

Schools Forum 15th September 2021 -Finance Data

Secondary school expansion and Growth Funding

The current growth funding policy (for 2021-22) is based on a lump sum banded for a full/three quarter/half/or quarter of a class, based on the costs of a teacher plus 0.5 TA plus costs. For a full year the amount is £56,200 primary and £72,500 secondary. Maintained schools receive 7/12 of this Sept to March and full funding from April.

A question for schools' forum is to whether this policy and amount should be updated for 2022-23 to account for increased staff and resources costs.

The DfE are looking to change to a standardised approach as per the NFF consultation which would impact in 2023-24.

National Funding Formula Consultation

An email was sent to schools in the Summer asking whether they wished to give their views to SCC for a joint response. We have not received any responses so far. Within Southampton we have been broadly following the DfE NFF. Trade union dues, PFI, and growth funding are still agreed by the Schools Forum. SCC proposes to respond per the attached.

Information on the National Formula for 2022-23

National Funding Formula 2022-23	Provisional 2022-23	Actual 2021-22	Change %
Funding block	£'m	£'m	
Schools	166.89	164.20	2%
High Needs	37.64	33.97	11%
Central Services	1.73	1.85	-6%
	<u>206.27</u>	<u>200.02</u>	3%

Notes

National core funding has increased to £40bn from £38.9bn.

Pupil characteristics data is from the 2021-22 APT and GAG. IDACI data is still based on 2019.

Minimum funding per pupil is £4,650 primary, and £6,217 secondary

High Needs has increased nationally by 9.6% to £8.05bn

The Central Services block has reduced due to the 20% reduction in funding for historic services ie MASH, and gradual loss of protection for historic rates.

Unprotected rate is £39.43 but SCC receives £44.90 per pupil. This grant is still due to decrease in future years.

SCC currently follows the NFF in most aspects and the main changes to the provisional data will be as a result of the October census and changes to pupil numbers

Trade Union Fund

Trade Union Dues -Primary schools

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	Actuals	Actuals	Budget
Costs	£	£	£
NEU	9,502	26,659	
NASWUT	1,224	10,567	
NUT	24,394	-	
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	35,120	37,226	38,000
Academy schools	(7,596)	(8,395)	(8,400)
Special schools	(859)	(986)	(1,000)
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	26,661	27,845	28,600
De-delegation			(42,300)
Surplus b/f			(83,100)
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			<u>(96,800)</u>

IFRS 16

IFRS 16 (International Financial Reporting Standard) – the financial treatment of leases has been deferred to April 2022. The 2020-21 year end is a good opportunity to review what ‘leases’ information is held by schools so as to prepare for the start of 2022-23 financial reporting year.

Other SCC IT system changes – for SCC maintained schools

SCC has moved to Microsoft edge, and the old SBS (Schools Budgeting System) is not compatible with this. The SCC business world team have set up a working party. The options are to replace SBS as a function on business world or are looking at external systems that could interface with business world. Both have costs attached. Those schools who expressed an interest in the working party will be contacted soon to review the possible systems.

Scheme for Financing schools

An updated version is attached for schools to review, with the aim of a formal approval in November 2021.