

# SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

## Schools Forum – 14th July 2021

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### **STANDING ITEM: LA UPDATE ON DFE/ESFA FUNDING**

Further details of the £700m Education Recovery Programme were published by the Government in June 2021. In response to queries from the March meeting we can confirm the funding does apply to Special schools. The Recovery Programme is split into various elements. Firstly, a Recovery Premium similar to pupil premium for which details will be issued in Dec 2021. Secondly funding for secondary Summer schools. Several SCC maintained schools submitted applications in June 2021. Thirdly the recovery programme includes several packages for training and development for teachers.

The ESFA have recently issued a consultation on the National Funding Formula. Responses are due by 30 September. Schools forum with the Local Authority will be working on a reply and further discussion will be held at the Schools Forum on 15 September.

[Fair school funding for all: completing our reforms to the National Funding Formula \(education.gov.uk\)](https://www.education.gov.uk)

De-delegation of trade union dues – paper to be carried forward to next meeting.

### **SCHOOLS OUTTURN STATEMENT FOR 2020-21**

The schools outturn statement for 2020-21 is shown below for schools' revenue accounts. These are maintained schools only. From the table the overall movement in balances is an increase of £2,743k from the previous year. Of this, Primary school balances increased by £1,295k, secondary schools increased their balances by £1,436k and special schools increased by £12k. Covid funding, reduced costs on staff, educational supplies, catering and trips, due to school closures led to these increases.

Many refurbishment projects were delayed to 2021-22 which resulted in some schools with an excess surplus. These schools are in the process or have prepared plans to show how they intend to use their excess surplus in accordance with the surplus policy. Plans received so far fit the excess surplus policy and spend will be monitored by SCC.

In general schools with deficits have managed to reduce their deficits and are following deficit recovery plans. Three schools have successfully returned to a balanced budget. Two schools have been issued with a Notice of Concern.

**Detail position by school. Please note maintained schools only**

School Revenue Budgets	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Movement £
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**PRIMARY SCHOOLS:**

Hardmoor EYC	280,322	510,981	230,659
Bassett Green Primary	145,068	355,898	210,830
Valentine Primary	775,947	670,515	(105,431)
St Monica Primary	326,182	59,675	(266,507)
Mansbridge Primary	(14,770)	37,076	51,846
Townhill Junior	(92,505)	146,868	239,372
Shirley Warren Primary	(15,340)	56,551	71,890
St Patricks Primary	348,340	238,846	(109,493)
	<b>1,753,244</b>	<b>2,076,410</b>	<b>323,166</b>

Newlands Primary	(212,655)	(248,342)	(35,687)
Sinclair Primary School	(104,937)	(217,011)	(112,075)
Mansel Primary	(163,796)	(230,854)	(67,058)
Bevois Town Primary	(30,844)	(102,689)	(71,845)
Bitterne Manor Primary	(104,231)	(40,150)	64,082
Bitterne Park Primary	(252,872)	(330,109)	(77,238)
Mount Pleasant Junior	(116,166)	(111,105)	5,061
Maytree Infant	(124,336)	(213,159)	(88,823)
St Denys Primary	(60,122)	(108,677)	(48,555)
St Johns Primary and Nursery	(64,892)	(125,680)	(60,789)
Swaythling Primary	(79,734)	(69,777)	9,958
Woolston Infant	(83,310)	(130,683)	(47,373)
Banister Infant	(138,028)	(179,162)	(41,134)
Redbridge Primary	(54,073)	(68,139)	(14,066)
Moorlands Primary	19,604	(148,287)	(167,891)
Oakwood Primary	(32,950)	(62,545)	(29,595)
Fairisle Infant	(22,935)	(117,464)	(94,528)
Fairisle Junior	(297,307)	(376,422)	(79,115)
Foundry Lane Primary	(142,497)	(304,916)	(162,419)
Mason Moor Primary	(90,443)	(110,797)	(20,353)
Bitterne CofE Primary	(21,424)	(38,504)	(17,080)
St Marks Primary	(87,017)	(94,672)	(7,654)
St Marys Primary	(756,617)	(899,899)	(143,281)
Highfield Primary	(56,712)	(149,596)	(92,884)
Holy Family Primary	(163,852)	(381,725)	(217,872)
	<b>(3,242,148)</b>	<b>(4,860,362)</b>	<b>(1,618,214)</b>

Total	<b>(1,488,904)</b>	<b>(2,783,952)</b>	<b>(1,295,049)</b>
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**SECONDARY SCHOOLS:**

Woodlands Secondary	406,668	260,636	(146,032)
Chamberlayne college for the Arts	988,145	980,163	(7,982)
	<b>1,394,814</b>	<b>1,240,800</b>	<b>(154,014)</b>

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Regents Park Community College	166,418	(175,251)	(341,670)
Bitterne Park Secondary	411,295	(88,528)	(499,823)
Redbridge Secondary	(995,998)	(961,508)	34,490
Cantell Secondary	(254,656)	(487,726)	(233,070)
St George Catholic V.A. College	(546,124)	(788,329)	(242,206)
	<b>(1,219,064)</b>	<b>(2,501,343)</b>	<b>(1,282,278)</b>

Total	<b>175,749</b>	<b>(1,260,543)</b>	<b>(1,436,292)</b>
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**SPECIAL SCHOOLS:**

Polygon	564,639	474,062	(90,577)
Vermont	191,485	99,131	(92,355)
Compass	(50,947)	222,310	273,258
	<b>705,177</b>	<b>795,503</b>	<b>90,326</b>
Springwell	(173,021)	(164,873)	8,149
Cedar	529	(109,785)	(110,314)
	<b>(172,492)</b>	<b>(274,658)</b>	<b>(102,165)</b>
Total	<b>532,685</b>	<b>520,845</b>	<b>(11,839)</b>
Grand Total	<b>(780,469)</b>	<b>(3,523,650)</b>	<b>(2,743,181)</b>

### **DSG OVERSPEND UPDATE**

The cumulative DSG overspend is £8.9m. This includes a brought forward deficit of £7.4m of which £6.4m was from the High Needs budget. The table below shows the key variances contributing to the over spend within the DSG in 2020-21.

As noted in the December 2020 report of the High Needs working Group, the demand for High Needs support is under huge pressure from increasing demand and higher levels of complex cases.

The DSG variance is 6.2% (of the total SCC DSG grant of £143m) and a recovery plan over 3 years is required. Some of the recovery has been helped with the 17% increase in the High Needs allocation for 2020/21 which amounted to £4.2m, and the deficit will be further helped by the transfer of the schools block surplus of £228k agreed in March 2021 Schools Forum. Local capacity is increasing by around 150 special school places from Sept 2020 to Sept 2021. This should start to reduce the need for expensive out of city placements.

The variance on the Early Years budget has arisen due to the known ongoing pressures on Govt. funded hours and loss of income from Covid closures.

#### Key variances:2020-21

	Description	£'000
AC0752	DSG - Early years	267
AC0840	Early Years & Childcare Plan	97
AC0620	Start Point Sholing	349
AC0630	Start Point Northam	144
	Early years - other	43
AC0650	Pupils with Statements	329
AC0500	Children Looked After Packages	(166)
AC0790	Inclusion Management and Admin	(178)
AC0800	MARP - Education Placements	301
AC0810	Special School Funding	599
	High Needs other	(140)

Schools ISB/ CSSB	(131)
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b/f from 2019/20 – of which £6.4m was High Needs.	7,420
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<b>Pressure</b>	<b><u><u>8,934</u></u></b>