

CENTRAL EXPENDITURE LIMIT

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1. Annex A to this report shows the Central Expenditure Limit (CEL) calculation inclusive of technical updates to the budgets (i.e. price and volume changes), but prior to any amendments resulting from any of the specific issues addressed on the agenda. It can be seen from this that the central expenditure is well within the limit.

2. Annex B shows the CEL calculation including the following amendments
 - a) Increases to deprivation funding within the ISB (Item 9d)
 - b) Compensation to new secondary schools (Item 7) as well as the adjustment to Non-AWPU factors in the formula to recognise the growth of the new schools by an additional year group in September.
 - c) Additional funding for primary FSMs (Item 6)
 - d) Funding for the LACET from central budgets within the Schools Budget (Item 9a)
 - e) A provision within central budgets to cover potential costs arising from a review of the appropriate cost allocations between social care placements and the Independent Special Schools budget. (Item 9a)

3. The items listed above are not intended to prejudge the decisions of the Forum on the individual items, but simply to allow such decisions to be made within a context of understanding the likely impact upon the CEL.

4. Annex B does not include the impact of delegating rather than devolving funds in respect of secondary Alternative Education. If this were done it would appreciably increase the CEL, whilst at the same time substantially reducing central expenditure.

5. Based on the assumptions outlined above Annex B shows that central expenditure is still within the CEL. Depending upon the decisions made by the Forum with regard to the individual items on the agenda the position may alter.