SUBJECT: LA UPDATE ON DFE/ESFA FUNDING & 2021/22 OUTTURN

DATE: 15 JUNE 2022

RECIPIENT: SCHOOLS FORUM

SUMMARY:

Update of DFE/ESFA funding to provide update on

1. Schools supplementary grant 2022/23

2. Recovery Premium Funding 2022/23

Update of 2021/22 outturn

- 3. Schools Balances
- 4. DSG Update

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

LA UPDATE ON DFE/ESFA FUNDING

- The DFE/ESFA have published the allocations to schools for the schools supplementary grant (SSG) 2022/23. The funding has been calculated on the following factors:
 - a. a basic per-pupil rate (with different rates for primary, key stage 3 and key stage 4)
 - b. a lump sum paid to all schools, regardless of pupil numbers
 - c. a per-pupil rate for pupils who are recorded as having been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (FSM6), with different rates for primary and secondary pupils.
- Local authorities and academies should receive their payments for 2022 to 2023 in two tranches. Payments will be made in May 2022 (for local authorities) and June 2022 (for academies) to cover April 2022 to August 2022, and in October 2022 (for local authorities) and November 2022 (for academies) to cover September 2022 to March 2023.
- The SSG will not part of schools budget shares and is not part of the individual schools' budget. It is not to be counted when calculating the minimum funding guarantee. SSG will be incorporated into core budget allocations for 2023 to 2024.
- 4. The DfE have updated their schools Recovery Premium information for 2022-23 at

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/recovery-premium-funding/recovery-premium-funding. For mainstream schools, pupil eligibility will be the same as in 2021/22. For other eligible schools, and special educational needs units in mainstream schools, recovery premium allocations will be based on all pupils registered at the school.

5. The recovery premium conditions of grant for the 2022 to 2023 academic year state that schools must not use the grant to meet their portion of the costs of tuition provided through the National Tutoring Programme (NTP). Schools should meet those costs from their existing sources of income, such as core funding and pupil premium. Recovery premium is additional funding to provide further education recovery support on top of the subsidised NTP offer.

2021/22 OUTTURN

- 6. The schools outturn statement for 2021/22 is shown in Appendix A for schools revenue accounts, these are maintained schools only. Two schools converted to academy during 2021/22, one had a deficit balance which was met by the council's general fund. The overall balance of the remaining 43 maintained schools has reduced by £1.07m.
- 7. The following table summarises the movement in school balances of the 43 maintained schools at the end of March 2022

Description of Movement	Number of schools	Sum of Movement
Increased Deficit	8	874,859
reduced deficit	3	(354,164)
Used surplus	17	1,692,520
increased surplus	12	(1,255,149)
recovered deficit	1	(80,107)
gone into deficit	2	196,110
	43	1,074,070

- 8. The outturn for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is an £11.09M cumulative deficit which includes £0.15M for Covid-19 related pressures. The variance includes a cumulative DSG deficit of £8.93M brought forward from 2020/21. The DSG Grant is ring-fenced and the deficit will not currently impact on the General Fund and non-school services the Council provides. Pressures on the High Needs services is a nationally recognised issue with significant pressures reported in most local authorities.
- 9. The deficit in the High Needs block is being driven by significant annual increases in numbers and complexity of Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs).
- 10. The Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND) team have an ongoing strategic review of the High Needs activity to manage demand for SEND services. This includes increasing resources for earlier intervention and providing additional places in special

- schools to reduce the number of pupils being placed in highly expensive placements in independent school settings.
- 11. There continues to be pressures in the Early Year's block funding arising from reduced funding, both in year and prior year adjustments, because of a reduction in children being placed in Early Year's settings and loss of income from Covid closures.
- 12. The following table summarises the movements in the DSG balances:

	£M
Balance brought forward from 2020/21	8.93
Early Years Pressures 2021/22	0.93
High Needs Pressures 2021/22	0.86
Covid-19 Pressures	0.15
Other Schools/CSSB	0.22
Carry Forward Deficit (Cumulative)	11.09

13. The following table summarises the key variances within the DSG budgets:

Description	£'000
Pupils with EHCP's	916
Early Years Sen Funding	182
OLA Special School Placements	344
MARP - Education Placements	(868)
Special School Funding	302
Pupil Referral Unit (EL460)	123
Early Years Funding	732
Start Point Sholing	139
Schools ISB / CSSB	220
Other	68
Total	2,158

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APPENDIX A

School	Revenue ba March 2021 £	lance as at March 2022 £	Movement in year £
Nursery and Alternative Provision.			
Hardmoor EYC	510,981	690,637	179,657
Alternative Learning Provision	222,310	350,455	128,144
Primary schools			
Newlands Primary	(248,342)	(268,556)	(20,215)
Sinclair Primary School	(217,011)	(149,239)	67,773
Mansel Primary	(230,854)	(242,235)	(11,380)
Bassett Green Primary	355,898	529,028	173,130
Bevois Town Primary	(102,689)	(109,359)	(6,670)
Bitterne Manor Primary	(40,150)	(19,173)	20,976
Bitterne Park Primary	(330,109)	(233,267)	96,842
Mount Pleasant Junior	(111,105)	(34,084)	77,022
Maytree Infant	(213,159)	(100,837)	112,321
Valentine Primary	670,515	685,508	14,992
St Denys Primary	(108,677)	(132,017)	(23,341)
St Johns Primary and Nursery	(125,680)	(266,572)	(140,892)
St Monica Primary	59,675	(20,432)	(80,107)
Swaythling Primary	(69,777)	(39,720)	30,057
Banister Infant	(179,162)	(140,944)	38,219
Mansbridge Primary	37,076	142,215	105,138
Redbridge Primary	(68,139)	(28,126)	40,013
Moorlands Primary	(148,287)	(138,203)	10,084
Townhill Junior	146,868	321,734	174,866
Oakwood Primary	(62,545)	7,010	69,555
Fairisle Infant	(117,464)	(54,056)	63,407
Fairisle Junior	(376,422)	(251,840)	124,582
Foundry Lane Primary	(304,916)	(323,043)	(18,127)
Shirley Warren Primary	56,551	127,116	70,566
Mason Moor Primary	(110,797)	(151,254)	(40,458)
Bitterne CofE Primary	(38,504)	(34,953)	3,550
St Marks Primary	(94,672)	31,883	126,555
St Marys Primary	(899,899)	(269,928)	629,971
Highfield Primary	(149,596)	(125,484)	24,112
Holy Family Primary	(381,725)	(228,028)	153,697
St Patricks Primary	238,846	121,192	(117,655)
Secondary schools	(475.054)	(E 40 000)	(0.07, 40.6)
Regents Park Community College	(175,251)	(542,688)	(367,436)
Redbridge Secondary	(961,508)	(801,598)	159,910
Bitterne Park Secondary	(88,528)	(352,173)	(263,645)
Woodlands Secondary	260,636	83,383	(177,253)
Cantell Secondary	(487,726)	(791,276)	(303,550)
St George Catholic V.A. College	(788,329)	(821,941)	(33,612)
Special schools	(164 972)	(100 606)	(25.924)
Springwell	(164,873)	(190,696)	(25,824)
Cedar	(109,785)	(69,800) 502,428	39,985
Polygon Vermont	474,062	502,428 30,874	28,366
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