

2018/19 Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement and Budget

Schools Forum

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Settings Affected:	The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is ring fenced funding provided by the DfE to meet the educational needs of Early Years, school age and all 0 to 25 year old high need pupils, any decisions on how the grant is utilised directly affects all settings.

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1. This report provides Schools Forum members with an update on the estimated value of the Dedicated Schools Grant ('DSG') and other funding that will be available in 2018/19. There are four funding blocks in 2018/19, Schools, High Needs, Early Years and a new block for 2018/19 the Central Schools Services Block. This report also provides estimates of the level of expenditure that will be allocated to Early Years, Schools and Academies, High Needs settings and centrally retained budgets.
- 1.2. The Local Authority ('LA') is required to submit the Authority Pro-forma Tool on 19th January 2018 to the Education and Skills Funding Agency ('ESFA'). This tool calculates individual Primary and Secondary School and Academy budgets for 2018/19. It uses the 2017 October Schools Census information. The LA is also required to provide maintained schools with budget information by 28th February 2018.
- 1.3. This report includes expenditure proposals for all High Needs block funded items including: High Needs students in Mainstream schools, Special schools, Special Resource Provisions, Alternative Provision, Post-16 and Further Education, Independent and Non-Maintained Special Schools and Other Local Authority Commissioned High Needs provision.
- 1.4. The LA is required to submit the Section 251 Budget Statement to the ESFA by 30th March 2018. An integral part of this financial statement is the use of the Dedicated Schools Grant. Schools Forum is required to agree various aspects of the DSG budget, and the LA is required to consider the recommendations of the Schools Forum in setting the remainder of the Dedicated Schools Grant Budget. This report forms a critical part of that budget setting process.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Members of Schools Forum are now asked to note the following points relating to the 2018/19 DSG Funding Settlement:

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- 2.1.1. The Early Years block 2018/19 DSG settlement will be subject to revisions by the Department for Education ('DfE') in light of Early Years census information in January 2018 and 2019. The final settlement will not be confirmed until July 2019. (Para. 3.3 to Para. 3.7)
- 2.1.2. The estimated DSG balance at the end of 2018/19 is expected to be £0.258m. (Para. 3.17)
- 2.1.3. Swindon expects to receive a total DSG settlement of £176.765m in 2018/19. (Para. 3.18)
- 2.2. In respect of the 2018/19 DSG expenditure budget, Members of Schools Forum are now asked to:
 - 2.2.1. Agree the proposed 2018/19 Early Years funding rates as shown in Table 7, which will take effect from 1st April 2018 (Para. 3.25)
 - 2.2.2. Agree a 2018/19 Early Years budget of £14.025m as shown in Table 7 (Para. 3.25)
 - 2.2.3. Note that a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment was completed during Autumn 2017 and a strategy will be drafted once the final report has been published (Para. 3.28)
 - 2.2.4. Agree that the retained budget or reserves created from an underspend of the retained Early Years extended hours entitlement can be used to create the additional Early years places required (Para. 3.28 and Para. 3.29)
 - 2.2.5. Advise which of the three school funding formula is the preferred option as per the detail in Appendix A (Para. 3.33 to 3.35)
 - 2.2.6. Note that the completed APT must be returned to the ESFA by 19th January 2018 (Para. 3.33)
 - 2.2.7. Note that following the implementation of one of the three school funding options the DSG budget will be balanced within its funding blocks as detailed in Table 9 (Para 3.36)
 - 2.2.8. Note the Notional SEN funding top ups budget for 2018/19, a total of £0.400m. (Para. 3.41)
 - 2.2.9. Agree the following de-delegations for one year from April 2018, each phase of maintained school will need to agree for their sector.
 - 2.2.9.1. Free School Meal eligibility administration will be charged at £4.80 per pupil in 2018/19 and is supported until 31st March 2019. (Para. 3.46.1)

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- 2.2.9.2. Trade Union release time will be charged at £1.25 per pupil in 2018/19 and is supported until 31st March 2019. (Para. 3.46.2)
- 2.2.9.3. Nylands Campus Outreach Team will be charged at £12.33 per primary pupil in 2018/19 and is supported until 31st March 2019. (Para. 3.46.3)
- 2.2.10. Agree a total 2018/19 pupil growth budget of £0.508m. (Para. 3.49.6)
- 2.2.11. Agree the Central Schools Services block Budget:
 - 2.2.11.1. Agree the Admissions budget (Para. 3.51.1)
 - 2.2.11.2. Agree the Schools Subscriptions and Licenses budget (Para. 3.51.2)
 - 2.2.11.3. Agree the Schools Forum budget (Para. 3.51.3)
 - 2.2.11.4. Agree the Travellers Children budget (Para. 3.51.4)
 - 2.2.11.5. Agree the Equal Pay budget (Para. 3.51.5)
 - 2.2.11.6. Note the value of the Statutory Services for all pupils budget is £0.523m (Para. 3.51.6)
- 2.2.12. Note the Schools Block budget £131.117m for 2018/19 as shown in Table 12 (Para. 3.52)
- 2.2.13. Note the place funding budget for 2018/19 of £7.310m. (Para. 3.57)
- 2.2.14. Note the top-up funding budget for 2018/19 of £9.161m. (Para. 3.59)
- 2.2.15. Note the proposed introduction of a new supplement is provided for Reception to Year 11 pupils in SRPs that do not receive an average of £4,000 of mainstream funding plus £6,000 place funding (Para. 3.62)
- 2.2.16. Note that a Minimum Funding Guarantee budget for specialist settings is not expected to be required (Para. 3.63)
- 2.2.17. Members of the School Forum are now asked to give a view on the Local Authority's proposals for High Needs Budgets as described in paragraphs 3.64 to 3.80 of this report, and listed below:
 - 2.2.17.1. Alternative Provision (Para. 3.64 to 3.69)
 - 2.2.17.2. Commissioned High Needs Services (Para. 3.70 to 3.71)
 - 2.2.17.3. Post 16 High Needs Budgets (Para. 3.72)

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2.2.17.4. Mainstream School Top Up Funding (Para. 3.73 to 3.74)

2.2.17.5. External Placements (Pre 16) (Para. 3.75 to 3.76)

2.2.17.6. High Needs Contingency (Para. 3.77)

2.2.17.7. Other Centrally Retained High Needs Services (Para. 3.78)

3. Dedicated Schools Grant Funding Settlement 2018/19

3.1. On 19th December 2017 the Education and Skills Funding Agency ('ESFA') released information on the Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement for 2018/19. The DSG for 2018/19 comprises:

- Early Years block covering:
 - Funding for disadvantaged two year olds.
 - The three and four year old entitlement; universal and 30 hours
 - The Early Years pupil premium
- Schools block - based on the new National Fair Funding formula, this is October 2017 census pupil numbers multiplied by the Primary Unit of Funding ('PUF') and the Secondary Unit of Funding ('SUF') announced in September 2017.
- High needs block – based on the new High Needs National Fair Funding formula, which is an allocation per head of the population aged 2-18yrs plus an amount for each commissioned place, plus funding for the Great Western Hospital ('GWH') School and Marlborough House, less £0.006m per place for 41 places as Swindon Borough Council is considered by the ESFA to be a net exporter of pupils.
- Central Schools Services Block ('CSSB') is a new funding block from 2018/19. The CSSB contains the funding for the LA's statutory services for all pupils in maintained schools and academies and the funding for the centrally retained budgets for Admissions, Schools Forum, Travellers Children, National Copyright licences for all schools and academies and the Equal Pay annual repayments.

3.2. The first part of this report describes the DSG settlement in more detail and attempts to add information on some of the aspects of the settlement that are still to be more formally announced. Further adjustments to the settlement information are expected for:

- Academies recoupment from the schools block

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- Deductions for high needs places in academies and non-maintained special schools will be updated March 18 for September 2018 academic year place numbers
- Net import/export adjustment will be updated for January 2018 school census and February R06 2016/17 Individualised Learner Record data (ILR)
- Deduction for national copyright licences for all schools and academies
- Updates to the funding for three and four year olds
- Initial allocations for disadvantaged two year olds and
- Updates to the Early Years pupil premium

Early Years - Disadvantaged 2 year old free nursery education DSG

- 3.3. This funding is paid on a participation model (Part Time Equivalent or “PTE”) whereby the level of grant to be paid to the LA will be based on the January 2018 EY census (5/12) and the January 2019 EY census (7/12). Each pupil is entitled to a maximum 15 hours of education per week, which equates to 570 hours per year. The PTE census figure is then multiplied by a DfE determined hourly rate for Swindon of £5.32 which equates to £3,032.40 per child per year.
- 3.4. The LA will therefore need to revise its DSG estimate throughout the year and will not know the final 2018/19 grant value until July 2019. The latest estimate for 2018/19 is based on the projected position for January 2018. The LA has assumed for income budget planning purposes that there will be no overall increase in the number of pupils between January 2018 and January 2019, any increases will result in a matching increase in the cost of provision. Any increases in pupil numbers between January 2018 and August 2018 need to be funded from within the Swindon DSG budget, there is no additional funding provided by the ESFA.

Table 1 - Disadvantaged 2 year old DSG estimate 2018/19				
	Esti- mated Census	PTE equivalent	Funding	Estimated DSG @ £3,032.40
Jan 18 estimated count	600	250	5/12	£758,315
Jan 19 estimated count	600	350	7/12	£1,061,641
Total DSG 2 year old funding				£1,819,956

Early Years DSG - Free nursery education for all 3 and 4 year olds

- 3.5. Funding will continue to be based on participation as measured by the January 2018 (5/12) and January 2019 (7/12) EY censuses. The participation (PTE) census figure is then multiplied by a DfE determined hourly rate of £4.54 for

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Swindon which equates to £2,587.80 per child per year. The final 2018/19 grant value will not be confirmed until July 2019.

- 3.6. The LA will therefore need to revise its DSG estimate throughout the year and will not know the final 2018/19 grant value until July 2019. The latest estimate for 2018/19 is based on the projected position for January 2018. The LA has assumed for income budget planning purposes that there will be no overall increase in the number of pupils between January 2018 and January 2019, any increases will result in a matching increase in the cost of provision. Any increases in pupil numbers between January 2018 and August 2018 need to be funded from within the Swindon DSG budget, as there is no additional funding provided by the ESFA.
- 3.7. The proposed budget includes an allowance for funding and costs associated with the increase to 30 hours of provision, based on the ESFA's estimate of 928.8 pupils taking up this option during 2018/19

Table 2 - 3 and 4 year old DSG estimate 2018/19		
	PTE equivalent	Estimated DSG @ £2,587.80
No of Pupils included in settlement	3,732.17	£9,658,101
Disability Access Fund ('DAF')	81.30	£50,400
30 Hours funding	928.80	£2,403,549
Total DSG 3 & 4 year old funding		£12,112,050

Early Years Pupil Premium

- 3.8. The DSG settlement includes an amount of **£0.093m** for the Early Years Pupil Premium. This funding will be paid to Early Years providers in support of 3 and 4 year olds whose parents are in receipt of various state funded income supplements.
- 3.9. This is a provisional settlement and will be amended to reflect the pupils on the January 2018 census; initial allocations will be announced in summer 2018. The allocations will be updated in summer 2019 based on 5/12 of January 2018 and 7/12 of January 2019 census numbers.
- 3.10. Providers will be paid at a rate of £0.53 per hour, which equates to £302.10 for every 3 or 4 year old that takes up the full 570 hours entitlement.

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Overview of Early Years DSG Settlement

- 3.11. The table below shows the overview of the £14.025m funding anticipated to be received for the Early Years block.

Table 3 - Estimated Early Years Settlement 2018/19	Estimated 2016 Settlement
	£m
2 Year Olds	1.820
3-4 Year Olds (Universal) *	9.658
30 hours funding *	2.404
Disability Access Fund	0.050
EY Pupil Premium	0.093
Estimated EY Settlement 2018/19	14.025
*Total budget for 3&4 yr olds £12.062m plus DAF £0.050m	

Schools Block DSG

- 3.12. This element of the DSG can be determined accurately from the outset as funding for 2018/19 will be based on the October 2017 school census multiplied by two DfE determined rates of £3,735.80 per primary pupil or £4,894.86 per secondary pupil.
- 3.13. Table 4 below shows the Schools Block DSG Unit of Funding for 2017/18 and the Units of funding for 2018/19, the actual unit of funding received for 2017/18 and 2018/19 Schools Block funding settlement of **£131.776m**.
- 3.14. At the meeting held on 5th December 2017, and following the autumn consultations with schools and academies, Schools Forum agreed to the transfer of 0.5% of 2018/19 Schools Block to the High Needs Block. This equates to £0.659m and the Schools Block after this transfer will be **£131.117m**.

Table 4 – Schools Block DSG Unit of Funding 2018/19			
	School Census October 2016	School Census October 2017	Change
Primary	20,027	20,391	364
Secondary	10,483	10,662	179
Total Pupil Numbers	30,510	31,053	543

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Schools Block Unit of Funding*	£4,154.42		
Primary Unit of Funding ('PUF')		£3,735.80	(£20.66)
Secondary Unit of Funding ('SUF')		£4,894.86	
Growth per pupil		£25.48	£25.48
Premises Factors – Rates per pupil		£49.79	£49.79
Premises Factors – PFI per pupil		£34.53	£34.73
Total Schools Block Unit of Funding	£4,154.42	£4,243.57	£89.15
	£m	£m	£m
Schools Block Funding	126.751*	131.776	5.024
Transfer of 0.5% to HN Block	N/A	(0.659)	N/A
School Block after Transfer	N/A	131.117	N/A
<i>*2017/18 included remainder of ESG grant (funding for Statutory Services for all pupils, in 2018/19 this element of DSG funding is in Central Schools Services Block</i>			

High Needs Block DSG

- 3.15. There is a new High Needs National Funding Formula ('HN NFF') for 2018/19, including £0.004m basic entitlement per commissioned place plus £579 per head of population aged 2-18 years, plus funding for the Great Western Hospital and Marlborough House £0.470m less a net export adjustment of £0.246m. The ESFA have allocated funding of **£30.020m** (before the deduction for direct funding of High Needs Academy and Post 16 places by the ESFA). For 2018/19 the ESFA will allow DSG movements from Schools block to High Needs block with Schools Forum agreement. Following the funding consultation with all schools and academies Schools Forum agreed to move 0.5% Schools Block (£0.659m) to the High Needs block, giving a total High Needs budget of **£30.679m**.

Central Schools Services Block

- 3.16. The Central Schools Services Block ('CSSB') is a new funding block from 2018/19. The CSSB contains the funding for the LA's statutory services for all pupils in maintained schools and academies and the funding for the centrally retained budgets for Admissions, Schools Forum, Travellers Children, National Copyright licences for all schools and academies and the Equal Pay annual repayments. For 2018/19 the funding available in the CSSB is **0.945m**.

DSG Balances

- 3.17. In accordance with DfE grant conditions the DSG must be treated by the LA as ring-fenced for specific educational purposes. The Local Authority is permitted to carry forward unused DSG between each financial year. Schools Forum regularly receives monitoring reports on the use of 2017/18 DSG. Table 5

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below shows the latest DSG balance position, which the LA anticipates continuing to hold throughout 2017/18.

Table 5 – DSG Balances Estimate 2017/18	
	£m
Opening DSG balance brought forward from 2016/17	0.568
Less support to St Luke's School (SF agreed July 2017)	(0.022)
Less - projected in year deficit (as at November 2017)	(0.288)
Projected DSG balance carried forward to 2018/19	0.258

Estimated DSG Settlement and balances In Summary

- 3.18. In Summary the total estimated Dedicated Schools Grant settlement for 2018/19 is estimated to be **£176.765m**, with an estimated carry forward from 2017/18 of **£0.288m**, as shown in the following table.

Table 6 – Total DSG Funding Estimate 2018/19		
	2016/17	2018/19
	£m	£m
Early Years	13.633	14.025
Schools Block (excl. £0.498m former Education Services Grant) *	126.751	131.117
High Needs Block (excl. £0.420m now in CSSB) *	29.813	30.679
Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) **	0.918	0.945
Newly qualified teachers funding	0.043	0.000
Estimated DSG Settlement 2018/19	171.115	176.765
Estimated 2017/18 DSG Balance	0.568	0.258
Total estimated DSG for 2018/19	171.683	177.023
*Schools and High Needs Blocks shown after 0.5% transfer of funding £0.659m		
**Central Schools Services Block is new 18/19 and the funding was previously in the Schools and High Needs Blocks		

Members of Schools Forum are now asked to note that:

- The Early Years block 2018/19 DSG settlement will be subject to revisions by the Department for Education ('DfE') in light of Early Years census information in January 2018 and 2019. The final settlement will not be confirmed until July 2019. (Para. 3.3 to Para. 3.7)
- The estimated DSG balance at the end of 2018/19 is expected to be £0.258m. (Para. 3.17)

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- **Swindon expects to receive a total DSG settlement of £176.765m in 2018/19. (Para. 3.18)**

Early Years Expenditure Proposals 2018/19

- 3.19. The DfE have confirmed Swindon's 2 year old DSG funding rate will be £5.32 per hour. Currently no increase for growth has been included within the budget, and therefore any variances will be monitored and reported on throughout the year.
- 3.20. The DfE have confirmed Swindon's 3 & 4 year old DSG funding rate of £2,587.80 per child (based on 570 hours of provision). This means that the basic rate payable will be £3.86 per hour for all settings. All settings will receive a basic uplift of £0.14 per hour such that all places will be funded at £4.00 per hour. There will be two further levels of supplement of £0.35 per hour and £0.70 per hour that are available to those settings that provide more flexibility for parents. In addition the LA is holding deprivation funding of £0.104m, which will be distributed to providers to support provision for pupils in need.
- 3.21. These proposals have been subject to a consultation with Early Years providers previously, and seek to distribute 95% of the funding received in line with government guidance. The remaining 5% is held centrally to fund staffing costs and also includes £140k for an inclusion fund. Additionally £50k is provided by the EFA for a Disability Access Fund for children claiming Disability Living Allowance.
- 3.22. Historically there has been a fall in the autumn numbers which rises again towards the spring term and the January census. The LA receives 7/12ths of funding based on the January 2018 census and based on 2017/18 budget monitoring the LA has not assumed any growth in overall pupil numbers. Any variances will be monitored throughout the year.
- 3.23. Schools Forum members are reminded that Early Years providers are entitled to be paid for any additional pupils that join after the census date, although LA does not receive any funding for increases in pupil numbers between January and August.
- 3.24. The Local Authority has established a budget of £0.093m to support the Early Years Pupil Premium. This is a sum equivalent to the initial DSG allocation announced in the settlement.

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- 3.25. The 2018/19 Early Years budgets (based on estimates of participation and the proposed funding rates) is shown in the table below.

Table 7 - 2018/19 Early Years Funding Rates and budget proposals				
	Estimated pupil places	2017/18 Rates	2018/19 Rates	2018/19 Budget £m
Disadvantaged 2 year old children · Basic hourly rate - standard per child	600	£5.32	£5.32	1.820
Total 2 year olds budget, based on planned take up by approx. 600 children at 570 hours				1.820
3 and 4 year old children · Basic hourly rate - all settings · Supplement rate 1 · Supplement rate 2 · Supplement rate 3 Contingency	4,661 2,713 624 1,324	£3.86 £0.14 £0.49 £0.84	£3.86 £0.14 £0.49 £0.84	10.255 0.216 0.174 0.634 0.080
Other payments to providers · Deprivation payments · Inclusion fund · Disability Access Fund				0.100 0.140 0.050
Central costs				0.463
Total 3 and 4 year old budget (universal and 30 hours), 4,661 PTE places including 30 hours entitlement				12.112
Early Years Pupil Premium				0.093
Total 2018/19 Early Years budget proposals				14.025

- 3.26. LAs are required to provide all Early Years' settings with indicative funding allocations prior to the start of each financial year. Schools and academies will be notified as part of their main school funding allocations. SBC is required to issue maintained school budgets by 28th February 2018. Other Early Years providers will receive letters from the Early Years team advising them of their indicative 2018/19 funding by the end of February.

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- 3.27. Local authorities must pay 1% of the overall 3 and 4 year old budget as deprivation funding. This will be funded as an enhancement of £0.41 per hour as part of Early Years Pupil Premium funding.

Members of Schools Forum are asked to:

- **Agree the proposed 2018/19 Early Years funding rates as shown in Table 7, which will take effect from 1st April 2018, (Para. 3.25)**
- **Agree a 2018/19 Early Years budget of £14.025m as shown in Table 7 (Para. 3.25)**

Early Years and Childcare Sufficiency

- 3.28. A Childcare Sufficiency Assessment was completed during Autumn Term 2017. A strategy will be drafted once the final report has been published to address the identified sufficiency issues by ward. The LA proposes to use £0.350m of the 2017/18 5% retained budget from the extended hours entitlement for 3&4 year olds to create these places. If agreed by Schools Forum, a bid round will be announced to providers in spring 2018 to allow specific projects to be bid for on a match funding basis.
- 3.29. It is anticipated that the bid round will commence during January 2018 and payments to providers will commence in March 2018, however some payments may not take place until April 2018, requiring Schools Forum approval. Schools Forum are requested to agree the use of the retained funding or any reserves created from an underspend of the Early Years retained funding in April 2018 to a maximum total of £0.350m to create additional Early Years places as identified by the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment report.

Members of Schools Forum are asked to:

- **Note that a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment was completed during Autumn 2017 and a strategy will be drafted once the final report has been published (Para. 3.28)**
- **Agree that the retained budget or reserves created from an underspend of the retained Early Years extended hours entitlement can be used to create the additional Early years places required (Para. 3.28 and 3.29)**

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Schools Formula funding factors 2018/19

- 3.30. The LA held school funding consultation meetings in December 2017 to establish the local funding formula to be used to calculate 2018/19 budgets for maintained mainstream schools and mainstream academies (as if they were maintained schools).
- 3.31. Following the consultation with schools and academies, at the 5th December 2017 meeting, Schools Forum agreed that the 2018/19 local formula should include the following features:
- 3.31.1. Minimum per pupil values of £3,300 for primary and £4,600 for secondary
 - 3.31.2. Premises costs (Rates and PFI) to be excluded from the allocation when calculating the minimum funding level
 - 3.31.3. Maximise the Minimum Funding Guarantee ('MFG') within the affordability envelope
 - 3.31.4. Move as close to the Government's National Fair Funding formula as possible and apply the principles above
 - 3.31.5. Primary Low Prior Attainment to be set at 100% weighting
- 3.32. The total school and academy budgets based on the principles in 3.31.1 to 3.31.5 above in the ESFA's 2018/19 Authority Pro-forma Tool ('APT') but with an MFG of (1.5%) show that a budget of £133.248m would be required for the Individual Schools Budget ('ISB'). After allowing for the centrally retained budget for Pupil Growth from Schools Block, the ISB total is £2.597m over the School Block available and therefore the principals above are not affordable. The 2018/19 APT contains the October 2017 pupil census numbers and characteristics.
- 3.33. The LA has drawn up three options which all balance the Schools budget to enable Schools Forum to agree the preferred option for the school funding formula for 2018/19. Please note that the completed APT must be returned to the ESFA by 19th January 2018.
- 3.34. The options are:
- 3.34.1. (1) All factors except the flat rate/lump sum are paid at 97.332% of the National Fair Funding values.
 - 3.34.2. (2) All factors including the flat rate/lump sum are paid at 97.509% of the National Fair Funding values.
 - 3.34.3. (3) The Primary Low Prior Attainment is set at 80% weighting and all factors including the flat rate/Lump sum are paid at 98.430%.

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- 3.35. The options for each school or academy is attached at Appendix A, a summary of the number of schools in receipt of Minimum Funding Guarantee ('MFG') for each option is in Table 8 below.

Table 8 - Summary Results of Options 1-3						
	DSG balance	Variance to base	Minimum funding guarantee ('MFG')	No. of Schools receiving MFG	Increase in MFG protection	Increase in Schools receiving MFG
	£m	£m	£m		£m	
Base DSG balance on all principles agreed December 2017	£2.597	-	£0.096	5	0	0
Options						
1 – All NFF factors except the flat rate/lump sum £0.110m at 97.332%	£0	(£2.597)	£0.536	12	£0.440	7
2 - All NFF factors including the flat rate/ lump sum at 97.508%	£0	(£2.597)	£0.535	13	£0.439	8
3 - Primary Low Prior Attainment weighting at 80% and all NFF factors including the flat rate/lump sum at 98.430%	£0	(£2.597)	£0.649	15	£0.553	10

- 3.36. The table below provides the overview of the four funding streams and the estimated expenditure associated with them. Following Schools Forum agreement on the preferred option for the schools funding formula, the Schools Block will be in balance.

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Table 9 - DSG Block Funding v Expenditure

Block	Estimated Settlement 2018/19 £m	Transfer Schools Block to High Needs Block	Revised Settlement 2018/19 £m	Estimated Expenditure 2018/19 £m	Variance
Early Years	14.025	0.000	14.025	14.025	(0.000)
Schools	131.776	(0.659)	131.117	131.117	0.000
Central Schools Services Block	0.945	0.000	0.945	0.945	0.000
High Needs	30.020	0.659	30.679	30.679	(0.000)
Total	176.765	0.000	176.765	176.765	0.000

- 3.37. Where appropriate Minimum Funding Guarantee ('MFG') protection has been provided to ensure no school receives a year on year reduction in funding per pupil of more than 1.5%. Due change in the local formula funding factors as noted above between five and fifteen schools would be in receipt of MFG protection.
- 3.38. Local Authorities are still required to fund free schools and academies that are either due to open during the financial year or have opened in the last 7 years and are still growing, on an estimated composite pupil number. This takes account of 5/12ths of the October 17 School Census and 7/12ths of an estimate of the October 2018 school census (rather than funding just on October 2017 school census as is currently the case for established schools and academies). A new secondary academy, The Great Western Academy is due to open in September 2018 and this approach has been applied to it and also to two open academies (The Croft Primary School & Tadpole Farm CE Primary Academy) and the composite pupil numbers and pupil factors have been built into the individual schools budget ('ISB') calculations.
- 3.39. Schools Forum members are reminded that schools are not protected against the impact of falling pupil numbers and are expected to anticipate and take appropriate actions to reduce costs in these circumstances. Schools with increasing pupil numbers between October 2016 and October 2017 censuses will receive increased funding and schools which are expanding in September 2018 in agreement with the LA will receive in year trigger funding.

Members of Schools Forum are asked to:

- Advise which of the three school funding formula is the preferred option as per the detail in Appendix A (Para. 3.33 to 3.35)
- Note that the completed APT must be returned to the ESFA by 19th January 2018 (Para. 3.33)

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- **Note that following the implementation of one of the three school funding options the DSG budget will be balanced within its funding blocks as detailed in Table 9 (Para 3.36)**

Notional SEN Funding – High Needs Block

- 3.40. As agreed previously with Schools Forum members the factors included in the calculation of the Notional SEN includes a proportion of AWPU funding payable to each school. The notional SEN calculation also includes all High Needs pupils funded by the LA regardless of whether they have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or not.
- 3.41. The current budget proposals contain a Notional SEN budget of **£0.400m** based on the current profile of pupils in Swindon; which is the same value as the 2017/18 budget figure, however work is required to understand the impact of the implementation of a new funding formula. The impact will be assessed once the preferred formula option is known and the results will be brought back to a future Schools Forum meeting and may affect schools during 2018/19. Notional SEN is one of the factors the LA will take into account when considering the future year's High Needs budget.

Funding per pupil

- 3.42. The information providing the details of the 2018/19 pupil led funding calculation i.e. excluding Rates, Lump Sum and PFI allocations will be provided to March 2018 Schools Forum once the preferred funding option is known. These rates will be used to claw back funding during 2018/19 if pupils are excluded from schools.

De-Delegation

- 3.43. Maintained schools are reminded that their 2018/19 school budget includes funding for services that the Schools Forum has agreed to de-delegate. De-delegation is where funding is deducted from maintained schools budgets to provide services centrally.
- 3.44. At its October meeting Schools Forum members were asked to consult with colleagues to establish whether they wished to carry on with the existing de-delegation arrangements for the following services. Table 11 below illustrates which group needs to approve the de-delegations.
- 3.45. The ESFA have previously confirmed that Schools Forum should agree funding for services from de-delegations annually.

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Table 10 – Group to agree de-delegations				
Service	SAPH	SASH	ASSSH	Value per pupil
FSM Eligibility	Yes	Yes	n/a	£4.80
Trade Union	Yes	n/a	Yes	£1.25
NCOT	Yes	n/a	Yes	£12.33

3.46. The de-delegation funding to be deducted and the services are as follows:

- 3.46.1. Free School Meals Eligibility Administration – there is continued support for this service from maintained schools and high levels of buyback from Academies. The service is provided by the LA Admissions team. The de-delegation value / charge in all sectors for 2018/19 will remain at £4.80 per pupil.
- 3.46.2. Trade Union Release time – there is continued support for this service provided by the LA Human Resources team and a high level of buy back from academies. The de-delegation value / charge per pupil in all sectors for 2018/19 will remain at £1.25 per pupil.
- 3.46.3. Nylands Campus Outreach Team – the October 2014 Forum agreed that this service provided by the White Horse Federation from the Nylands campus should be delegated to schools from 2016/17. The Primary AWPU rate was uplifted by £12.33 per pupil. In order to provide this service centrally the charge for 2018/19 will remain at £12.33.

3.47. The amounts of funding that will be de-delegated from each maintained school will be included within their final budget package.

Members of Schools Forum are asked to:

- Note the Notional SEN funding top ups budget for 2018/19, a total of £0.400m (Para. 3.41)
- Agree the following de-delegations for one year from April 2018, each phase of maintained school will need to agree for their sector:
 - Free School Meal eligibility administration will be charged at £4.80 per pupil in 2018/19 and is supported until 31st March 2019. (Para. 3.46.1)
 - Trade Union release time will be charged at £1.25 per pupil in 2018/19 and is supported until 31st March 2019. (Para. 3.46.2)
 - Nylands Campus Outreach Team will be charged at £12.33 per

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primary pupil in 2018/19 and is supported until 31st March 2019. (Para. 3.46.3)

Schools Block Retained Funding Expenditure Proposal 2018/19

- 3.48. In recent years the LA has provided Schools Forum with a full breakdown of all centrally retained budget proposals, the 2018/19 budget proposals are below.

Pupil Growth – Schools Block

- 3.49. Under the school finance regulations the Schools Forum must agree the criteria by which pupil growth funding is allocated and the local policy and values payable next year were agreed in October 2016. These values are shown below together with the associated 2018/19 budget requirements.
- 3.49.1. Pre-opening start-up costs for a new primary school at £0.100m plus up to £0.020m where the school has a nursery which the LA has requested – **no budget requirement in 2018/19.**
- 3.49.2. Infrastructure set up costs at £0.035m per 1 Form of Entry primary school – **no budget requirement in 2018/19.**
- 3.49.3. Classroom set up costs at £11.5k per primary class – budget requirement of **£0.046m**, (4 classes).
- 3.49.4. Pre-opening and infrastructure set up costs at £0.040m for a new specialist phase of provision i.e. primary, secondary, Post 16 – **no budget requirement in 2018/19.**
- 3.49.5. Trigger funding is payable at the primary sector average of **£3,329** x 7/12ths per pupil providing a maximum of £58,265 (30 pupils) and minimum of £40,786 (21 pupils) – a budget requirement in 2018/19 of **£0.462m.**
- 3.49.6. Total 2018/19 centrally retained growth funding budget is **£0.508m**, made up of Classroom Set up £0.046m (Para. 3.49.3) plus Trigger funding £0.462m (Para. 3.49.5).
- 3.50. Where a school is opening or has opened in the last 7 years, then authorities estimate the pupil numbers expected to join the school in September and fund accordingly through the schools budget, rather than through the Growth Fund, Great Western Academy, Tadpole Farm and The Croft schools fall into this

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category. Where previously the LA held funds in the Growth fund for the increase in pupil numbers at these schools, this money passes directly into the ISB and will be paid as part of the Schools Budget Share.

Table 11 – Summary of Proposed 2018/19 Schools Block Growth Expenditure		
Other Central Budgets	2017/18	2018/19 Proposal
Pre-opening start-up costs	£0.000m	£0.000m
Infrastructure set up costs	£0.000m	£0.000m
Classroom set up costs	£0.046m	£0.046m
Pre-opening and infrastructure set up costs - specialist provision	£0.000m	£0.000m
Trigger funding	£0.534m	£0.462m
	£0.580m	£0.508m

Members of the Schools Forum are asked to:

- **Agree a total 2018/19 pupil growth budget of £0.508m. (Para. 3.49.6)**

Central Schools Services Block

3.51. The new Central Schools Services Block budget proposals for 2018/19 are detailed below and total **£0.945m**:

3.51.1. **Admissions** – For 2018/19 the budget proposal is **£0.237m**.

3.51.2. **School subscriptions and licenses** - Forum members may recall that the DfE arranged for a number of licenses (Performing Rights, Copyright etc.) to be nationalised and recharged to LAs in respect of all their schools and academies. In addition the LA still manages the CAPITA SIMS license for maintained schools on a traded service basis. For 2018/19 the budget proposal is **£0.151m** for the National Copyright licences.

3.51.3. **Schools Forum administration** – This relatively minor budget is held to cover Schools Forum meeting room hire and refreshments plus F40 subscriptions and attendance at regional and national school funding conferences. The 2018/19 budget proposal is **£0.002m**.

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- 3.51.4. **Travellers' children** – This budget is held to support the education of travellers' children whilst they are in the Swindon area. The 2018/19 budget proposal is **£0.002m**
- 3.51.5. **Equal pay** – There is still an amount of £0.470m of central equal pay liabilities to be repaid over 15 years, this is equivalent to **£0.031m** per annum and therefore this is the 2018/19 budget proposal.
- 3.51.6. **Statutory Services for all pupils** - At the 5th December 2017 meeting, Schools Forum agreed to the LA retaining the funding to pay for the LA's statutory services for all pupils in maintained schools and academies, the budget is **£0.523m**.

Members of Schools Forum are asked to carry out the following actions for the Central Schools Services Block budget:

- **Agree the Admissions budget (Para. 3.51.1)**
- **Agree the Schools Subscriptions and Licenses budget (Para. 3.51.2)**
- **Agree the Schools Forum budget (Para. 3.51.3)**
- **Agree the Travellers Children budget (Para. 3.51.4)**
- **Agree the Equal Pay budget (Para. 3.51.5)**
- **Note the value of the Statutory Services for all pupils budget is £0.523m (Para. 3.51.6)**

- 3.52. A summary of the Schools Block which includes all mainstream school funding and centrally retained funding for Pupil Growth is provided in the table below:

Table 12 – Summary of the Schools Block Budget 2018/19		
	£m	£m
Maintained Schools and Academies		
- ISB (Maintained Schools and Academies) (after chosen option)	130.609	
		130.609
Central School Expenditure		
- Pupil Growth (Table 11)	0.508	
		0.508
Total Schools Block 2018/19		131.117

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Members of Schools Forum are asked to:

- **Note the Schools Block budget £131.117m for 2018/19 as shown in Table 12 (Para. 3.52)**

High Needs Expenditure Proposals 2018/19

- 3.53. The remainder of this report will consider each of the budgets that are included within the High Needs block, and present recommendations to Schools Forum for consideration in the run up to the 2018/19 budget settlement.
- 3.54. In Swindon there are proportionally more children and young people with a Statement of Special Education Need than regionally or nationally. Swindon also has a higher number of specialist providers, which includes six Special schools and eleven Specialist Resource Units attached to mainstream schools.
- 3.55. There is a forecast increase in demand for all Special Education Needs provision but Swindon is also seeing children needing to access special provision at a younger age than before, which is increasing the pressure even further. There are pressures the Local Authority is facing in terms of increasing demand for Special school places and continuing to increase this “range” of Special provision is an unsustainable strategy. A graph showing the projected requirement for Special School and SRP places is attached at Appendix B. It is proposed that the LA present further detail and possible options for stabilising and potentially reducing demand. This will be presented to the March Schools Forum in the expectation of the SEND board agreeing a broader strategy to increase effectiveness of early identification and intervention.
- 3.56. A new Special Free School is expected to open in September 2018 with up to 64 places. Place funding in Free Schools is currently provided by the ESFA with the commissioning authority paying High Needs top ups and supplements.

Special School and Special Resourced Provision - Place Numbers

- 3.57. The LA has anticipated a need for 804.5 commissioned places during 2018/19. Final commissioning decisions have not yet been agreed. **In total Swindon will require £7.310m of place funding in 2018/19.**
- 3.58. Place funding for Special Resourced Provision (‘SRP’) is now £0.006m per pupil plus mainstream pupil led funding. Where an SRP place is filled by a Post 16 pupil the ESFA have confirmed that Element 2 (Place) funding at £0.006m will be recouped from the LA and paid to the academy and Element 1 £0.004m will be paid directly by the ESFA.

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- 3.59. As well as Place funding the Local Authority will need to identify sufficient additional resource to pay for the top up funding for each place. Officers are still identifying the most appropriate provision for pupils for September, additional work will be carried out on this budget and any changes will be notified to Schools Forum in March. It is expected that a budget of **£9.161m** will be required for High Need top-ups for 2018/19.

Special Schools and Special Resourced Provision – Banding and Top Up Funding

- 3.60. The current banding model provides funding to all specialist settings on the same basis, it is proposed to retain the same banding values as 2017/18. Details of the proposed banding values are provided in the table below.
- 3.61. As agreed at the November SEND board meeting there will be a review of top up banding values and supporting methodology in spring 2018, with options for decision makers available to the SEND Board and to Schools Forum for March 2018.
- 3.62. It is proposed that a new supplement is provided for pupils in SRPs that do not receive an average of £4,000 of mainstream funding as calculated by the APT. One of the principles in the new schools funding formula is for secondary pupils to be funded at a minimum per pupil funding of £4,600, therefore it is anticipated that only primary schools will be eligible as the minimum per pupil funding for a primary pupil is £3,300. The 'Post MFG minimum per pupil funding per pupil rate' as calculated by the APT will be used to decide the eligible schools and academies and primary and secondary schools and academies with SRPs will be included in the check. Only commissioned places filled by SRP pupils in Reception to Year 11 and in receipt of mainstream funding as well as £6,000 place funding will be on the APT and therefore checked for eligibility. In 2018/19 a budget of **£0.057m** has been created for the new supplement.

Table 13 – Current Band and Supplement Values		
	Proposed 2018/19	
Band Values	Primary £	Secondary £
Band 1	£11,668	£12,282
Band 2	£10,501	£11,054
Band 3	£7,001	£7,369
Band 4	£4,376	£4,606
Band 5	£3,500	£3,685
Band 6	£1,750	£1,842

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SEMH Response Assessment Class	£2,550	£2,684
<i>Primary band values are 95% of secondary values</i>		
Supplement Values	£	£
Manual Handling	£1,500	£1,500
Medical Needs	£1,500	£1,500
ASC – SRPs	£6,000	£6,000
ASC – Band 1 Special Schools	£1,000	£1,000
Access to mainstream inclusion	£2,000	£2,000
Speech and language therapy High	£1,568	£1,568
Speech and language therapy Medium	£248	£248
Speech and language therapy Low	£83	£83
Physiotherapy High	£1,568	£1,568
Physiotherapy Medium	£248	£248
Physiotherapy Low	£83	£83
Occupational Therapy High	£1,568	£1,568
Occupational Therapy Medium	£248	£248
Occupational Therapy Low	£83	£83
SEMH High	£4,275	£4,275
SEMH Medium	£3,040	£3,040
SEMH Low	£1,900	£1,900
British Sign Language	£16,750	£16,750
New 2018/19 – SRP top up mainstream funding to £4,000	£0	Up to £570

Summary of special School and SRP Expenditure and Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)

- 3.63. The Local Authority has modelled the 2018/19 budgets, this exercise has identified that a provision for Minimum Funding Guarantee protection is not expected to be required.

Members of Schools Forum are asked to:

- **Note the place funding budget for 2018/19 of £7.310m. (Para. 3.57)**
- **Note the top-up funding budget for 2018/19 of £9.161m. (Para. 3.59)**
- **Note the proposed introduction of a new supplement is provided for Reception to Year 11 pupils in SRPs that do not receive an average of £4,000 of mainstream funding plus £6,000 place funding (Para. 3.62)**

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- **Note that a Minimum Funding Guarantee budget for specialist settings is not expected to be required (Para. 3.63)**

Alternative Provision budget

- 3.64. Place funding for alternative provision remains at £10k per place.
- 3.65. In January 2018 Stratton and Riverside each have 45 places available and the Tuition Service is not funded for a set number of places but receives block funding. The EOTAS service has recently taken responsibility for the Tuition Service, which has a budget of £0.881m. The majority of the Tuition Service budget will now be used to provide additional commissioned places at Stratton (+38) and Riverside (+7) and budget for the top ups (+38) at Stratton. The Exclusions expenditure budget has also been increased by £0.068m from the Tuition Service budget to cover staffing costs for a post that did not transfer to EOTAS.
- 3.66. From April 2018 it is planned to use the EOTAS and Tuition Service budgets to provide the commissioned places at Stratton and Riverside as per the table below. School Forum members should note that additional funding has not been added to the overall EOTAS budget, however there will now be a retained budget for ten pupils' top ups for Riverside as historically the LA has paid a number of Riverside top ups each month and this cost has caused a budget pressure for a number of years. The Riverside top ups paid by the LA are for pupils that have entered Riverside but have not come from a Swindon secondary school or academy. The ESFA increased the funding for Hospital Education and Marlborough House in 2018/19.
- 3.67. A review of Alternative Provision is still being carried out by LA officers and Head teachers, further information will be provided to a future Schools Forum meeting.

The Oakfield Project

- 3.68. At the December 2017 meeting Schools Forum members agreed to provide funding to the Oakfield project to ensure that the project has no financial deficit until the end of term 6, 2018. A budget of **£0.150m** has been established for the Oakfield project to supplement the commissioned place income received from schools and academies and to ensure the project is financially sustainable. A further report on Oakfield will be presented to Schools Forum in July.

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Table 14 – Alternative Provision Budget Proposal 2018/19			
AP Establishment	Places	Rate	Total
Hospital Education	10	Fixed Grant	£0.192m
Marlborough House	12	Fixed Grant	£0.278m
Stratton PRU - Places	83	£0.010m	£0.830m
Stratton PRU - Top Up	83	£0.0087m	£0.722m
Riverside – Places *	52	£0.010m	£0.520m
Riverside – Top up retained funding	10	£0.0063m	£0.063m
EOTAS – retained funding for places			£0.032m
Oakfield Project			£0.150m
Exclusions (net budget)			(£0.216m)
LA Centrally Held AP Funding Total			£2.570m
*Secondary Schools have been delegated budget to cover Riverside Top Up costs			

- 3.69. The 2018/19 income budget for exclusions funding was reduced by £0.050m and including staff costs and reintegration costs the net income budget will be **(£0.216m)**.

Local Authority Commissioned High Needs Services

- 3.70. None of the Commissioned High Needs services have submitted a business case for additional funding in 2018/19, therefore the LA is proposing to maintain the budgets for these services at their 2017/18 levels.
- 3.71. The High Needs budget funds core services for a number of specialist advisory services which remain centrally commissioned. The LA is proposing to maintain current budgets at 2017/18 levels for a further year with a view to presenting a review of services and options for commissioning from 2018/19 by March 2018. The annual review of jointly commissioned services through section 75 pooled budget arrangements is expected to form a related line of enquiry.

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Table 15 – Local Authority Commissioned and Centrally Retained High Needs Services		
Service	2017/18	2018/19
	Allocation	Proposed Allocation
Commonweal – Physical Impairment Advisory Service	£77,100	£77,100
Even Swindon – Speech and Language	£22,200	£22,200
Millbrook – Specific Learning Difficulties Support Service	£66,900	£66,900
Nylands – Therapeutic services primary SEMH support	£87,410	£87,410
Redoaks – Education Audiologist	£77,500	£77,500
Redoaks – Hearing Impaired Support Service	£239,700	£239,700
Uplands – Autistic Spectrum Disorder	£87,000	£87,000
Uplands – Junior Autistic Spectrum Condition Support Service	£135,800	£135,800
Uplands - Visually Impaired and Assistive Technology Support Service	£240,650	£240,650
Total	£1,034,260	£1,034,260
Nylands – Outreach Service - NCOT	Delegated to Primary Schools	

Post 16 Expenditure Proposals

- 3.72. The 2018/19 financial year budget for Post 16 High Needs pupils educated within Swindon is **£3.220m**. This is made up of the Top-up funding paid to providers of **£1.870m**, and the Element 2 funding of **£1.350m** recouped for Post 16 Further Education ('FE') Colleges. This funding will be recouped by the ESFA and paid to the FE Colleges. The LA also pays Element 1 funding of **£0.028m** for 4.7 post 16 places at Swindon secondary schools for High Needs pupils that are educated as part of their school sixth forms. This funding will be recouped by the ESFA and paid to the academies directly. The post 16 top-up values are shown in the table below.

Table 16 – Post 16 High Needs Top-up rates		
	2017/18	Proposed 2018/19
Band 1	£8,155	£8,155
Band 2	£7,340	£7,340
Band 3	£4,893	£4,893

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Band 4	£3,058	£3,058
Band 5	£2,447	£2,447
Band 6	£1,223	£1,223
Bespoke	No change	No change

Mainstream Schools High Needs Top Up expenditure proposals

- 3.73. In 2017/18 SBC held the following budgets for mainstream schools SEND. The LA has based the top-up funding required for mainstream top-ups on the current cohort of pupils, a budget requirement of **£2.944m** has currently been identified, and details are contained in the table below. There is no proposal to increase the Notional SEN budget in 2018/19, however as per Para. 3.40 work is required to understand the impact of the implementation of a new funding formula and Notional SEN will be brought back to a future Schools Forum meeting.
- 3.74. The proposed Mainstream Top-up rates are noted in the table below.

Table 17 – Mainstream Schools High Needs Budgets			
Service	2017/18 Budget	Proposed Budget 2018/19	Variance
Notional SEN Additional School Funding	£0.400m	£0.400m	£0.000m
SEN RAP Pupil Top Up	£2.151m	£2.306m	£0.155m
Early Years Top Up Funding	£0.238m	£0.238m	£0.000m
Total Top Up Funding	£2.789m	£2.944m	£0.155m

Table 18 – Mainstream High Needs Top-up rates		
	2017/18 Budget	Proposed Budget 2018/19
Band 1	£8,285	£8,285
Band 2	£6,845	£6,845
Band 3	£5,405	£5,405
Band 4	£3,965	£3,965
Band 5	£2,525	£2,525
Band 6	£1,085	£1,085
Bespoke	No change	No change

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External Placements

- 3.75. The LA aims to provide places for high need pupils in Swindon settings but there are a number of pupils for which external placements are agreed following consideration by the LA's Multi Agency Panel.
- 3.76. In recent years there has been a significant reduction in the number of external placements because more places have been offered by Swindon schools which, even with bespoke levels of funding, are usually at a lower cost to the LA than if they were placed externally. However during 2017/18 it has proved necessary to place more pupils in Out Of Borough provision, this has resulted in a requirement to increase the budget by £470k, and the breakdown of this is detailed below.

Table 19 – Out of Borough Education fees			
Service	2016/17 Budget	Proposed Budget 2018/19	Variance
Other Local Authority ('OLA') Special Schools – Pre 16	£0.455m	£0.448m	(£0.007m)
OLA Special Schools - Post 16	£0.008m	£0.056m	£0.048m
OLA Mainstream Schools - Pre 16	£0.045m	£0.051m	£0.007m
OLA Mainstream Schools - Post 16	£0.061m	£0.043m	(£0.018m)
Non Maintained Special Schools - Pre 16	£0.281m	£0.381m	£0.100m
Independent Special Schools - Pre 16	£1.875m	£1.669m	(£0.207m)
Non Maintained Special Schools - Post 16	£0.000m	£0.048m	£0.048m
Independent Special Schools - Post 16	£0.163m	£0.468m	£0.305m
Children's Social Care and Health Contributions	(£0.480m)	(£0.286m)	£0.194m
TOTAL Out of Borough Education fees	£2.407m	£2.877m	£0.470m

High Needs Contingency

- 3.77. Currently the DSG supports £0.065m of High Needs Contingency funding. This funding acts as a release valve for all of the High Needs costs that are not place or top up costs for Special Schools or Special Resourced Provisions. In particular it covers overspends on mainstream SENRAP Statemended expenditure, External Placements and Post 16 High needs expenditure. This budget was not sufficient in 2017/18, therefore it is proposed to increase the contingency to **£0.150m** to reduce the risk of an in year overspend.

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Other Centrally Retained High Needs Budgets

3.78. In 2018/19 the Local Authority holds the following additional High Needs budgets.

Table 20 – Other High Needs Budgets			
Service	2017/18 Budget	Proposed Budget 2018/19	Variance
Saltway Portage Service	£0.152m	£0.151m	£0.000m
Speech, Language and Occupational Therapy	£0.125m	£0.125m	£0.000m
Statemented Pupils Equipment	£0.130m	£0.130m	£0.000m
TOTAL Other SEN Budgets	£0.407m	£0.407m	£0.000m

Members of the School Forum are asked to comment on the Local Authority's proposals for High Needs Budgets as described in paragraphs 3.64 to 3.78 of this report, and listed below:

- **Alternative Provision (Para. 3.64 to 3.69)**
- **Commissioned High Needs Services (Para. 3.70 to 3.71)**
- **Post 16 High Needs Budgets (Para. 3.72)**
- **Mainstream School Top Up Funding (Para. 3.73 to 3.74)**
- **External Placements (Pre 16) (Para. 3.75 to 3.76)**
- **High Needs Contingency (Para. 3.77)**
- **Other Centrally Retained High Needs Services (Para. 3.78)**

Summary of High Needs Budgets (with Year on Year Comparison)

3.79. The following table summarises the 2017/18 and proposed 2018/19 High Needs Budgets, as discussed in the preceding paragraphs.

Table 21 – Summary of High Needs Budgets 2018/19					
	2017/18		Proposed 2018/19		Variance
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Special Schools and Academies					
Place Funding (Maintained Schools)	5.384		5.715		0.331
Place Funding (Academy)	0.420		0.420		0.000

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Top Up Funding (Maintained and Academy)	6.699		6.674		(0.025)
PFI Top Up Funding	0.365		0.372		0.007
Special School subtotal		12.868		13.180	0.312
Special Resourced Unit (SRP)					
Place Funding (Maintained Schools)	0.607		0.336		(0.271)
Place Funding (Academy)	1.284		0.840		(0.445)
Top Up Funding (Maintained and Academy)	2.521		2.487		(0.034)
New SRP supplement	0.000		0.057		0.057
SRP Subtotal		4.412		3.663	(0.692)
Minimum Funding Guarantee		0.001		0.000	(0.001)
Alternative Provision					
Place Funding	0.900		1.382		0.482
Top Up Funding	0.392		0.785		0.393
CAMHS and Hospital Education Service	0.468		0.470		0.002
Exclusions Income	(0.335)		(0.216)		0.119
Tuition Service	0.881		-		(0.881)
The Oakfield Project	-		0.150		0.150
Alternative Provision Subtotal		2.306		2.570	0.265
Other High Needs Provision					
Commissioned High Needs Outreach and Support Services	1.034		1.034		0.000
Post 16 High Needs provided within Swindon	1.875		1.875		0.000
Post 16 High Needs Element 2 funding recouped by the EFA	1.526		1.378		(0.148)

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Mainstream Top Up Funding	2.121		2.306		0.184
-	-		-		-
Early Years Top Up Funding	0.200		0.238		0.038
Mainstream Notional SEN Funding	0.400		0.400		0.000
Out of Borough Independent and Non Maintained Special Schools	2.407		2.841		0.434
High Needs Contingency	0.042		0.150		0.108
Central Support Costs	0.635		0.580		(0.055)
Other High Needs Services					
Portage	0.152		0.152		0.000
Therapy	0.125		0.125		0.000
Statemented Pupils Equipment	0.130		0.130		0.000
		10.646		11.208	0.562
Total High Needs 2018/19		30.233		30.679	0.181
High Needs Funding 2018/19		30.233		30.679	
Variance		0.000		0.000	

Summary of overall DSG / EFA Settlement and Proposed Expenditure 2018/19

- 3.80. Based on the proposals included in this report the overall DSG position for 2018/19 can be summarised as follows:

Table 22 - Overall DSG Funding and Expenditure 2018/19	
	£m
Total DSG and EFA Funding receivable (Section 3.22)	176.765
Early Years Expenditure (Para. 3.24)	14.025
Mainstream School Expenditure (Para. 3.32)	131.117

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Central Schools Services (Para. 3.46)	0.945
High Needs Expenditure (Para. 3.61)	30.679
Total Expenditure	176.765
DSG in balance (following application of ISB option)	(0.000)

Other Funding Streams

3.81. In addition to receiving a delegated allocation of DSG funding from the local formula, schools and Early Years setting will receive other sources of funding which are determined by the EFA without any LA or Schools Forum influence. These are briefly described below for information.

3.81.1. Pupil Premium (schools) - Schools are reminded that their final Pupil Premium grant values will be determined by DfE based on January 2018 School Census details. The following values are assumed for 2018/19

- Looked After Child £2,300
- Disadvantaged (FSM6) child (primary) £1,320
- Disadvantaged (FSM6) child (secondary) £935
- Service Children £300

3.81.2. Universal Infants Free School Meals – Schools will be updated when the ESFA provide information for 2018/19.

3.81.3. Devolved Formula Capital – Schools are expected to continue to receive a fixed amount per school and an amount per pupil with different values for each sector which at the time of writing have still to be announced, but we expect little change on the 2017/18 values which are:

- Primary lump sum of £4,000 plus £11.25 per pupil
- Secondary lump sum of £4,000 plus £16.88 per pupil
- Special lump sum of £4,000 plus £33.75 per pupil

4. Alternative Options

4.1. There are various alternatives on how the DSG could be allocated. The LA has a statutory duty to manage and distribute the DSG in accordance with prevailing grant conditions and the school finance regulations. Although under the school

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funding reform programme DfE are more prescriptive in terms of options and approaches in most cases funding values are locally determined.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1. These are fully detailed within the body of the report.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2. There are no legal or human rights implications arising from this report.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3. This report does not make any recommendations that affect these areas.

Links to One Swindon, Plans and Policies

- 5.4. Utilisation of the DSG has a direct link to two of the Council's five priorities – "Right skills, right jobs in the right place" and "Make the best use of Swindon's resources inside and outside the Council".

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.5. The proposals within this report are designed to allocate funding to all Pupils in Swindon, whilst ensuring that disadvantaged pupils, pupils with low prior attainment and / or special education needs are funded at an appropriate level in order to narrow the attainment gap between these and other pupils.

Risk Management

- 5.6. There are no specific risk management implications not highlighted in the body of the report.

6. Consulters

- 6.1. The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer), Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) and Board Director Commissioning (Director of Children Services) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

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- 7.1. Previous reports to the Schools Forum and documents posted on the DfE web site.

8. List of Annexes

- Appendix A – School budget formula options for all mainstream schools and academies
- Appendix B – SEND Provision Special Schools and SRPs projection graph