

2.2 - Annex B1

Central Expenditure Schools, Growth and De-delegation

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To advise the Schools Forum of the central school's expenditure, growth and de-delegation for the financial year 2021/22.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To **note** the expenditure budgets for 2021/22 to be funded from the Central School Services Block (CSSB), as agreed at the [10 December 2020](#) schools forum meeting.
- 2.2 To **note** the allocations from the Growth Fund for 2021/22 funded from the Schools Block; £0.961m in the primary sector and £0.354m in the secondary sector (the weighted pupil numbers and growth fund criteria were approved at the [15 October 2020](#) schools forum meeting).
- 2.3 To **note** the delegated budgets for 2021/22 to be funded from the Schools Block as agreed at the [15 October 2020](#) schools forum meeting.
- 2.4 To **vote** on delegation of Schools Insurance Services from 2021/22 for maintained primary and secondary schools only (see para 4.7).

3 Central Expenditure (other than high needs)

- 3.1 The School and Early Years Finance Regulations 2021 restrict the funding that LAs can hold centrally. To support the move to the national funding formula, the DfE separated the schools block into two blocks, the Schools Block and the Central School Services Block (CSSB). Growth will remain funded from the schools block.

4 Central Services Schools Block

4.1 The LA **may** include the following budgets in their central services with the agreement of the Schools Forum. The DfE will adjudicate where the Schools Forum does not agree with the LA's proposal.

4.2 A total budget of **£1.701m** is required and the funding allocation of £1.654m will leave a shortfall in funding of £0.047m. This shortfall will be funded from a re-charge to the high needs block to reflect their use of these services (as was the case in 2020/21).

- **Admissions** – £0.611m has been allocated to support the operation of the system of admissions of pupils to schools and in relation to appeals. This is an increase of £0.028m to reflect inflationary costs and pay awards across the service.
- **Schools Forum** – £0.035m has been allocated to cover the LA's statutory functions on establishing, maintenance of and consultation with the Schools Forum. This is an increase of £0.001m to reflect inflationary costs and pay awards.
- **Former ESG Retained Duties** – These are budgets held centrally by the LA to support central services that were formerly (prior to 2017/18) funded by the Education Services Grant (ESG). This includes the following budgets held centrally by the LA:
 - Education welfare, including school attendance £0.059m.
 - Asset management including management of the capital programme £0.157m.
 - Statutory and regulatory duties, including planning for the education service and provision of information £0.240m.
 - Formulation and review of the school funding formula, monitoring of expenditure and internal audit review £0.227m.
 - SACRE (Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education) £0.012m.
- **Miscellaneous** – This covers £0.018m for School Trips and £0.005m for School Closure Texting Service.
- **Centrally Employed Teachers Pension Contributions** - £0.106m. This is new funding in the CSSB for 2021/22 as it will no longer be paid as a separate grant as in 2020/21.
- **CLA and MPA Licence Fees** - the LA **must** include the following budget in their central school's expenditure budgets, although the Schools Forum should be consulted. These rates are set by the DfE annually. The budget has been set at £0.231m to cover the cost in 2021/22. This has remained consistent with the 2020/21 charge.

Growth Fund – Schools Block

- 4.3 Funding for growing schools (including any pre-opening and weighted pupil adjustments for pupils not yet on census) must be funded from the schools block with the agreement of the schools forum. The DfE will adjudicate where the schools forum does not agree with the LA’s proposal.
- 4.4 The weighted pupil numbers and the growth fund criteria for new schemes from 2021/22 were agreed at the Schools Forum meeting on [15 October 2020](#) (Item 2.3). The final budget will include 30 secondary contingency placements, the draft budget allowed 90 secondary contingency places.
- **Growth Fund** – The budget has been set at £1.315m for 2021/22. The details of all the growth fund allocation are set out in Annex B2. This annex also includes the full cost of growth for pupils to be funded via the formula.

De-Delegated Budgets

- 4.5 Funding for de-delegated services must be allocated through the funding formula but can be de-delegated for maintained primary and secondary schools with school’s forum approval.
- 4.6 The budgets to be de-delegated for facilities time and ethnic minority achievement and the basis on which the funding is being taken out of the formula were agreed at the schools forum meeting on [15 October 2020](#) (Item 2.4). Only items for the primary sector were proposed.

Schools Insurance – Primary and Secondary Schools De-delegation Vote

- 4.7 Maintained schools can collectively agree through an annual vote at the school’s forum, that a service should be centrally funded because it provides better value or pools risk. This only applies to specific items as set out in The School and Early Years Finance Regulations 2021.
- 4.8 The 2021/22 MK Schools Insurance offer was discussed at the schools forum meeting on [10 December 2020](#) (item 2.5). Further to that discussion a survey consultation has been carried out with all primary and secondary maintained schools on whether to de-delegate insurance services for 2021/22. The results of this survey can be seen below:

Question	Yes	No
Do you agree that all maintained schools (primary and secondary), should delegate funding from the school’s block to cover the costs of insurance through the LA?	29 72.5%	11 27.5%

	Very Likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
If this was offered as a traded service instead how likely are you to take up this offer?	27 67.5%	9 22.5%	3 7.5%	1 2.5%

Since the December forum meeting it has been confirmed that the RPA charges for 2021/22 will be £19 per pupil, updated costs are shown below:

Policy	£ per pupil
RPA 2021/22	£19.00
MKC 2021/22	£17.75
MKC 2022/23, 2023/24	£18.00

- 4.9 Any unspent de-delegated funding at the year-end may be carried forward to the following year for the purpose for which it was originally de-delegated or redistributed back to schools if the service will no longer be continuing.

Central Services	2020/21 Budget £m	2020/21 Forecast £m	2021/22 Budget £m	Budget Change £m
Admissions	0.583	0.583	0.611	0.028
Schools Forum	0.034	0.034	0.035	0.001
ESG Retained Duties	0.670	0.670	0.695	0.025
Miscellaneous	0.025	0.025	0.023	-0.002
CLA and MPA Licence Fees	0.231	0.231	0.231	0.000
Centrally Employed Teachers Pension	0.000	0.000	0.106	0.106
Contribution from high needs	-0.047	-0.047	-0.047	0.000
Total	1.496	1.496	1.654	0.158
Central Schools Expenditure	2020/21 Budget £m	2020/21 Forecast £m	2021/22 Budget £m	Budget Change £m
Growth Fund - Primary	0.896	0.896	0.961	0.065
Growth Fund - Secondary	0.813	0.535	0.354	-0.459
Total	1.709	1.431	1.315	-0.394
De-Delegated Budgets	2020/21 Budget £m	2020/21 Forecast £m	2021/22 Budget £m	Budget Change £m
LA Maintained Primary Schools				
Facilities Time	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.000
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	0.232	0.232	0.000	-0.232
Support for Minority Ethnic Pupils*	0.108	0.108	0.110	0.002
Total	0.395	0.395	0.165	-0.230

* The method of allocation will be 50% per pupil funding and 50% of English as an additional language as agreed with schools forum members.