

Schools Forum

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2.00 pm

Kingston Centre, Fairway, Stafford ST16 3TW

John Tradewell
Director of Strategy, Governance and Change
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9. **Date of next meeting**

The next Schools Forum is scheduled for Tuesday 3 July 2018, at 2.00 pm at The Kingston Centre, Stafford.

10. **My Finance Update**

Presentation of the Director of Finance and Resources, which will cover:

- Financial reporting
- Support processes
- Non-order invoicing

Part Two

The Chairman to move:

'That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 indicated below'

Membership

Wendy Keeble	Chris Wright
Richard Osborne	Jonathan Jones
Wendy Whelan	Steve Barr (Chairman)
Lesley Wells	Kevin Allbutt
Philip Siddell	Steve Swatton
Richard Redgate	Judy Wyman
Claire Shaw	Claire Evans
Alison Gibson	Richard Hinton (Observer)
Stuart Jones	Liz Threlkeld
Philip Tapp (Vice-Chairman)	Matthew Baxter
Kirsty Rogers	Nicky Crookshank
Karen Dobson	Richard Lane
Wendy Horden	Anita Rattan
Ally Harvey	
Sara Bailey	

Local Authority Observers

Mark Sutton
Philip White

Core Officers

Sara Pitt
Alison Barnes
Will Wilkes
Julie Roberts

Andrew Marsden
Tim Moss
Michelle Williams

Minutes of the Schools Forum Meeting held on 16 January 2018

Present: Steve Barr (Chairman)

Attendance

Philip Siddell	Steve Swatton
Stuart Jones	Judy Wyman
Philip Tapp (Vice-Chairman)	Liz Threlkeld
Karen Dobson	Nicky Crookshank
Ally Harvey	Richard Lane
Chris Wright	Anita Rattan
Kevin Allbutt	Chris Best (Substitute)

Observers: Mark Sutton, Philip White and Richard Hinton

Also in attendance: Will Wilkes, Julie Roberts, Richard Hancock, Graham Pirt and Tim Moss

Apologies: Wendy Keeble, Richard Osborne, Wendy Whelan, Alison Gibson, Sara Bailey, Claire Evans and Matthew Baxter

PART ONE

83. Declarations of Interest

There were none at this meeting.

84. Minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2017

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Schools Forum meeting held on 3 October 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

85. Matters arising and Decisions taken by the Chairman

In response to the feedback on the questionnaire in the Self-Assessment Toolkit in the EFA's Revised Guidance on Schools Forum, the following actions had been taken:

- a link to the four recently updated EFA documents had been included on the website;
- the category of schools which members represented had been included on their nameplates; and
- a meeting was being arranged to consider the Constitution.

In relation to contact details of Forum Members being included on the webpage, the Chairman reported that there had been a low response to the request for members' permission for this in writing. The Clerk was therefore requested to send out a further email. The issue of the web page being more clearly signposted would be addressed as part of a wider project to update the County Council website.

A Cabinet meeting was to take place the day after Forum for political ratification of the National Funding Formula. Following consultation with schools the consensus had been that they agreed with the Forum's view and consequently the Chairman had decided to cancel the Extraordinary Meeting of the Forum which had been set up for 12 December 2017.

The Chairman reported that the NJC Green Book Pay Award offer for 2018/19 for support staff had been announced, but not ratified. This was for an increase of a minimum of 2% over the period 2018/20, with an uplift for those on the lower increments. There would be a new pay spine in 2019/20, to accommodate changes in the living wage. A note on this would be included in the Schools E-bag next week. Tim Moss was requested to contact HR to request clarification on the proposals for the award for 2019/20 for this to be reported to Forum as early as possible.

In relation to queries raised previously on the de-delegation figures for 2018/19, it was confirmed that both the Primary Support Services figure and the figure for Licences and Subscriptions would remain the same as those stated in the report considered at the previous meeting.

The Chairman informed Forum that he had responded to the EFA consultation regarding the provision of loans for the purpose of redundancy payments, as had the County Council.

86. Growth Fund 2018-19: Funding of New Schools

[Geoff Crockett, County Manager for Education, in attendance for this item]

In relation to Free Schools, DfE advice on the Free School Presumption stated that "local authorities are expected to work with selected proposers to agree a reasonable and mutually acceptable funding allocation for the local authority to cover pre and post opening costs". This was also reflected in the Schools Revenue Funding 2017 Operational Guidance. On the basis of DfE guidance, advice from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and concerns expressed by potential academy sponsors, the current level of Growth Funding for new free schools in Staffordshire was insufficient to support "reasonable" pre and post opening costs until a "school reaches full capacity". The number of new schools required in Staffordshire over the next five years was thirteen, with a further thirteen needed post 2022.

All new schools opening in Staffordshire would have to be free schools, and there were currently two routes for this to happen:

- **DfE Free School "Wave" route** – where applications were administered by the DfE, and where start-up costs were funded by the ESFA for schools that were to open as two Form Entry (FE) or greater.
- **Local Authority Free School Presumption** – where the new free schools were needed to meet demand from new housing developments and were less than two FE. These schools would be established in accordance with Section 6A of the Education Act 2011 and the authority would therefore be expected to provide funding for their pre and post opening revenue start-up costs, at least until

2019/20 when the proposed changes to the National Funding Formula may potentially come into effect.

Brand new schools had a range of revenue start-up costs, of which the main elements were:

Pre-Opening Start-Up Costs prior to opening, for example the appointment of a head teacher/principal and other key staff for a period prior to opening, so that they can prepare the school to open to pupils; and

Post-Opening Start-Up Costs following the opening, in respect of:

Resources – A brand new school would need classroom materials and resources. The cost of building and equipping the new school, including IT and furniture and equipment would be met from the separate capital budget.

Diseconomies of scale and financial viability in the period after opening. New free schools typically opened with only one year group, for example Reception or Year 7, and the number of year groups would increase annually. As some cohorts would be empty, the number of funded pupils would be low in the years after opening, whilst the fixed costs of leadership, management, premises, etc. would be a disproportionately high proportion of a school’s budget. Post-opening funding was therefore necessary to ensure that schools had a sufficient level of revenue funding to ensure viability. Funding would be payable only for brand new free schools established under Section 6A of the Education Act 2011, where there had been no predecessor schools.

Proposed Pre-Opening Start-Up Costs: Allocation Formula – a one-off allocation of £65,500 for any primary school, generally paid up to two terms before the opening of the new free school. This figure had been set in the light of guidance provided by the DfE – A Guide to New Mainstream Free School Revenue Funding 2017 to 2018. New schools would be able to use the allocation as they considered appropriate.

Proposed Post-Opening Start-Up Costs:

Resources: Allocation Formula – this would be calculated as £7,000 per 30 places created (excluding nursery). For example, a one FE 210-place primary school would create 210 places and receive a one-off allocation of £49,000 and a two FE school would receive £98,000. This funding would be paid over the first three years that the free school was open, proportionate to the build-up of pupil numbers.

Diseconomies of Scale and Financial Viability: In the years after opening, an amount would be paid annually based on the number of “empty cohorts” due to incremental year groups being admitted. The amount would depend on how many year groups with pupils aged 5-11 were empty, as set out below:

Table for one FE school – a two FE school would receive double

Empty Cohorts	6	5	4	3	2	1	Total
1FE Primary	£40,250	£33,750	£27,000	£20,250	£13,500	£6,250	£141,500

Source: A guide to new mainstream free school revenue funding 2016 to 2017, DfE.

It was queried whether the option of developing an existing school to accommodate additional pupils was taken into consideration. It was confirmed that the School

Organisation Team would have discussions about what was possible, although ultimately it would be the decision of the Governing Body whether to approve the development of a school.

On 3 October 2017, the Forum had set a budget of £500,000 to support “Exceptional Pupil Growth/New School Funding” and £95,000 for Infant Class Size Funding. Allocations from both categories of funding were administered by the School Organisation Team and the total budget of £595,000 had been underspent for the last two years. The current estimated spend showed a projected underspend for 2018/19 totalling £155,885. However, with the opening of seven new free schools in the next two financial years this would require Forum to agree, at a later date, an increase in the total budget.

RESOLVED – That the revised criteria and increased allocations for the element of Growth Fund which provides funding for brand new primary free schools and academies be agreed.

87. Update on Procurement Regulations

[Deborah Fern and Michelle Williams, Entrust, in attendance for this item]

The Procurement Regulations for Schools lays down the detailed regulations and procedures that schools must follow in order to demonstrate proper safeguards and controls for ensuring best value in purchasing decisions and to safeguard the governors and staff of the school when making purchasing decisions. The scheme was last updated in 2016 and a copy of the current version was available on the Staffordshire Learning Net to be viewed by any interested party. The Council’s procurement regulations had recently been revised/published, in September 2017. The limit for obtaining quotations had been increased from £15k to £25k. Consequently this needed to be matched within the Procurement Regulations for Schools, with amendments to the following Sections:

- Section E – Your discretion to enter into contracts valued below £25,000 (E1 and E2)
- Section F – When you must get tenders (F1, F3 and F4)
- Section G – Full procedure (G1)
- Section H – Accepting quotations and tenders (H3 and H5)

RESOLVED – That the revised Procurement Regulations for Schools be approved.

88. Update to the Staffordshire Scheme for Financing of Schools

[Deborah Fern and Michelle Williams, Entrust, in attendance for this item]

Any amendments to the Staffordshire Scheme for Financing Schools (SSFS) require the approval of Schools Forum.

The SSFS sets out the financial relationship between the authority and each of the maintained schools in Staffordshire. The scheme was last updated in July 2017.

Section 4.10.2 – The ESFA was currently consulting with schools regarding the provision of loans for the purpose of redundancy payments. It was likely that this scheme would be withdrawn. The date of withdrawal would be either 1 April 2018 or the date of publication of the results of the ESFA consultation, whichever was the earliest.

Section 4.9 (a) – Statutory guidelines stated that the maximum length of loan should not exceed three years. The County Council were proposing a change to the wording to identify the three years as the normal period over which the loan should be paid, with additional years offered at the discretion of the County Council. It was agreed that any communication with schools would need to be very clear and unambiguous.

The SSFS included, as Annex A, a list of maintained schools to which the SSFS applied. Over the years schools opened, closed, became academies or changed names. This list had been updated to reflect the schools maintained by the authority as at 1 September 2017. It was planned to update this Annex to the SSFS annually from now on.

RESOLVED – That the revised Staffordshire Scheme for Financing Schools be approved.

89. Notices of Concern

Since the last Forum meeting the County Council had issued the following Notices of Concern:

Holy Rosary Catholic Primary	Directive Academy Order
Chaselea Pru	Directive Academy Order

Since the last Forum meeting the County Council has withdrawn the following Notices of Concern for the reason given:

Dosthill Primary School	01.01.18 Sponsored by Fierte MAT
Perton Middle School	24.11.17 Licensed Deficit Agreement

RESOLVED – That the issue/withdrawal of Notices of Concern to the schools listed above be noted.

90. High Needs Block 2017/18 Projected Outturn

Members considered details of the overspend within the High Needs Service and the need for a combined strategic approach with all education providers to meet the financial challenges. Failure to mitigate the High Needs overspend would mean that a 0.5% switch would be required from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2019/20.

The financial risk within the High Needs Service had been previously notified to Schools Forum. The 2016/17 outturn was £2.5m over budget before planned use of reserves. This had mainly arisen from an increase in numbers and, as a consequence, costs relating to High Needs top-up funding to pupils in both mainstream, known as Additional Education Needs (AEN), and special schools, known as Matrix funding.

The indicative allocations within the National Funding Formula (NFF) had identified that there would be an additional £2m added into the High Needs Block in 2018/19, rising to an additional £3.8m added in for 2019/20. These figures included the additional allocation as a net importer of SEND pupils in special schools.

The forecast overspend for 2017/18 was estimated to be £4.96m rising to between £4m - £7m based on current trends. The Direct Schools Grant (DSG) balances currently stood at £8.4m, if these overspends were realised the DSG balances would then be in deficit. The effect of balances are outlined in the following table:

DSG Balances – Without High Needs Recovery plan

	Scenario 1 High Needs forecast continues to grow at levels seen in 2017/18	Scenario 2 High Needs forecast grows at rates experienced in the last 3 years
	£m	£m
1st April 2017 Opening balance	8.35	8.35
High Needs Overspend	(4.96)	(4.96)
1st April 2018 Opening balance	3.39	3.39
High Needs Overspend	(7.11)	(4.16)
31st March 2019 Closing balance	(3.72)	(0.77)

A breakdown of the 2017/18 overspend in the High Needs Block is outlined below:

Service Area	Budget 2017/18	Forecast Outturn 2017/18	(Over) / underspend 2017/18
	£m	£m	£m
Staffordshire Special Schools and Academies	35.986	37.159	(1.173)
Staffordshire Pupil Referral Units & District Inclusion Partnerships	5.944	6.106	(0.162)
Special Units	0.318	0.318	0.000
Staffordshire Mainstream Schools	7.715	9.629	(1.914)
Pupils in other LA Special & Mainstream Schools & Academies	1.062	1.329	(0.267)
Early Years Inclusion Fund	0.222	0.255	(0.033)
Independent Schools Mainstream	0.319	0.425	(0.106)
Independent Schools Special	6.567	8.186	(1.619)
Tier 4 Education in Hospital Provision	0.323	0.295	0.028
Top Up Funding - Post 16 Academies and Independent	3.956	3.956	0.000
SEN Support Services			
Families First	4.725	4.436	0.289
Entrust	2.788	2.788	0.000
Grand Total	69.925	74.882	(4.957)

Some reasons for the forecast overspend were linked to:

- a) The overall population within Staffordshire schools had increased by 1.9%, but the greatest increase is highlighted below within the PRUs and Special Schools, which were funded from the High Needs Block.

Number of Pupils on Roll in the January School Census

Excluding subsidiary registrations

Only includes statutory school age - NCY Reception to year 11

School Type	Jan 2012	Jan 2017	Percentage Increase
Primary	57,911	62,725	8.3%
Secondary	48,613	45,506	-6.4%
PRU	171	204	19.3%
Special	1,607	1,950	21.3%
Grand Total	108,302	110,385	1.9%

- b) The wider SEND population was significantly increasing. Since September 2014 there had been a marked increase (29%) in the overall number of EHC Plans/Statements.

Year	Total Number of EHCP & Statements
Jan 15	3,400
Jan 16	3,631
Jan 17	3,933
current	4,381

- c) There had been a substantial increase in both the number of requests for EHC assessments (72%) and the number of assessments completed (92%). During the 2016/17 academic year, of the 1,052 EHC applications received, 575 were from schools (54.657%).

Academic Year	Requests for EHC Assessments	EHC Assessments completed
14/15	609	321
15/16	889	541
16/17	1,052	617

- d) Provisional data analysed in December indicated that 49% of pupils with EHCs were placed in specialist provision, as compared to 28% in mainstream schools.

Type of Provision	No as at Dec 2017	%
Specialist Provision	1,945	49%
Mainstream Provision	1,119	28%
Education Other than at School	383	10%
Post 16 (FE & Specialist)	534	13%
Grand Total	3,981	

- e) The increased demand for places within specialist provision through parental requests and SEND Tribunal decisions had resulted in an increase in pupils being placed in the independent specialist school sector, creating a 24% increase in this school population. The cost of an independent specialist placement can cost up to circa £200k per pupil.
- f) Numbers of pupils who had been permanently excluded for both primary and secondary were above the national average. In 2014/15 there were 130 permanent exclusions, however in 2016/17 this increased to 234 (48 of which were primary aged pupils). Early indications for the 2017/18 academic year predicted in excess of 300+ pupils would be permanently excluded.

The immediate short term task was to identify a joined up strategy with education providers to reduce the overspend on the High Needs Block and by 2019/20 to bring the High Needs expenditure to within the DSG allocation. A High Needs Recovery Strategy Group was being established to look at this issue. Members queried whether there was a College representative and SEN representative on the Group. The Head of Families First and Deputy Director of Children's Services informed Forum that he would be happy to include additional representatives on the Group if they could add value. The Clerk undertook to circulate details of the membership, contact details for lead officers, and the date of the meeting. If the strategy was unsuccessful the DSG balances would be brought into deficit. The financial pressures within the County Council meant that the likelihood was that there would be no funding available from the local authority. Consequently this would mean that in 2019/20 funding would have to be switched from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.

It was acknowledged that this was a countrywide problem. However, Staffordshire's exclusion rates were higher than the national average, the number of pupils with EHC Plans put the County in the top quartile, and the authority was in a worse position than its statistical neighbours. If expenditure on the High Needs Block could be reduced to the average this would be a significant improvement.

RESOLVED – That:

- a) The report be noted; and
- b) The progress of the High Needs Recovery Strategy Group be regularly reported to Schools Forum in 2018.

91. Work Programme

A copy of the 2018/19 Work Programme was tabled at the meeting. Forum members agreed that a report should be requested about the NJC Green Book Pay Award offer for 2019/20, as early as possible, and that this should be included on the Work Programme when the timescale was known.

RESOLVED – That this addition to the Work Programme be noted.

92. Date of next meeting

RESOLVED – That:

- a) The next Schools Forum meeting be scheduled for Monday 26 March 2018, at 2.00 pm at the Kingston Centre, Stafford; and
- b) The dates of future meetings, as follows, be noted:
 - Tuesday 3 July 2018
 - Thursday 18 October 2018
 - Thursday 10 January 2019
 - Thursday 28 March 2019

Chairman

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Schools Budget 2018-19

Recommendation

1. That the Schools Forum notes the content of this report.

Report of the Director of Finance & Resources

PART A

Why is it coming here – what decision is required?

2. The Schools Forum has a key role in the oversight of the Schools Budget.

Reasons for recommendation

3. To update the Schools Forum on the Schools Budget for 2018-19.

PART B

Central Provisions

4. The Schools Forum considered the indicative level of planned central expenditure for 2018-19 at its October meeting, giving approval to the budget provision for a range of areas, to enable the local authority to meet the DfE timescale of submitting individual school budgets to ESFA in mid-January. This section of this report updates the Schools Forum with the final figures used within that approval.
5. There are four categories of centrally retained budgets within the Schools Budget:
 - De-delegated items
 - Central Services
 - Central Schools Expenditure
 - Education Functions (previously funded by the Education Services Grant)
6. De-delegated items are those which have been retained centrally to be managed by the local authority on behalf of its maintained schools following the vote of the Schools Forum. These amounts are transferred from the local authority to academies through the ESFA and academies meet the related costs directly. In its annual vote on 3 October the Schools Forum voted to leave unchanged the areas which were de-delegated in 2018-19. Therefore, this funding will continue to be held centrally to meet these costs on behalf of maintained schools.
7. Central Expenditure Budgets were also considered at the October 2017 Schools Forum meeting. Members agreed to delegate the School Improvement budget of £818,250. The table below includes the 2017-18 budgeted value, the indicative value discussed at the October meeting and the final value used to set schools budgets.

	2017-18 £	Indicative 2018-19 £	Final 2018-19 £
Admissions & appeals	786,050	786,050	786,050
Maintenance and servicing of Schools Forum	11,780	11,780	11,780
Prudential borrowing	924,130	924,130	924,130
Combined Services			
Families First - Local Support Teams	1,448,000	1,448,000	1,448,000
Entrust - School Improvement Services	818,280	818,280	-
SEN transport	250,140	250,140	250,140
	4,238,380	4,238,380	3,420,100

8. Central Schools Expenditure areas are relatively limited and include:

	2017-18 £	Indicative 2018-19 £	Final 2018-19 £
Infant Class Size	95,000	95,000	95,000
Significant Pupil Growth / New school funding	500,000	500,000	500,000
Falling rolls fund	n/a	n/a	n/a
	595,000	595,000	595,000

9. At the meeting in October, Schools Forum agreed that the amount included in the Central Schools block to fund Education Functions (services previously funded by the ESG retained duties rate) be retained centrally for this purpose. The amount retained for 2018-19 is £1.768m.

Individual School Budgets

10. This element of the schools' budget represents by far the largest part of the funding for the majority of schools. Formula Budgets are now based on the National Funding Formula (NFF) as approved by Schools Forum in December 2017 and Cabinet in January 2018. As part of the new arrangements the Schools Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is now ring-fenced. However, Local Authorities have limited flexibility to transfer schools funding to other areas, such as High Needs. These transfers are limited to 0.5% of the Schools Block and can only be made with the agreement of Schools Forum. Given the current forecast overspend on the High Needs Block it is likely this transfer of funding will be necessary in 2019-20.
11. Delegating the budget for School Improvement has added £818,250 to the total allocated through the formula.
12. The NFF includes two transitional protections: a minimum per pupil funding level, and a 0.5% per pupil uplift. These protections replace the Minimum Funding Guarantee. For 2018-19 the minimum funding levels per pupil are £3,300 for primary, £3,650 for middle schools and £4,600 for secondary.
13. In order to ensure that individual schools budgets are affordable within the schools block DSG, gains have been capped at 3.05% or 20% of formula gains, whichever is greater. This methodology ensures very small schools do not receive very small cash increases.

14. The NFF includes formula factors for basic per pupil funding, deprivation, prior attainment and English as an additional language (EAL). All schools receive a lump sum of £110,000. Funding for sparsity is more generous than under the Staffordshire formula, but uses crow flies distance rather than walking distance meaning some schools no longer qualify. These schools were identified during the consultation on the implementation of the NFF. Rates and split site funding remains unchanged.
15. At the October Schools Forum meeting, Maintained School members agreed to a levy of £52.95 to fund services previously funded by the general duties element of ESG, with the exception of non statutory education welfare. This is higher than in 2017/18 due to the transitional grant ending. The actual levy per pupil for 2018-19 has been set at £48.73. This is lower than anticipated in October due to a higher number of pupils on roll at maintained schools.
16. A summary of School Budgets for 2018-19 with a comparison to 2017-18 budgets has been included in Appendix 1. Sixth form funding has been excluded.

Early Years Funding

17. The funding for Early Years continues to follow the national Early Years Funding Formula.
18. The Early Years budget consists of the following areas of expenditure:
 - Pupils in Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) providers
 - Pupils in Nursery schools
 - 2 year olds
 - Central expenditure
19. The early years national funding formula allocates funding to local authorities for the existing 15-hour entitlement for all three and four year olds and the additional 15 hours for three and four year children of eligible working parents. The rate consists of a base rate and an uplift for additional needs, based on measures of free school meals; Disability Living Allowance and English as an additional language.
20. Staffordshire County Council has been awarded the minimum national funding rate of £4.30 per hour in 2018-19, this is the same rate received as in 2017-18 when the NFF was first introduced.
21. The Disability Access Fund (DAF) continues at a rate equivalent to £615 per child per year to support access to the free entitlements. This Fund will be for three- and four-year olds who are taking up their free entitlement and are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance. The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) continues.
22. From 2018-19, Local authorities are required to pass 95% of early years funding to providers. This is an increase from 93% in 2017-18. The early years funding central expenditure was approved by School Forum on 3 October 2017.
23. The rate for 3 and 4 year olds has been set at £3.93 per hour per child and this rate will also apply for 30 hour entitlements. This represents an increase of 8p (2%) per hour per child. The rate for 2 year olds has been set at £5 per hour per child.

24. The deprivation supplement allocates approximately 2.5% for deprivation. The rates for deprivation have been set at:
 - a. An additional £0.20 (per hour/per child for every funded 3 and 4 year old in attendance) if between 10-32% of funded children reside in areas of disadvantage.
 - b. An additional £0.30 (per hour/per child for every funded 3 and 4 year old in attendance) if between 33-100% of funded children reside in areas of disadvantage.
25. A contingency fund has also been set up to manage fluctuations in census figures from year to year of 1% for 3 and 4 year olds and 3.85% for 2 year olds.
26. The introduction of the 30 hour entitlement from September 2017 was a challenge for all concerned. As we are still in the first year of this new scheme we need a full year's worth of data in order to assess take up levels. The financial impact of this change will therefore become clearer in 2018-19, which will help with setting a rate in 2019-20.

High Needs Funding

27. The Schools Forum has a consultative role in the financial arrangements for pupils with Special Education Needs (SEN). The NFF for high needs comprises the 9 factors presented in the consultation with transition of up to 3% increases in 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively for local authorities due to gain; protection for each local authority's high needs block from any loss; funding for all local authorities to prepare and implement strategic plans to spend their high needs funding in a way that achieves the best outcomes for children and young people; and provide capital funding to support the expansion of special provision in schools (including mainstream schools) and other institutions, and progress a new route for more special schools to be established through the free schools programme.
28. As in previous years the ESFA have not permitted bids for growth in planned place numbers. However, the new NFF for high needs is beginning to recognise the challenges related to growth in pupil numbers by including a population factor in determining DSG allocations.
29. The Minimum Funding Guarantee continues to apply to special schools and prevents the top-up element of a schools' budget from reducing by more than 1.5% based on the same pupil numbers and profile of needs. Access to high needs funding for pupils in mainstream schools and early years settings currently remains unchanged.
30. The budget has needed to deal with pressure on independent school fees. This cost is anticipated to be around £1.3m in 2018-19. This is as a result of sustained growth of about 20% (55% over the last 2 financial years) in independent special school places, with an average cost of approximately £46,500 per placement. A contributing factor to this growth are SEND tribunal rulings which are placing children at these schools, and also an overall strain on the authority's provision which will be addressed as part of the overall review of the service referred to later.
31. Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) continue to be funded as school-like entities on a place plus basis, the value of which is £10,000. One pupil referral unit provides hospital-

based tuition and receives a set payment to reflect these costs. The total budget allocation for hospital based tuition at a PRU setting is £184,000.

32. The Post-16 high needs budgets for colleges and independent providers' remains at the same level as in previous years. However, there does remain a risk that there could be further pressure on this budget due to the impact of the SEND reforms which means that young people up to the age of 25 are now able to access education. This could increase the number of required places.
33. Staffordshire currently has two primary schools which have speech and language centres attached to their schools and receive a devolved budget to manage the costs. The funding is based on an agreed number of places at £10,000 per place. There is no top-up funding available. Although the number of places for 2018-19 remains the same as in previous years at Victoria Community School (23 places), provision at Flash Ley (10 places) is to be decommissioned from September 2018.
34. Due to the pressures on High Needs, a contribution from the DSG balances continues to support the overall budget. There is a Task Force Group currently reviewing how funding can be managed in future years, as unless Staffordshire receives higher funding from a new fairer funding system the situation is not sustainable in the long term. This progress of this group is subject to a separate report for presentation to Forum.

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List of background papers:

Schools Forum 3 October 2017: Item 9 - Schools Budget 2018-19: De-delegation Central Expenditure and Education Functions
Schools Forum 12 December 2017: Item 3 – New Schools Funding Formula – National Funding Formula

DfE	Name	School Type	Pupil Numbers				Budget before De-delegation & ESG Levy			
			2017-18	2018-19	Variance	Variance %	2017-18 (£)	2018-19 (£)	Variance (£)	Variance %

MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

2000	The Richard Heathcote Community Primary School	Primary	156	162	6	4%	615,367	638,551	23,184	3.77%
2021	Dove CofE (VC) First School	Primary	87	93	6	7%	400,660	443,796	43,137	10.77%
2123	Christ Church Primary School	Primary	319	314	-5	-2%	1,329,574	1,348,007	18,433	1.39%
2124	Grange Infant School	Primary	166	161	-5	-3%	743,314	730,562	-12,752	-1.72%
2126	Shobnall Primary School	Primary	232	235	3	1%	871,759	882,730	10,971	1.26%
2132	Victoria Primary School	Primary	321	353	32	10%	1,414,620	1,592,600	177,980	12.58%
2138	Edge Hill Junior School	Primary	333	339	6	2%	1,242,726	1,271,785	29,059	2.34%
2140	Tower View Primary School	Primary	345	362	17	5%	1,407,760	1,482,378	74,618	5.30%
2150	The Richard Clarke First School	Primary	121	134	13	11%	480,468	531,859	51,391	10.70%
2153	The Croft Primary School	Primary	196	202	6	3%	729,180	760,171	30,991	4.25%
2157	Ravensmead Primary School	Primary	355	341	-14	-4%	1,291,352	1,258,996	-32,356	-2.51%
2158	Wood Lane Primary School	Primary	96	103	7	7%	446,832	475,414	28,582	6.40%
2161	Kingsfield First School	Primary	250	247	-3	-1%	960,305	962,642	2,337	0.24%
2163	Knypersley First School	Primary	300	292	-8	-3%	1,083,206	1,067,153	-16,053	-1.48%
2164	Moor First School	Primary	106	98	-8	-8%	430,183	416,262	-13,921	-3.24%
2166	Squirrel Hayes First School	Primary	128	104	-24	-19%	594,515	508,691	-85,824	-14.44%
2177	Bridgtown Primary School	Primary	172	213	41	24%	760,071	935,114	175,043	23.03%
2178	Chadsmoor Community Infants and Nursery School	Primary	178	177	-1	-1%	734,426	756,432	22,007	3.00%
2179	Hazel Slade Community Primary School	Primary	121	142	21	17%	509,079	581,301	72,222	14.19%
2180	Five Ways Primary School	Primary	630	634	4	1%	2,097,606	2,143,391	45,785	2.18%
2184	West Hill Primary School	Primary	334	337	3	1%	1,264,193	1,290,400	26,207	2.07%
2185	Redhill Primary School	Primary	163	172	9	6%	834,532	879,502	44,970	5.39%
2189	Longford Primary School	Primary	369	314	-55	-15%	1,425,188	1,239,778	-185,410	-13.01%
2190	Werrington Primary School	Primary	403	415	12	3%	1,400,504	1,453,911	53,407	3.81%
2191	Cheadle Primary School	Primary	389	414	25	6%	1,446,661	1,556,616	109,954	7.60%
2198	Manor Primary School	Primary	100	100	0	0%	415,754	424,240	8,486	2.04%
2203	Millfield Primary School	Primary	408	411	3	1%	1,408,892	1,435,262	26,370	1.87%
2207	St Stephen's Primary School	Primary	291	293	2	1%	1,012,901	1,029,828	16,927	1.67%
2208	Fulford Primary School	Primary	104	100	-4	-4%	439,498	438,041	-1,457	-0.33%
2216	Thomas Barnes Primary School	Primary	102	100	-2	-2%	430,220	426,442	-3,778	-0.88%
2218	Dove Bank Primary School	Primary	156	159	3	2%	657,073	677,853	20,780	3.16%
2219	The Reginald Mitchell Primary School	Primary	196	201	5	3%	822,856	860,011	37,154	4.52%
2222	Talbot First School	Primary	42	40	-2	-5%	246,129	245,172	-957	-0.39%
2223	Brindley Heath Junior School	Primary	230	231	1	0%	842,782	850,053	7,271	0.86%
2224	Foley Infant School	Primary	169	165	-4	-2%	643,491	633,693	-9,798	-1.52%
2226	Springhead Primary School	Primary	194	185	-9	-5%	806,672	790,890	-15,782	-1.96%
2228	Leek First School	Primary	145	149	4	3%	612,569	643,472	30,903	5.04%
2229	Westwood First School	Primary	288	283	-5	-2%	1,087,530	1,088,271	741	0.07%
2234	Scotch Orchard Primary School	Primary	191	188	-3	-2%	737,920	731,715	-6,205	-0.84%
2238	Henry Chadwick Primary School	Primary	87	87	0	0%	414,039	416,832	2,793	0.67%
2239	Longwood Primary School	Primary	151	166	15	10%	642,310	699,107	56,797	8.84%
2240	Green Lea First School	Primary	33	43	10	30%	214,234	243,202	28,967	13.52%
2250	Friarswood Primary School	Primary	186	178	-8	-4%	706,825	686,707	-20,118	-2.85%
2251	Hassell Primary School	Primary	307	296	-11	-4%	1,137,411	1,138,954	1,542	0.14%
2256	May Bank Infants' School	Primary	179	180	1	1%	658,104	666,207	8,103	1.23%
2263	Westlands Primary School	Primary	207	217	10	5%	759,612	809,259	49,647	6.54%
2273	Western Springs Primary School	Primary	109	93	-16	-15%	508,105	460,578	-47,527	-9.35%
2276	Greysbrooke Primary School	Primary	211	209	-2	-1%	772,464	769,940	-2,524	-0.33%
2277	Little Aston Primary School	Primary	225	226	1	0%	815,190	842,779	27,589	3.38%
2293	Oakridge Primary School	Primary	220	224	4	2%	773,104	790,025	16,921	2.19%

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2294	Manor Hill First School	Primary	87	88	1	1%	457,497	464,479	6,983	1.53%
2297	Coton Green Primary School	Primary	308	311	3	1%	1,104,667	1,140,535	35,867	3.25%
2306	Bhylls Acre Primary School	Primary	198	206	8	4%	749,884	798,082	48,198	6.43%
2309	Whittington Primary School	Primary	314	310	-4	-1%	1,081,145	1,075,342	-5,803	-0.54%
2315	Springfields First School	Primary	163	170	6	4%	619,249	645,782	26,533	4.28%
2321	Endon Hall Primary School	Primary	216	213	-3	-1%	757,291	768,147	10,856	1.43%
2322	Ashcroft Infants' School	Primary	122	123	1	1%	495,341	506,603	11,262	2.27%
2323	Marshbrook First School	Primary	123	129	6	5%	506,331	532,648	26,317	5.20%
2325	Oxhey First School	Primary	226	221	-5	-2%	788,219	795,102	6,883	0.87%
2326	Thomas Russell Junior School	Primary	243	251	8	3%	871,510	903,186	31,676	3.63%
2327	Hayes Meadow Primary School	Primary	173	178	5	3%	686,898	707,993	21,095	3.07%
2328	Woodcroft First School	Primary	211	206	-5	-2%	775,688	764,680	-11,008	-1.42%
2332	Florendine Primary School	Primary	268	271	3	1%	991,858	1,033,165	41,306	4.16%
2333	Two Gates Community Primary School	Primary	344	364	19	6%	1,287,089	1,367,652	80,563	6.26%
2334	Wilnecote Junior School	Primary	273	292	19	7%	1,043,800	1,115,633	71,832	6.88%
2335	Heathfields Infant School	Primary	212	211	-1	0%	797,189	798,982	1,792	0.22%
2336	The Woodlands Community Primary School	Primary	304	306	2	1%	1,138,775	1,154,145	15,370	1.35%
2340	Willows Primary School	Primary	377	390	13	3%	1,484,533	1,543,553	59,020	3.98%
2342	Glenthorne Community Primary School	Primary	227	251	24	11%	864,306	947,353	83,046	9.61%
2344	Springcroft Primary School	Primary	202	209	7	3%	733,197	767,111	33,914	4.63%
2345	Pirehill First School	Primary	286	298	12	4%	1,006,398	1,051,920	45,522	4.52%
2346	Hanbury's Farm Community Primary School	Primary	184	173	-11	-6%	791,234	754,177	-37,057	-4.68%
2348	Oakhill Primary School	Primary	134	122	-12	-9%	852,238	796,483	-55,755	-6.54%
2355	Chancel Primary School	Primary	212	214	2	1%	806,534	838,471	31,937	3.96%
2359	Bird's Bush Primary School	Primary	292	284	-8	-3%	1,106,989	1,088,007	-18,983	-1.71%
2360	The John Bamford Primary School	Primary	303	311	8	3%	1,087,419	1,143,432	56,013	5.15%
2361	Lakeside Primary School	Primary	226	222	-4	-2%	921,515	912,296	-9,219	-1.00%
2362	Princefield First School	Primary	189	200	11	6%	697,084	747,799	50,716	7.28%
2368	Lane Green First School	Primary	150	149	-1	-1%	613,359	628,284	14,925	2.43%
2369	Jerome Primary School	Primary	208	212	4	2%	779,285	814,198	34,913	4.48%
2370	Amington Heath Primary School and Nursery	Primary	114	107	-7	-6%	619,130	595,553	-23,577	-3.81%
2372	Perton First School	Primary	287	279	-8	-3%	1,027,086	1,019,813	-7,273	-0.71%
2374	Stoneydelph Primary School	Primary	235	239	4	2%	978,230	999,276	21,047	2.15%
2386	Gorsemoor Primary School	Primary	539	535	-4	-1%	1,814,838	1,819,698	4,860	0.27%
2388	Charnwood Primary School	Primary	171	183	12	7%	711,108	769,571	58,463	8.22%
2393	Cheslyn Hay Primary School	Primary	434	415	-19	-4%	1,517,491	1,462,370	-55,121	-3.63%
2394	Landywood Primary School	Primary	270	287	17	6%	1,011,460	1,107,660	96,200	9.51%
2395	Moat Hall Primary School	Primary	346	323	-23	-7%	1,292,160	1,246,652	-45,508	-3.52%
2396	Blakeley Heath Primary School	Primary	264	278	14	5%	967,744	1,043,630	75,886	7.84%
2397	Westfield Primary School	Primary	378	377	-1	0%	1,312,769	1,319,470	6,702	0.51%
2399	Cooper Perry Primary School	Primary	211	217	6	3%	774,222	813,565	39,343	5.08%
2400	Tillington Manor Primary School	Primary	267	270	3	1%	1,083,274	1,107,262	23,988	2.21%
2403	St Leonard's Primary School	Primary	210	205	-5	-2%	776,478	777,833	1,356	0.17%
2404	Doxey Primary and Nursery School	Primary	182	185	3	2%	798,997	818,640	19,643	2.46%
2406	Burton Manor Primary School	Primary	292	304	12	4%	1,098,526	1,151,026	52,499	4.78%

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2407	Castlechurch Primary School	Primary	344	337	-7	-2%	1,330,772	1,339,335	8,564	0.64%
2409	Flash Ley Primary School	Primary	255	264	9	4%	1,062,937	1,107,357	44,421	4.18%
2411	Chase Terrace Primary School	Primary	279	286	7	3%	1,069,380	1,110,729	41,349	3.87%
2413	Fulfen Primary School	Primary	406	415	9	2%	1,383,221	1,426,278	43,057	3.11%
2415	Highfields Primary School	Primary	197	205	8	4%	732,079	776,797	44,719	6.11%
2416	Holly Grove Primary School	Primary	306	304	-2	-1%	1,086,982	1,113,469	26,486	2.44%
2418	Ridgeway Primary School	Primary	412	408	-4	-1%	1,491,406	1,506,180	14,774	0.99%
2423	William MacGregor Primary School	Primary	209	206	-3	-1%	829,207	830,300	1,093	0.13%
2424	Moorhill Primary School	Primary	389	393	4	1%	1,578,195	1,603,628	25,433	1.61%
3000	Forsbrook CofE Controlled Primary School	Primary	209	235	26	12%	769,521	859,275	89,754	11.66%
3025	All Saints CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	261	245	-16	-6%	917,159	896,007	-21,152	-2.31%
3026	Hugo Meynell CofE (VC) Primary School	Primary	217	203	-14	-6%	815,519	778,304	-37,215	-4.56%
3027	Barlaston CofE (C) First School	Primary	138	135	-3	-2%	574,841	565,505	-9,336	-1.62%
3028	Berkswich CofE (VC) Primary School	Primary	215	215	0	0%	770,159	778,562	8,403	1.09%
3029	Betley CofE VC Primary School	Primary	94	94	0	0%	397,769	406,538	8,768	2.20%
3030	St John's CofE (C) First School	Primary	68	73	5	7%	317,564	337,829	20,264	6.38%
3034	St Mary and St Chad CE (VC) First School	Primary	152	151	-1	-1%	590,336	590,566	230	0.04%
3035	St Anne's CofE (VC) Primary School	Primary	216	219	3	1%	800,235	820,997	20,763	2.59%
3040	Chadsmoor CofE (VC) Junior School	Primary	232	232	0	0%	960,936	971,376	10,440	1.09%
3043	St Andrew's CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	60	58	-2	-3%	303,831	302,871	-960	-0.32%
3046	St Paul's CofE (C) First School	Primary	133	129	-4	-3%	513,607	511,581	-2,026	-0.39%
3048	All Saints CofE (C) First School	Primary	75	67	-8	-11%	339,972	323,327	-16,645	-4.90%
3049	St Augustine's CofE (C) First School	Primary	45	45	0	0%	253,204	254,510	1,306	0.52%
3050	St Leonard's CofE (C) First School	Primary	64	57	-7	-11%	312,735	297,760	-14,975	-4.79%
3051	Mary Howard CofE (VC) Primary School	Primary	56	52	-4	-7%	312,397	299,361	-13,036	-4.17%
3053	St Luke's CofE (VC) Primary School	Primary	212	217	5	2%	765,722	785,406	19,683	2.57%
3063	St Peter's CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	413	410	-3	-1%	1,438,396	1,461,473	23,077	1.60%
3067	St Michael's CofE (C) First School	Primary	76	74	-2	-3%	355,186	350,244	-4,942	-1.39%
3069	St John's CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	194	195	1	1%	720,377	744,447	24,070	3.34%
3076	Christ Church CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	418	413	-5	-1%	1,436,496	1,442,253	5,757	0.40%
3079	St Michael's CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	423	422	-1	0%	1,437,055	1,450,762	13,707	0.95%
3080	St Chad's CofE (VC) Primary School	Primary	209	198	-11	-5%	786,540	758,809	-27,731	-3.53%
3082	St Bartholomew's CofE (C) School	Primary	9	17	8	89%	152,975	189,511	36,536	23.88%
3084	St Peter's CofE (VC) First School	Primary	62	47	-15	-24%	306,754	261,393	-45,361	-14.79%
3086	The Henry Prince CofE (C) First School	Primary	34	36	2	6%	218,308	229,139	10,830	4.96%
3091	St Chad's CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	278	267	-11	-4%	1,012,252	985,801	-26,451	-2.61%
3093	St Luke's CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	188	191	3	2%	869,149	891,710	22,561	2.60%
3094	St Margaret's CofE (VC) Junior School	Primary	248	242	-6	-2%	911,531	906,186	-5,345	-0.59%
3098	St Chad's CofE (VC) First School	Primary	121	118	-3	-2%	497,370	490,431	-6,939	-1.40%
3100	All Saints CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	104	103	-1	-1%	438,134	439,762	1,628	0.37%
3103	Rushton CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	28	37	9	32%	204,185	233,158	28,973	14.19%
3110	All Saints CofE (C) First School	Primary	54	60	6	11%	281,966	303,073	21,107	7.49%
3112	St Michael's CofE (C) First School	Primary	313	256	-57	-18%	1,111,790	945,902	-165,888	-14.92%
3116	St John's CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	89	86	-3	-3%	404,912	399,442	-5,470	-1.35%
3117	Tittensor CofE (C) First School	Primary	69	68	-1	-1%	339,918	338,452	-1,465	-0.43%
3118	All Saints CofE (VC) Primary School	Primary	106	99	-7	-7%	434,807	416,996	-17,811	-4.10%
3119	Richard Wakefield CofE (VC) Primary School	Primary	218	232	14	6%	839,652	897,511	57,860	6.89%
3128	St John's CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	187	194	7	4%	707,694	733,942	26,247	3.71%
3130	St Mary's CofE (C) First School	Primary	88	84	-4	-5%	406,250	402,881	-3,369	-0.83%
3134	Blackshaw Moor CofE (VC) First School	Primary	59	54	-5	-8%	305,373	294,811	-10,562	-3.46%
3136	Sir John Offley CofE (VC) Primary School	Primary	131	135	4	3%	558,865	577,437	18,572	3.32%

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3137	Baldwin's Gate	Primary	114	118	4	3%	463,161	482,905	19,745	4.26%
3139	Hob Hill CE/Methodist (VC) Primary School	Primary	220	227	6	3%	838,714	884,392	45,678	5.45%
3141	Etching Hill CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	365	365	0	0%	1,280,562	1,303,166	22,604	1.77%
3144	Holy Trinity CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	144	144	0	0%	591,461	595,631	4,170	0.70%
3149	St Paul's CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	109	109	0	0%	458,209	470,363	12,153	2.65%
3152	All Saints CofE (VC) Primary School	Primary	47	56	9	19%	274,538	306,498	31,961	11.64%
3420	St Modwen's Catholic Primary	Primary	373	392	19	5%	1,342,128	1,452,119	109,991	8.20%
3422	Holy Rosary Catholic Primary School	Primary	265	277	12	5%	958,552	1,027,194	68,642	7.16%
3426	St Peter's CofE (A) First School	Primary	52	52	0	0%	270,711	271,907	1,196	0.44%
3427	All Saints CofE (A) Primary School	Primary	83	85	2	2%	362,034	376,589	14,554	4.02%
3430	St Peter's CofE (A) Primary School	Primary	175	154	-21	-12%	689,676	624,104	-65,571	-9.51%
3433	Church Eaton Endowed (VA) Primary School	Primary	70	64	-6	-9%	328,023	317,446	-10,578	-3.22%
3438	Ilam CofE (VA) Primary School	Primary	67	53	-14	-21%	319,399	286,447	-32,952	-10.32%
3442	Beresford Memorial CofE (A) First School	Primary	147	145	-2	-1%	639,036	636,214	-2,822	-0.44%
3443	All Saints CofE (A) First School	Primary	209	207	-2	-1%	768,461	783,565	15,103	1.97%
3446	St Mary's CofE (A) Primary School	Primary	64	64	0	0%	316,175	317,558	1,384	0.44%
3447	St Michael's CofE (A) First School	Primary	140	144	4	3%	562,030	578,353	16,323	2.90%
3449	St Mary's CofE (A) First School	Primary	173	168	-5	-3%	683,360	669,697	-13,663	-2.00%
3450	St Leonard's CofE (A) Primary School	Primary	115	108	-7	-6%	470,798	455,452	-15,346	-3.26%
3456	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Primary	210	207	-3	-1%	791,601	803,885	12,284	1.55%
3458	St Joseph and St Theresa Catholic Primary	Primary	193	195	2	1%	724,230	739,807	15,577	2.15%
3461	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Primary	207	213	6	3%	747,482	787,479	39,997	5.35%
3464	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Primary	213	210	-3	-1%	743,001	754,671	11,671	1.57%
3467	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Primary	185	191	6	3%	746,818	772,185	25,366	3.40%
3476	Our Lady and St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School	Primary	211	209	-2	-1%	748,359	764,011	15,652	2.09%
3478	St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School	Primary	204	205	1	0%	790,240	798,354	8,115	1.03%
3481	St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School	Primary	92	94	2	2%	414,424	423,267	8,843	2.13%
3482	St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School	Primary	403	404	1	0%	1,435,359	1,478,066	42,707	2.98%
3483	St Christopher's Catholic Primary School	Primary	208	211	3	1%	731,371	762,634	31,263	4.27%
3484	SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School	Primary	117	122	5	4%	520,929	549,060	28,131	5.40%
3485	St Thomas More Catholic Primary School	Primary	175	179	4	2%	662,701	689,936	27,235	4.11%
3486	Needwood CofE VA Primary School	Primary	77	75	-2	-3%	361,833	366,214	4,380	1.21%
3488	Anson CofE (A) Primary School	Primary	100	105	5	5%	432,697	451,238	18,542	4.29%
3489	St Thomas' CofE (A) Primary School	Primary	205	211	6	3%	784,811	813,542	28,731	3.66%
3490	St Leonard's CofE (VA) First School	Primary	40	40	0	0%	241,217	245,152	3,935	1.63%
3492	St Lukes CofE Primary School	Primary	415	415	0	0%	1,433,749	1,460,213	26,464	1.85%
3493	Redbrook Hayes Community Primary School	Primary	195	199	4	2%	844,470	865,981	21,511	2.55%
3494	Chase View Community Primary School	Primary	176	185	9	5%	765,906	819,173	53,267	6.95%
3495	Winshill Village Primary and Nursery School	Primary	195	194	-1	-1%	835,827	835,861	34	0.00%
3497	The William Amory Primary School	Primary	177	195	18	10%	716,117	781,396	65,279	9.12%
3499	Langdale Primary School	Primary	380	374	-6	-2%	1,383,855	1,383,358	-497	-0.04%
3500	Riverview Primary School	Primary	371	351	-20	-5%	1,634,630	1,565,428	-69,202	-4.23%
5202	Corbett VA CofE Primary School	Primary	105	101	-4	-4%	429,807	424,901	-4,906	-1.14%
4128	Penkridge Middle School	Middle-deemed Secondary	418	457	39	9%	1,691,671	1,855,019	163,348	9.66%
4142	Walton Priory Middle School	Middle-deemed Secondary	392	462	70	18%	1,604,643	1,905,830	301,187	18.77%
4144	James Bateman Junior High School	Middle-deemed Secondary	337	360	23	7%	1,503,524	1,617,705	114,180	7.59%
4170	Perton Middle School	Middle-deemed Secondary	347	360	13	4%	1,427,845	1,502,612	74,767	5.24%
4511	Ryecroft CofE (C) Middle School	Middle-deemed Secondary	205	201	-4	-2%	917,032	930,767	13,734	1.50%
4516	Brewood CofE (C) Middle School	Middle-deemed Secondary	418	421	3	1%	1,716,071	1,765,426	49,355	2.88%
4517	Bilbrook CofE (VC) Middle School	Middle-deemed Secondary	137	120	-17	-12%	784,194	722,127	-62,067	-7.91%
4012	The King's CofE (VA) School	Secondary	349	395	46	13%	1,992,360	2,252,441	260,081	13.05%

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4051	Paulet High School	Secondary	645	697	52	8%	3,218,907	3,572,815	353,908	10.99%
4055	Paget High School	Secondary	801	762	-39	-5%	4,052,583	3,983,905	-68,678	-1.69%
4066	Norton Canes High School	Secondary	341	370	29	9%	1,826,915	2,034,118	207,202	11.34%
4067	Blythe Bridge High School	Secondary	878	863	-15	-2%	4,086,512	4,143,967	57,456	1.41%
4072	Moorside High School	Secondary	760	779	19	3%	3,632,503	3,861,322	228,819	6.30%
4075	Codsall Community High School	Secondary	654	683	29	4%	3,248,959	3,493,588	244,629	7.53%
4077	Endon High School	Secondary	699	692	-7	-1%	3,178,652	3,240,355	61,703	1.94%
4079	Great Wyrley High School	Secondary	689	622	-67	-10%	3,491,637	3,268,613	-223,024	-6.39%
4087	King Edward VI School	Secondary	1,041	1,056	15	1%	4,689,837	4,970,372	280,535	5.98%
4089	Nether Stowe School	Secondary	553	573	20	4%	2,849,197	3,028,756	179,559	6.30%
4100	Wolgarston High School	Secondary	483	499	16	3%	2,434,211	2,550,505	116,293	4.78%
4126	The Friary School	Secondary	962	968	6	1%	4,588,728	4,740,785	152,057	3.31%
4140	Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School	Secondary	1,116	1,118	2	0%	5,236,062	5,406,939	170,876	3.26%
4181	King Edward VI High School	Secondary	633	608	-25	-4%	3,171,158	3,143,209	-27,949	-0.88%
4500	Abbot Beyne School	Secondary	608	649	41	7%	3,315,484	3,588,863	273,379	8.25%
4710	Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Sports College	Secondary	637	634	-3	0%	3,037,974	3,116,735	78,761	2.59%
5402	Stafford Manor High School	Secondary	260	270	10	4%	1,523,077	1,577,974	54,897	3.60%
5403	Cardinal Griffin Catholic College	Secondary	726	733	7	1%	3,404,004	3,541,955	137,950	4.05%
			54,015	54,420	406	1%	223,377,627	229,395,322	6,017,694	2.62%

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ACADEMIES (operational as at 1 February 2018)

This reflects the impact of the main formula and will not match the budget provided by ESFA which will reflect academies' additional responsibilities

2001	Anglesey Primary Academy	Primary	574	586	12	2%	2,237,059	2,351,819	114,760	5.13%
2002	Scientia Academy	Primary	312	363	51	16%	1,228,818	1,417,448	188,630	15.35%
2003	Landau Forte Academy Greenacres	Primary	357	368	11	3%	1,280,056	1,355,412	75,355	5.89%
2004	University Primary Academy Kidsgrove	Primary	173	167	-6	-3%	732,009	714,820	-17,189	-2.35%
2005	Churchfields Primary School	Primary	289	331	42	15%	1,138,273	1,305,730	167,457	14.71%
2006	Veritas Primary Academy	Primary	249	301	52	21%	921,774	1,108,842	187,068	20.29%
2007	Silverdale Primary Academy	Primary	141	160	19	13%	601,572	671,362	69,791	11.60%
2008	Springhill Primary Academy	Primary	161	167	6	4%	691,195	722,066	30,871	4.47%
2009	Norton Canes Primary Academy	Primary	226	235	9	4%	880,535	937,172	56,638	6.43%
2010	Heath Hayes Primary Academy	Primary	161	177	16	10%	661,236	721,255	60,019	9.08%
2011	Havergal CofE (C) Primary School	Primary	176	169	-7	-4%	656,314	645,771	-10,543	-1.61%
2012	Moorgate Primary Academy	Primary	245	259	14	6%	984,712	1,046,122	61,410	6.24%
2013	Rowley Park Primary Academy	Primary	176	166	-10	-6%	806,456	771,580	-34,876	-4.32%
2014	John Wheeldon Primary Academy	Primary	479	502	23	5%	1,682,859	1,792,530	109,671	6.52%
2015	Kingfisher Academy	Primary	176	172	-4	-2%	787,348	790,264	2,916	0.37%
2016	Five Spires Academy	Primary	78	98	20	26%	348,104	415,337	67,233	19.31%
2017	Three Peaks Primary Academy	Primary	387	384	-3	-1%	1,442,563	1,474,347	31,784	2.20%
2018	Silkmore Primary Academy	Primary	162	174	12	7%	891,302	954,106	62,804	7.05%
2019	Knutton St Marys CofE Academy	Primary	242	231	-11	-5%	1,067,584	1,052,820	-14,764	-1.38%
2020	Horninglow Primary, A De Ferrers Trust Academy	Primary	202	205	3	1%	854,519	890,018	35,499	4.15%
2022	Thursfield Primary School	Primary	270	264	-6	-2%	968,346	955,530	-12,816	-1.32%
2025	St Benedict Biscop CofE Primary School	Primary	198	194	-4	-2%	712,787	705,098	-7,689	-1.08%
2026	Picknalls First School	Primary	262	268	6	2%	945,294	970,390	25,096	2.65%
2027	Chadsmead Primary Academy	Primary	335	303	-32	-10%	1,241,670	1,167,426	-74,244	-5.98%
2028	Gentleshaw Primary School	Primary	135	131	-4	-3%	509,496	510,953	1,457	0.29%
2030	Bishop Rawle CofE (A) Primary School	Primary	152	145	-7	-5%	616,489	601,440	-15,049	-2.44%
2128	Lansdowne: A De Ferrers Trust Academy	Primary	174	173	-1	-1%	792,370	794,230	1,860	0.23%
2141	The Violet Way Academy	Primary	270	266	-4	-1%	981,451	974,893	-6,558	-0.67%
2145	Eton Park Junior, A De Ferrers Trust Academy	Primary	212	211	-1	0%	918,837	937,731	18,894	2.06%
2152	The Mosley Academy	Primary	141	171	30	21%	532,056	637,219	105,163	19.77%
2160	Thomas Russell Infants School	Primary	180	184	4	2%	660,716	677,104	16,388	2.48%
2200	The Howard Primary School	Primary	48	61	13	27%	259,196	300,650	41,454	15.99%
2204	Featherstone Academy	Primary	211	209	-2	-1%	840,095	838,405	-1,690	-0.20%
2217	Littleton Green Community School	Primary	341	347	6	2%	1,335,272	1,367,923	32,651	2.45%
2220	Castle Primary School	Primary	90	92	2	2%	385,027	399,034	14,007	3.64%
2236	The Meadows Primary School	Primary	92	88	-4	-4%	397,312	388,715	-8,597	-2.16%
2241	Sun Academy Bradwell	Primary	196	199	3	2%	784,542	813,640	29,099	3.71%
2242	Bursley Academy	Primary	323	321	-2	-1%	1,132,497	1,133,683	1,186	0.10%
2247	Crackley Bank Primary School	Primary	177	178	1	1%	875,041	884,538	9,497	1.09%
2252	Hempstalls Primary School	Primary	324	338	14	4%	1,325,634	1,385,613	59,979	4.52%
2264	The Valley Primary School	Primary	35	44	9	26%	227,826	259,084	31,258	13.72%
2298	Lark Hall Infant & Nursery Academy	Primary	79	81	2	3%	383,367	399,362	15,996	4.17%
2299	Flax Hill Junior Academy	Primary	255	275	20	8%	960,437	1,056,847	96,410	10.04%
2305	Great Wood Community Primary School	Primary	97	108	11	11%	441,324	480,658	39,333	8.91%
2320	Meir Heath Academy	Primary	373	367	-6	-2%	1,232,219	1,247,088	14,869	1.21%
2337	Ankermoor Primary Academy	Primary	133	135	2	2%	571,358	588,405	17,047	2.98%
2352	Barnfields Primary School	Primary	445	444	-1	0%	1,474,755	1,481,841	7,086	0.48%
2358	Chesterton Primary School	Primary	158	164	6	4%	763,044	800,702	37,658	4.94%
2373	Glascote Academy	Primary	256	271	15	6%	1,054,757	1,116,900	62,143	5.89%

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2387	Perton Primary Academy	Primary	220	232	12	5%	788,952	840,645	51,693	6.55%
2392	Ellison Primary Academy	Primary	356	384	28	8%	1,301,904	1,404,002	102,098	7.84%
2401	Parkside Primary School	Primary	264	278	14	5%	935,295	986,072	50,776	5.43%
2410	Boney Hay Primary Academy	Primary	169	176	7	4%	709,919	739,091	29,172	4.11%
2421	Pye Green Academy	Primary	405	406	1	0%	1,443,931	1,477,043	33,112	2.29%
3042	St Edward's CofE Academy Cheddleton	Primary	217	213	-4	-2%	781,671	776,281	-5,389	-0.69%
3044	St Nicholas Church of England First School	Primary	303	308	5	2%	1,055,391	1,083,506	28,115	2.66%
3045	Colwich CofE Primary School	Primary	181	187	6	3%	650,073	672,088	22,016	3.39%
3072	St Saviour's Academy	Primary	157	171	14	9%	680,098	755,666	75,569	11.11%
3081	St James Church of England Primary Academy	Primary	101	92	-9	-9%	413,839	396,004	-17,835	-4.31%
3092	St Giles' and St George's Church of England Academy	Primary	309	308	-1	0%	1,228,825	1,250,948	22,123	1.80%
3102	Churchfield CofE Primary Academy	Primary	162	178	16	10%	708,788	776,939	68,151	9.62%
3113	Oulton CofE (C) First School	Primary	75	71	-4	-5%	327,848	319,658	-8,190	-2.50%
3114	St Peter's Church of England Primary Academy	Primary	191	183	-8	-4%	687,785	680,980	-6,805	-0.99%
3120	Tynsel Parkes Primary Academy	Primary	145	146	1	1%	577,654	596,260	18,606	3.22%
3132	Yoxall St Peter's CofE (VC) Primary School	Primary	145	144	-1	-1%	538,702	549,777	11,074	2.06%
3142	Christ Church CofE (C) First School	Primary	140	135	-5	-4%	565,128	552,125	-13,003	-2.30%
3145	St John's Primary Academy	Primary	461	490	29	6%	1,554,926	1,695,716	140,789	9.05%
3146	Bishop Lonsdale Church of England Primary Academy	Primary	200	219	19	10%	747,588	812,969	65,381	8.75%
3147	St John's CofE Primary Academy	Primary	415	412	-3	-1%	1,425,670	1,433,850	8,180	0.57%
3148	St Andrew's CofE Primary School	Primary	177	178	1	1%	636,029	655,130	19,101	3.00%
3150	Woodseaves CE Primary Academy	Primary	100	100	0	0%	414,862	424,369	9,507	2.29%
3151	Haughton St Giles CofE Primary Academy	Primary	136	115	-21	-15%	509,887	459,478	-50,409	-9.89%
3153	Gnosall St Lawrence Coe Primary Academy	Primary	239	247	8	3%	880,744	912,245	31,501	3.58%
3154	St Peter's CofE Primary School	Primary	112	137	25	22%	458,236	544,160	85,924	18.75%
3155	Manifold Church of England Primary School	Primary	38	43	5	13%	236,257	255,886	19,629	8.31%
3156	Waterhouses CofE Primary Academy	Primary	86	94	8	9%	528,836	569,742	40,905	7.73%
3300	The Faber Catholic Primary School	Primary	71	69	-2	-3%	329,200	324,635	-4,565	-1.39%
3434	The St. Mary's CofE Primary School	Primary	85	74	-11	-13%	380,344	355,780	-24,564	-6.46%
3436	Dilhorne Endowed CE (A) Primary School	Primary	50	58	8	16%	283,669	312,810	29,141	10.27%
3440	The Richard Crosse CofE Primary School	Primary	119	118	-1	-1%	477,445	477,090	-355	-0.07%
3441	St Werburgh's CE (A) Primary School	Primary	143	143	0	0%	568,923	572,287	3,364	0.59%
3455	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Primary	108	108	0	0%	436,410	446,701	10,291	2.36%
3457	St Filumena's Catholic Primary School	Primary	207	211	4	2%	743,543	760,562	17,019	2.29%
3459	St Giles Catholic Primary School	Primary	205	207	2	1%	742,639	764,749	22,110	2.98%
3460	St John's Catholic Primary School	Primary	82	70	-12	-15%	356,617	327,752	-28,865	-8.09%
3462	St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary	Primary	188	189	1	1%	774,771	800,072	25,301	3.27%
3463	St Mary's Catholic Academy	Primary	173	184	11	6%	680,848	735,133	54,284	7.97%
3465	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Primary	380	379	-1	0%	1,440,282	1,479,994	39,712	2.76%
3466	St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School	Primary	420	409	-11	-3%	1,432,341	1,424,559	-7,782	-0.54%
3468	St Austin's Catholic Primary School	Primary	202	205	3	1%	773,610	787,533	13,923	1.80%
3469	St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	Primary	210	207	-3	-1%	820,657	815,623	-5,034	-0.61%
3470	St Dominic's Catholic Primary School	Primary	200	208	8	4%	710,485	739,067	28,581	4.02%
3473	St Thomas' Catholic Primary School	Primary	223	225	2	1%	783,489	794,594	11,105	1.42%
3474	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Primary	191	199	8	4%	702,371	731,652	29,282	4.17%
3477	Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy	Primary	100	109	9	9%	480,809	516,855	36,046	7.50%
3479	Blessed Mother Teresa's Catholic Primary School	Primary	127	140	13	10%	587,580	653,240	65,660	11.17%
3480	St Anne's Catholic Primary School	Primary	216	217	1	0%	764,581	772,522	7,941	1.04%
3496	Seabridge Primary School	Primary	414	415	1	0%	1,438,184	1,458,627	20,443	1.42%
3498	Leasowes Primary School	Primary	432	429	-3	-1%	1,422,825	1,423,488	662	0.05%
5200	Hollinsclough Church of England Academy	Primary	49	48	-1	-2%	282,108	283,860	1,752	0.62%

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4133	Codsall Middle School	Middle-deemed Secondary	536	552	16	3%	2,072,319	2,195,634	123,315	5.95%
4154	Woodhouse Academy	Middle-deemed Secondary	451	452	1	0%	1,802,058	1,844,166	42,108	2.34%
4160	Churnet View Middle School	Middle-deemed Secondary	441	422	-19	-4%	1,893,137	1,871,686	-21,451	-1.13%
4512	Windsor Park CE Middle School	Middle-deemed Secondary	347	348	1	0%	1,468,742	1,537,649	68,908	4.69%
4612	Christ Church Academy	Middle-deemed Secondary	561	586	25	4%	2,199,784	2,336,817	137,033	6.23%
4613	St Edward's Church of England Academy	Middle-deemed Secondary	755	750	-5	-1%	2,905,755	2,977,387	71,631	2.47%
4002	The Hart School	Secondary	1,030	1,007	-23	-2%	5,081,941	4,987,109	-94,832	-1.87%
4004	Landau Forte Academy, QEMS	Secondary	649	649	0	0%	3,202,028	3,293,800	91,772	2.87%
4005	Staffordshire University Academy	Secondary	569	573	4	1%	3,128,299	3,168,177	39,878	1.27%
4006	Tamworth Enterprise College and AET Academy	Secondary	708	650	-58	-8%	3,569,326	3,388,188	-181,138	-5.07%
4007	The Rural Enterprise Academy	Secondary	131	136	5	4%	817,844	865,026	47,183	5.77%
4009	Kinver High School and Sixth Form	Secondary	500	543	43	9%	2,336,382	2,615,899	279,517	11.96%
4010	Ounsdale High School	Secondary	784	798	14	2%	3,587,972	3,763,077	175,105	4.88%
4013	Wolstanton High Academy	Secondary	838	803	-35	-4%	3,957,736	3,915,241	-42,494	-1.07%
4060	Sir Thomas Boughey Academy	Secondary	667	646	-21	-3%	3,166,855	3,165,916	-939	-0.03%
4061	John Taylor High School	Secondary	1,209	1,240	31	3%	5,311,560	5,732,556	420,996	7.93%
4070	Kingsmead School	Secondary	962	985	23	2%	4,458,258	4,704,322	246,064	5.52%
4084	University Academy Kidsgrove	Secondary	449	382	-67	-15%	2,213,241	1,957,271	-255,971	-11.57%
4085	Leek High School	Secondary	297	315	18	6%	1,684,043	1,816,056	132,013	7.84%
4086	Westwood College	Secondary	552	571	19	3%	2,783,469	2,892,299	108,830	3.91%
4090	Madeley High School	Secondary	626	612	-14	-2%	2,876,622	2,901,850	25,228	0.88%
4093	Chesterton Community Sports College	Secondary	674	717	43	6%	3,397,081	3,707,923	310,842	9.15%
4094	Clayton Hall Academy	Secondary	979	985	6	1%	4,432,169	4,598,090	165,921	3.74%
4096	Newcastle Academy	Secondary	374	377	3	1%	2,101,028	2,128,476	27,449	1.31%
4111	Walton High School	Secondary	1,030	1,031	1	0%	4,488,789	4,764,090	275,300	6.13%
4112	Alleyne's Academy	Secondary	600	582	-18	-3%	2,886,129	2,880,074	-6,055	-0.21%
4123	The Wilnecote School	Secondary	765	727	-38	-5%	3,661,096	3,592,907	-68,189	-1.86%
4143	Biddulph High School	Secondary	571	548	-23	-4%	2,854,649	2,824,586	-30,063	-1.05%
4146	Thomas Alleyne's High School	Secondary	743	754	11	1%	3,671,388	3,831,286	159,898	4.36%
4153	The Cheadle Academy	Secondary	479	422	-57	-12%	2,427,556	2,157,507	-270,049	-11.12%
4158	The Rawlett School (An Aet Academy)	Secondary	951	985	34	4%	4,354,436	4,645,558	291,122	6.69%
4176	The de Ferrers Academy	Secondary	1,766	1,771	5	0%	8,121,351	8,401,197	279,846	3.45%
4178	Chase Terrace Technology College	Secondary	1,144	1,171	27	2%	5,250,362	5,538,084	287,722	5.48%
4180	Sir Graham Balfour High School	Secondary	787	816	29	4%	3,650,162	3,895,984	245,821	6.73%
4183	The Weston Road Academy	Secondary	783	835	52	7%	3,582,462	3,908,734	326,272	9.11%
4607	Blessed William Howard Catholic School	Secondary	738	768	30	4%	3,425,739	3,669,919	244,180	7.13%
4610	Painsley Catholic College	Secondary	1,038	1,055	17	2%	4,609,977	4,873,136	263,159	5.71%
4713	St John Fisher Catholic College	Secondary	825	844	19	2%	3,893,342	4,104,101	210,759	5.41%
5401	Cannock Chase High School	Secondary	701	699	-2	0%	3,497,991	3,595,537	97,546	2.79%
5404	Erasmus Darwin Academy	Secondary	846	882	36	4%	3,826,384	4,108,053	281,669	7.36%
6905	Landau Forte Academy, Amington	Secondary	799	775	-24	-3%	3,922,253	3,926,861	4,608	0.12%
6906	The JCB Academy	Secondary	374	384	10	3%	1,926,761	1,986,426	59,665	3.10%
2167	Ryknel Primary School	Primary	506	537	31	6%	1,753,487	1,874,165	120,679	6.88%
2296	William Shrewsbury Primary School	Primary	622	626	4	1%	2,078,742	2,105,974	27,232	1.31%
2422	John of Rolleston Primary School	Primary	383	371	-12	-3%	1,283,562	1,269,355	-14,207	-1.11%
3501	Outwoods Primary School	Primary	474	482	8	2%	1,703,376	1,765,262	61,887	3.63%
9999	REAch2 Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy (previously Burton)	Primary	-	35	35		0	173,999	173,999	
9998	John Taylor Free School	Secondary	-	123	123		0	639,097	639,097	
2195	Birches First School	Primary	151	149	-2	-1%	573,646	583,607	9,961	1.74%
3075	All Saints CofE (C) First School	Primary	44	47	3	7%	247,907	258,097	10,189	4.11%
3432	Hutchinson Memorial CofE (A) First School	Primary	80	76	-4	-5%	347,607	337,501	-10,106	-2.91%

DfE	Name	School Type	Pupil Numbers				Budget before De-delegation & ESG Levy			
			2017-18	2018-19	Variance	Variance %	2017-18 (£)	2018-19 (£)	Variance (£)	Variance %
4145	Oldfields Hall Middle School	Middle-deemed Secondary	506	496	-10	-2%	2,012,956	2,021,205	8,249	0.41%
2031	Dosthill Primary School	Primary	617	611	-6	-1%	1,998,846	2,021,963	23,116	1.16%
			54,437	55,213	776	1%	233,918,681	242,512,620	8,593,939	3.54%

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Update on the High Needs Block Recovery Plan

Recommendations

1. That the Schools Forum notes this report.
2. The progress of the High Needs Recovery Strategy Group is noted by Schools Forum.

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and Communities

PART A

Why is it coming here – what decision is required?

3. To notify Schools Forum of the work being undertaken to remove the overspend within the High Needs Block and the need for a combined strategic approach with all education providers to meet the financial challenges as previously notified. No further decisions are required.
4. As reported previously, failure to mitigate the high needs overspend in 2018/19 will mean that a 0.5% funding switch will be required from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2019/20. This would amount to £2.4m based on 2018-19 DSG allocation.
5. The High Needs Recovery Task Force was convened and has now met 3 times and explored a range of options available for recovery of the High Needs Block overspend. The discussions have explored the benefits and risks attached to the withdrawal or reduction of a number of areas of funding. These include options for distribution of the Additional Educational Needs funding (AEN), reduction in the overspend for out of authority Special School placements and options for addressing the overspend in alternative provision. Further work will be done on these areas as well as a number of other areas including top-up funding for post-16 independent provision.

6. The current High Needs forecast overspend is driving a number of discussions around potential options to manage the funding within the financial envelope available. There are already Transformation projects taking place to pilot alternative ways of working and it is becoming apparent that there are ideas within these that will link directly with the High Needs Recovery plan including the Transformation Prototype in Leek, the new prototype in South Staffordshire and the planned Early Years prototype. The function of the prototypes is to consider a more localised approach to SEND provision leading to early intervention for pupils identified with SEND. The plan is that, because of the early intervention, there will be less recourse to requests for EHCPs.
7. No financial modelling has yet taken place to quantify the financial implications of these, however when this has been done, and the impact evaluated, this may influence future decision making or further conversations around other ideas going forward, such as locality control of additional educational needs funding to reduce the requests for EHCP assessments which have grown over the last 3 years (Table 1).

Table 1

Academic Year	Requests for EHC Assessments	EHC Assessments completed
14/15	609	321
15/16	889	541
16/17	1,052	617

8. It is planned that the Prototypes will lead to a reduction in the requests for EHCPs and consequent Special School pressures resulting in the large percentage growth in special school placements compared to the growth in primary population and the reduction in secondary school population (Table 2).

Table 2

School Type	Jan 2012	Jan 2017	Percentage Increase
Primary	57,911	62,725	8.3%
Secondary	48,613	45,506	-6.4%
Special	1,607	1,950	21.3%

A panel has also been introduced, to review permanent exclusions, in order to reduce alternative provision costs where demand for places has grown, greater than the growth in primary and secondary. (Table 3).

Table 3

School Type	Jan 2012	Jan 2017	Percentage Increase
Primary	57,911	62,725	8.3%
Secondary	48,613	45,506	-6.4%
PRU	171	204	19.3%

Currently, discussions are also taking place around reducing costs, on independent special school placements, through a planned joint social care, health and education review panel. Discussions have also commenced with Staffordshire maintained and Academy Special Schools to review the funding of Special Schools in order to seek to reduce the pressure on exceptional needs funding (EN).

PART B

Background

9. The financial risk within the High Needs service has been previously notified to Schools Forum and no further information is available. The 2016/17 outturn was £2.5m over budget before planned use of reserves. This has mainly arisen from an increase in numbers and, as a consequence, costs relating to high needs top-up

funding to pupils in both mainstream, known as Additional Education Needs (AEN), and special schools, known as Matrix funding.

10. The indicative allocations within the National Funding Formula (NFF) have identified that there will be an additional £2m added into the High Needs Block in 2018/19, rising to an additional £3.8m added in for 2019/20. These figures include the additional allocation as a net importer of SEND pupils in special schools.
11. The forecast overspend for 2017/18 is estimated to be £4.96m rising to between £4m - £7m in 2018-19 based on current trends. The Direct Schools Grant (DSG) balances currently stand at £8.4m, if these overspends are realised the DSG balances would then be in deficit.
12. If the strategy is unsuccessful the DSG balances would be brought into deficit. The financial pressures within the County Council means the likelihood is there will be no funding available from the local authority.
13. This will mean, as previously notified, that in 2019/20 we would need to switch 0.5% from the schools block to the High Needs block.

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Appendix 1 – list of membership

High Needs Recovery Task Force - Membership

Name	
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Barnes, Alison (F&R)	Senior Finance Business Partner
Boyle, Sarah (F&R)	Accountant
Calverley, Lesley (F&C)	Senior Commissioning Manager - SEND
Cathryn Plant	Entrust
Cranidge, Emma (F&R)	External Reporting Manager
Denise Haney	Newcastle under Lyme College
Kirsty Rogers	Headteacher, Kettlebrook School
Hobson, Karl (F&C)	County Manager
Knight, Rebecca (F&C)	Lead SEND/Inclusion Monitoring Officer
Leake, Helen (D,L&T)	TSU support and facilitation
Levell, Karen (F&C)	Head of SEND Assessment and Planning Service
Moss, Tim (F&C)	County Commissioner for School Quality Assurance and Intervention
Pitt, Sara (F&R)	Strategic Finance Business Partner
Platt, Danielle (S,G&C)	TSU support and facilitation
Elizabeth Banks	Headteacher, Redhill School
Chris Best	Headteacher, The Meadows School
Whelan, Wendy	Entrust
Baines, Anthony (E,I&S)	County Commissioner for Skills and Employabilty
Beaumont, Laura (S,G&C)	Portfolio Manager
Matthews, Alison (E,I&S)	Skills & Further Learning Officer
Mills, Paul (E,I&S)	Skills & Further Learning Officer
Takhar, Tally (E,I&S)	Skills & Further Learning Officer

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Notices of Concern

Recommendation

1. Members note the issue and withdrawal of a Notice of Concern to the schools identified below.

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for People:

PART A

Why is it coming here – what decision is required?

2. No decision required.

Reasons for recommendation

3. The agreed protocol for issuing a Notice of Concern includes the provision that information on the issue and withdrawal of a notice of concern will be provided to the Schools Forum on a termly basis.

PART B

Background:

4. There has been one new Notice of Concern issued since the last meeting:

Winhill Village Primary & Nursery School have been issued with a Directive Academy Order

5. Since the last meeting of the Schools Forum the County Council has not withdrawn any existing Notices of Concern.

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List of background papers:

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Schools Forum Work Programme

There are a number of items the Schools Forum considers annually and these are set out in the work programme below.

The “Schools Forums: operational and good practice guide” (October 2013) states that:

Local authorities should as far as possible be responsive to requests from their School Forums and their members. Schools Forums themselves should also be aware of the resource implications of their requests.

Forum Members are therefore able to suggest an item for consideration at a future Forum meeting as long as it is within the remit of the Forum. Any request must be agreed by the Schools Forum before being included on the work programme. Each Forum agenda is set by the Chairman in consultation with the Director and the Clerk. The scheduling of items included on the work programme will therefore be agreed through this process and taking account of resource implications and agenda management.

Meeting	Item	Details
Spring Term 26 March 2018	Schools Budget (forthcoming financial year) – this will Provide Confirmation of Final Budget Values, as agreed at the meeting of the Forum on 3 October 2017	Annual item
	Update on High Needs Block Recovery Plan	Standard item
	Notices of Concern	Standard item
Summer Term 3 July 2018	Schools Budget (last financial year) : Final outturn and Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Settlement	Annual item
	Update on High Needs Block Recovery Plan	Standard item
	Progress Report on the use of the Dedicated Schools Grant for LSTs	Requested at the meeting of the Forum on 3 October 2017

Meeting	Item	Details
	Schools Forum Membership – Annual Review	At its meeting of 9 July 2015 the Forum agreed to review its membership annually to ensure it remained broadly proportionate.
	Growth Fund – Allocation of Funding 2018-19	Annual item
	Notices of Concern	Standard item
Autumn Term 18 October 2018	Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman	Annual item
	Update on High Needs Block Recovery Plan	Standard item
	Schools Budget 2019–20: De-delegation, Central Expenditure and Education Functions	Annual item
	Report on School Attendance Matters and Staffordshire’s Education Welfare Team	Annual Item, requested at the meeting of the Forum on 3 October 2017.
	Notices of Concern	Standard item
Spring Term 19 January 2019	Growth Fund 2019-20: Funding of New Schools	Annual item
	Update on High Needs Block Recovery Plan	Standard item
	Notices of Concern	Standard item

Meeting	Item	Details
Spring term 28 March 2019	Schools Budget (forthcoming financial year)	Annual item
	Update on High Needs Block Recovery Plan	Standard item
	Notices of Concern	Standard item
Date To Be Confirmed	Review of Early Years Rate 2019/20	

