

Report for Schools Forum

Service Area:	Schools Finance
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Report:	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) De-Delegated Contingency 2025/2026
Date:	10 July 2026
Purpose Of Report:	To update Schools Forum on the financial performance of the above de-delegated scheme for maintained schools.
Is a Decision Required?	No

Kirklees Schools Forum

12 June 2026

Schools Contingency Review 2025/2026

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report is to update Schools forum on how the de-delegated contingency resources for 2024/2025 as agreed by Schools Forum on 10th November 2023 and by Cabinet on 21st January 2025 ([Schools Funding Cabinet Report 2025 2026 13 January 2025.pdf](#) - para 2.4.2 and appendix C) were applied.
- 1.2 The de-delegated contingency fund is used for maintained primary and secondary schools. It addresses funding errors, supports schools facing emergencies, covers costs that would be unfair for schools to handle, and provides one-off financial interventions for schools in financial difficulty. The contingency fund also helps schools secure necessary savings and manage any other exceptional circumstances as deemed appropriate.

2. Allocation of Funds 2025/2026

- 2.1 For the 2025/2026 financial year the contingency fund resources were allocated as per the table below. All funding allocations look to take into account whether, or not, it would be the best use of the resource, ideally delivering an outcome that improves the overall financial situation for either individual schools or the wider Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). Note that offsets were seen via an energy rebate and use of the salary protection balance.

Area Supported	Amount £000
Schools in Financial Difficulty - Year end	713
Schools in Financial Difficulty - Other	79
Empty Property NNDR Contributions	63
Academisation	1
Salary Protection	-185
Flu Vouchers	4
Energy rebate	-66
Total	609

- 2.2 It should be noted that despite the allocation of the above resources, particularly the £713k for schools in financial difficulty, seventeen schools continue to report a deficit financial position that totalled £1.76m as at 31st March 2026.
- 2.3 As per previous years, the pressures on schools continue, with the amount of funds available needing close consideration by Schools Forum as part of the annual budget challenge and review process in October / November 2026 for the 2027/2028 financial year.

3. Recommendations / Actions

Schools Forum are asked to note the contents of the report.

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