time when financial pressures for schools are increasing. Maximising resources for teaching and learning, alongside the role that schools play in supporting children and their families and the wider community is crucial in ensuring that children have the best start in life.

- **Other (e.g., Legal/Financial or Human Resources) Consultees and their opinions**

The schools system is funded by the Council's annual Dedicated Schools Grant funding allocation under section 14 of the Education Act 2002 and is managed in accordance with the Schools and Early years Finance (England) Regulations 2012 which, amongst other things, requires the Council to consult the Schools Forum on certain matters when determining the school funding formula for 2023-2024 and the terms and conditions of the ring-fenced grant. The council must consider the outcome and take into account the responses from the consultation before making any decision.

In carrying out its functions the council must comply with its Public Sector Equality Duty under section 149 Equality Act 2010 before exercising any decision on a particular policy or strategy namely it must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination ,harassment ,victimisation ;advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not , and foster good relations between those who share protected characteristics and those who do not.

5 Consultees and their opinions

The Education and Learning Partnership Board sits alongside Schools Forum as a consultative group. The two operate together in a complementary approach to work in partnership with our schools and settings. There are representatives from the school sector that sit on both the Education and Learning Partnership Board as well as Schools Forum. The work of each body is supportive of a single strategic oversight of the system.

Schools Forum consults with school groups through Kirklees High School Head teachers, Primary Head teacher groups and School briefings. Non-school members from the early years' private, voluntary, and independent sectors, trade unions, and the Post 16 sector ensure consultation and feedback from their representative groups. Current discussions are focussed on the decisions required by the ESFA for the funding year 2023-2024.

The Early Years and Childcare Reference group consists of representatives from all sectors of the childcare market. This group consider proposals for the Early Years Funding Formula and monitors spending of the Early Years Block. The views of this group are reported to Schools Forum.

The Portfolio Holder for Learning, Aspiration and Communities chairs the Education and Learning Partnership Board and attends Schools Forum. Updates for the Portfolio Holders for Children's Services are provided regularly.

6 Next steps and timelines

Schools Forum will continue to help shape schools funding arrangements at their meeting on 13th January 2023, prior to the deadline for submission of the school funding allocations for 2023-2024 to the ESFA on 20th January 2023.

Based on the ESFA funding timeline, it is expected that the local authority will inform maintained schools of their 2023-2024 budget shares by 28th February 2023. The ESFA will inform academies of their budget allocations for the academic year 2023-2024 by the 31st March 2023.

There will be a consultation with all early years providers in January about the 2023-24 Early Years local funding formula. Recommendations will be considered by the Early Years and Childcare Reference Group and School Forum in February before being finalised.

7 Officer recommendations and reasons

Members are asked to approve the following in accordance with the arrangements as set out in this report that have been consulted upon with School Forum for the funding of Local Schools and Academies for the funding year 2023-2024:

1. Approve Schools Forum recommendations following the consultative process undertaken in collaboration with head teachers, through Schools Forum, to determine the ongoing local approach to the distribution of DSG Schools Block funding for 2023-2024.
2. Note the exceptions application made to the ESFA and subsequently approved.
3. Approve the submission of the schools funding formula to the ESFA for 2023-2024.

4. Approve proposals for central budgets and de-delegated budgets 2023-2024 as set out in this report and the accompanying Appendices.

8 Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

I recommend to cabinet that the officers recommendations above, in paragraph 7, should be accepted. In doing so I have to thank officers and members of the School Forum for the hard work that has gone into producing this set of budget proposals over the last few months.

Whilst it may appear that the Government has recognised the needs of schools in its Budget settlement of the 16th December 2022 by providing an increase in the overall DSG of 6.5% it must also be recognised that schools and settings have not only been affected by the cost of living crisis and increased fuel bills in particular but this increase comes after 12 years of cuts in schools budgets. So, whilst the recognition that education is important and that schools cannot face any further reductions, in real terms, this increase to their budgets is to be welcomed. However, it does not unfortunately make up for the historic reduction in budgets.

This is particularly so in Kirklees where our High Needs Deficit has been growing year on year due to under-funding despite the welcome inclusion on the Safety Valve programme. Our early years sector is also one of the lowest funded sectors in the country despite high levels of need.

This year we are also having to transition closer to the NFF in the way in which we apportion this funding between schools which means that we are unable to recognise the needs of Care Leavers in our system, for instance. There is now less flexibility to use local discretion to deal with exceptional circumstances. This central control over school finances also means that as a local authority we are not as able as we have been in the past to provide support to maintained schools where improvement is needed.

However, I look forward to working with all schools in Kirklees to provide the best possible education for our children despite continuing budget pressures for the foreseeable future.

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10 Background papers and history of decisions

The following key reference documents are available on the GOV.UK website. Other, related documentation is also available on these web links.

1. Schools Funding 2023-2024

[Pre-16 schools funding: local authority guidance for 2023 to 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/pre-16-schools-funding-local-authority-guidance-for-2023-to-2024)

2. Early Years Funding 2023-2024

[Early years funding: 2023 to 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/early-years-funding-2023-to-2024)

3. High Needs funding 2023-2024

[High needs funding arrangements: 2023 to 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/high-needs-funding-arrangements-2023-to-2024)

4. A link to the Cabinet report on the Kirklees Schools funding formula for the previous year, 2022-2023 is provided below.

https://democracy.kirklees.gov.uk/documents/s44558/School_Funding_arrangements_for_financial_year_2022-23.pdf

5. Changes to Business Rates Payment Process for Schools

[Change to the business rates payment process for schools: guidance for billing authorities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/change-to-the-business-rates-payment-process-for-schools)

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Appendix A: National Funding Formula factor values 2023-2024

Funding factor	NFF values per pupil 2023-2024
Primary basic per pupil	£3,394
Key Stage 3 per pupil	£4,785
Key Stage 4 per pupil	£5,393
Primary Free School Meals Ever 6	£705
Secondary Free School Meals Ever 6	£1,030
Primary current Free School Meals	£480
Secondary current Free School Meals	£480
Primary IDACI Band F	£230
Primary IDACI Band E	£280
Primary IDACI Band D	£440
Primary IDACI Band C	£480
Primary IDACI Band B	£510
Primary IDACI Band A	£670
Secondary IDACI Band F	£335
Secondary IDACI Band E	£445
Secondary IDACI Band D	£620
Secondary IDACI Band C	£680
Secondary IDACI Band B	£730
Secondary IDACI Band A	£930
Primary Pupil Mobility	£945
Secondary Pupil Mobility	£1,360
Primary English as an Additional Language	£580
Secondary English as an Additional Language	£1,565
Primary low prior attainment	£1,155
Secondary low prior attainment	£1,750
Minimum per pupil check Primary	£4,405
Minimum per pupil check Secondary	£5,715
Primary Sparsity	£56,300
Secondary Sparsity	£81,900
School Lump Sum	£128,000

**Appendix B: Dedicated School Grant: Central Budget Retention 2023-2024
[for mainstream maintained schools and academies]**

1) Growth funding within the Schools Block

Budget provision	£	Notes
Pupil Growth Fund	600,000	Supports mid-year basic need pupil growth of sufficient scale to trigger a new class arrangement. Also supports schools struggling to meet the KS1 class size regulation. PGF is only allocated where a school cannot address the issue from its own budget resources
Future pupil growth	600,000	The Schools Block allocation includes an element of funding towards the cost of future pupil growth within the system. For 2023-2024, the balance of the growth funding needs to be retained by the LA to support those schools in the system affected by planned changes to address demand for pupil places in the area, e.g., new schools growing by one year group per annum, schools asked to vary their admission number to take in additional pupils in a 'bulge' class arrangement.
TOTAL	£1,200,000	

2) The Central School Services Block (CSSB)

Budget provision	£	Notes
Servicing of Schools Forum	32,600	
Pupil Admissions Service	396,800	
School Organisation & Planning	137,900	
Finance Support Costs	12,100	
Payroll Support Costs	14,700	
Personnel Costs	8,400	
School Reorganisation Support	307,300	
Historic DSG pension commitments	170,000	
Former Teachers Pay & Pension Grant funding in respect of centrally employed teachers	38,200	
National Copyright Licence charge	386,833	Forum approval not required.
Per pupil allocation to the Council in respect of statutory and regulatory duties for all children in Kirklees	1,009,156	
TOTAL	2,513,989	

3) Funding retained within the Early Years Block

Budget provision	Proposed £	Notes
Early Learning and Childcare	£614,300	Free Early Education, Childcare Sufficiency and Early Years Outcomes Teams – funding to providers, free entitlement place sufficiency, supporting standards of delivery
Back office / management costs	71,200 £74,800	Finance, payroll, HR, Legal, IT etc
Inclusion Support	40,400 £42,400	Contribution to the Inclusion Officer team
Miscellaneous	12,000 £12,600	Contribution to admissions, maternity, union duties etc
TOTAL	£708,600 £744,100	

£708,600 is currently retained to fund quality improvement, administration costs associated with delivery of the free entitlements and SEN support. Kirklees retains approximately 2.5%, see table above. Local Authorities are permitted to retain up to 5% of the Early Years budget. The retention amount has remained the same since the introduction of the early years formula in 2017 with no adjustments for inflation, a 5% uplift will be applied in 2023-24 for increases to pay and pension costs.

Appendix C: De-Delegation 2023-2024 [Maintained Mainstream Schools only]

Budget	Primary per pupil	Secondary per pupil	Notes
School Contingency	£13.95	£17.48	Used to correct funding errors, support schools facing emergencies, pick up costs it would be unfair to ask schools to meet, one-off financial interventions in schools in financial difficulty to help them secure necessary savings.
Free school meals eligibility checks	£1.08	£1.35	Customer & Exchequer service checks to identify children eligible to claim free school meals – helps schools maximise their deprivation-related funding
Maternity, paternity, and adoptive leave	£30.79	£30.79	Central payment of salary costs during these leave periods so the school only pays the replacement costs
Trade union facilities time	£6.01	£0.00	Pays for the release from schools of local TU officials to manage casework (competence, attendance, disciplinary etc) involving school staff
Public duties	£0.17	£0.21	School cover costs re staff on jury service, appearing as witnesses in court proceedings, serving as magistrates, serving as governors at another school etc
International new arrivals	£1.66	£2.08	Support to schools dealing with language-related issues of children admitted from different parts of the world
School Improvement Commissioning	£4.73	£12.61	Supports improvement interventions in schools – appropriate support to schools for the cost of implementing improvement action plans, brokering school-to-school support by meeting the cost of releasing staff from other schools to work with the school in need of support.
TOTALS	£58.39	£64.52	

Appendix D: Meeting Schedule

Consultation meetings with Schools Forum, Headteacher groups and Early Years Providers

Schedule

Consultation focus	Meetings	Meeting date	ESFA response date
Schools block, High Needs and Central schools services block Implications of National Funding Formula for the Council and schools from 2023-2024	Consultation & Engagement with schools	19 th October 2022 engagement session for Block Transfer and w/c 5 th December 2022 consultation for De-delegations.	20 th January 2023
	Schools Forum	13 th January 2023	
	Schools Funding paper to Cabinet	17 th January 2023	
Early years block	Online survey	January 2023	28 th February 2023
	Virtual briefing sessions	January 2023	
	Early Years and Childcare Reference group	February 2023	
	Schools Forum	February 2023	