

## Report for Schools Forum

<b>Service Area:</b>	Schools Finance
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<b>Report:</b>	2024/2025 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Draft Schools Funding Allocations
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<b>Purpose Of Report:</b>	To update Schools Forum on the draft APT funding proposals for 2024/2025
<b>Is a Decision Required?</b>	

## Kirklees Schools Forum

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### 2024/2025 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Draft Schools Funding Allocations

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Following the publication of the 2024/2025 provisional Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funding allocations, the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) produced the initial Authority Pro-Forma Tool (APT) that enables Local Authorities to model the funding allocations for 2024/2025.
- 1.2 The APT is used to generate funding allocations for all schools taking into account national changes such as split site funding following national ESFA policy changes and key issues faced locally that are primarily focussed around the High needs (Safety Valve) work.
- 1.3 The work done with the APT is to allow Local Authorities and Schools Forum the opportunity to model funding for schools within parameters set by the ESFA through the National Funding Formula (NFF) guidelines.
- 1.4 The modelling of the 2024/2025 APT is initially based on the census data from October 2022. The final allocations and formal submission will be updated in December 2023 to reflect the census data that is collated on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

#### 2. Dedicated School Grant (DSG) Draft APT Allocations for 2024/2025

- 2.1 A key aim for both the ESFA and the Local Authority is to achieve a position whereby all schools are funded at the NFF rates. This target is challenging with the ESFA recognising the funding pressures this places on Local Authorities, especially those that are facing substantial pressures associated with High Needs. Consequently, the ESFA publish additional rates, shown in appendix A, which allow for local variation and modelling when considering the impact on individual schools.
- 2.2 A key driver within the process is the proposed £2.6million block transfer, through a disapplication process, from the schools block DSG to the high needs block DSG. Overall, this resource is maintained within the totality of the DSG but reduces the schools block resource allocation when considering the NFF variables.
- 2.3 The initial modelling has been based on the following combination (detailed rates in Appendix A) to balance the DSG resources available within the overall financial constraints of the process:

Average Weighted Pupil Unit (Basic Entitlement)  
 Low Prior Attainment  
 Mobility

} All set at NFF levels.

Free School Meals (FSM)  
 Income Deprivation affecting children index (IDACI)  
 English as an Additional Language (EAL)  
 Premises lump sum  
 Sparsity  
 Split Sites (new funding)

} Set at minimum allowable NFF levels.

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- 2.4 An additional key variable in the process is the minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG). The MFG is designed to protect schools from excessive year on year changes. Local Authorities have the freedom to set the MFG in their local formulae between +0.0% and +0.5% per pupil. The **APT modelling assumes +0.0% for 2024/2025** again within the tolerances set by the ESFA.
- 2.5 The application of the above variables within the APT results in a draft compliant outcome whereby the resources are in balance.
- 2.6 The Growth Fund resource is currently showing as a slight reduction on 2023/2024 within the draft modelling totalling just under £1.1 million to effectively balance the APT. The proposed allocation for the Growth Fund 2024/2025 will be considered by Schools Forum as part of the annual review of centralised resources.
- 2.7 De-delegation (centrally retained funds from maintained schools) amounts have not been amended as part of the draft modelling as they do not affect the overall resource availability, but these will also need to be reviewed prior to agreeing the final 2024/2025 submission.

### 3. Teachers Pay Additional Grant (TPAG)

- 3.1 The TPAG does not form part of the overall DSG settlement and is not part of the 2024/2025 modelling, however this grant supports both 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 funding pressures resulting from Teachers pay award. The grant is payable to Mainstream Schools, Special Schools and Alternative Provision Schools with published allocations via the Local Authority. Academies will receive their TPAG directly from the ESFA.

### 4. Recommendations

- 3.1 School Forum are asked to note and comment on the content of the report.

### 5. Appendices

Appendix A – 2024/2025 ESFA APT National Funding Formula Funding Rates

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### 2024/2025 ESFA APT National Funding Formula Funding Rates

Factor	23-24 NFF including ACA	23-24 APT	Difference between 23-24 APT and 23-24 NFF	24-25 NFF including ACA	24-25 APT minimum	24-25 APT maximum
Primary basic entitlement	£3,394.54	£3,394.00	-£0.54	£3,597.61	£3,507.67	£3,687.55
KS3 basic entitlement	£4,785.77	£4,785.00	-£0.77	£5,072.86	£4,946.04	£5,199.68
KS4 basic entitlement	£5,393.86	£5,393.00	-£0.86	£5,717.97	£5,575.02	£5,860.92
Primary FSM	£480.08	£480.00	-£0.08	£490.08	£477.83	£502.34
Secondary FSM	£480.08	£480.00	-£0.08	£490.08	£477.83	£502.34
Primary FSM6	£705.11	£705.00	-£0.11	£830.14	£809.39	£850.89
Secondary FSM6	£1,030.16	£1,030.00	-£0.16	£1,210.21	£1,179.95	£1,240.46
Primary IDACI F	£230.04	£178.11	-£51.92	£235.04	£188.31	£240.92
Primary IDACI E	£280.04	£213.59	-£66.45	£285.05	£225.24	£292.17
Primary IDACI D	£440.07	£340.71	-£99.36	£450.08	£360.65	£461.33
Primary IDACI C	£480.08	£368.41	-£111.66	£490.08	£389.59	£502.34
Primary IDACI B	£510.08	£391.71	-£118.37	£520.09	£413.55	£533.09
Primary IDACI A	£670.11	£515.48	-£154.63	£685.12	£545.95	£702.24
Secondary IDACI F	£335.05	£257.73	-£77.32	£345.06	£275.47	£353.69
Secondary IDACI E	£445.07	£344.60	-£100.47	£455.08	£364.65	£466.45
Secondary IDACI D	£620.10	£478.56	-£141.54	£635.11	£507.72	£650.99
Secondary IDACI C	£680.11	£523.23	-£156.88	£695.12	£553.93	£712.50
Secondary IDACI B	£730.12	£562.07	-£168.05	£750.13	£598.88	£768.88
Secondary IDACI A	£930.15	£716.89	-£213.26	£950.16	£758.23	£973.92
Primary EAL	£580.09	£580.00	-£0.09	£595.10	£580.22	£609.98
Secondary EAL	£1,565.25	£1,565.00	-£0.25	£1,605.27	£1,565.14	£1,645.40
Primary LPA	£1,155.18	£1,155.00	-£0.18	£1,185.20	£1,155.57	£1,214.83
Secondary LPA	£1,750.28	£1,750.00	-£0.28	£1,790.30	£1,745.55	£1,835.06
Primary mobility	£945.15	£945.00	-£0.15	£970.16	£945.91	£994.42
Secondary mobility	£1,360.22	£1,360.00	-£0.22	£1,395.24	£1,360.36	£1,430.12
Primary lump sum	£128,020.48	£128,000.00	-£20.48	£135,723.07	£132,329.99	£139,116.15
Secondary lump sum	£128,020.48	£128,000.00	-£20.48	£135,723.07	£132,329.99	£139,116.15
Primary sparsity	£56,309.01	£56,300.00	-£9.01	£57,709.81	£56,267.06	£59,152.55
Secondary sparsity	£81,913.10	£81,900.00	-£13.10	£83,914.26	£81,816.41	£86,012.12
Middle-school sparsity	£81,913.10	£0.00	-£81,913.10	£83,914.26	£10,192.47	£86,012.12
All-through sparsity	£81,913.10	£0.00	-£81,913.10	£83,914.26	£10,192.47	£86,012.12
Split sites basic eligibility funding				£54,309.23	£52,951.50	£55,666.96
Split sites distance funding				£27,104.61	£26,426.99	£27,782.22
London fringe	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

Draft rate selected for APT model