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## **SCHOOLS REVENUE FUNDING SETTLEMENT 2017-18**

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### **Summary**

This report gives an update on the latest information available on the schools revenue funding settlement for 2017 to 2018 and the dataset information provided by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) based on the schools' October 2016 census.

### **Recommendation**

This report is an information item only.

## **REPORT**

### **Schools Revenue Funding Settlement 2017-18**

1. Detailed information on the school revenue funding settlement for 2017-18 was announced by the Department for Education (DfE) on 20 December 2016.
2. As in previous years, the total 2017-18 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is allocated under three main non-ringfenced blocks: a schools block, an early years block and a high needs block. There is no additional additions/deductions block in 2017-18.
3. A summary of the 2017-18 DSG allocation as announced on 20 December 2016 is shown in the table below alongside the 2016-17 DSG allocation (before recoupment).

	<b>2017-18 £m</b>	<b>2016-17 £m</b>	<b>Variation £m</b>
Schools Block	156.259	153.046	+3.213
Provisional Early Years block	13.885	9.812	+4.073
High Needs Block	25.079	25.941	-0.862
Additions/Deductions	0.000	0.050	-0.050
<b>Total</b>	<b>195.223</b>	<b>188.849</b>	<b>+6.374</b>

- **The 2017-18 DSG – Schools Block key financial headlines are:**

4. Shropshire's schools block pupil numbers at October 2016 were 34,991. This compares to 34,769 at October 2015 – an increase of 222 pupils.
5. As in previous years the October 2016 pupil numbers include a reception uplift to take account of deferred entry to Reception based on an increase in the count of Reception pupils between October 2015 and January 2016.
6. Shropshire's 2017-18 Schools Block Allocation guaranteed unit of funding (GUF) totals £4,465.69 per pupil, an increase from the £4,401.81 GUF received in 2016-17, reflecting the Government's re-baselining of the DSG blocks based on actual spend in 2015-16 and the inclusion of £0.57m ESG retained duties element of funding (previously funded to local authorities outside of the DSG).
7. The Government's re-baselining exercise moved funding between Shropshire's schools block and high needs block in line with spend levels in 2015-16, and had no impact on the bottom line DSG allocation.

- **The 2017-18 DSG – Early Years Block key financial headlines are:**

8. The 2017-18 Early Years Block allocation is provisional at this stage as it is based on January 2016 Early Years Census data. This provisional allocation will be updated in July 2017 and July 2018 and the final allocation will be based on 5/12ths of January 2017 pupil numbers and 7/12ths of January 2018 pupil numbers.
9. The provisional Early Years block allocation has increased by over £4m in 2017-18 reflecting the Government's commitment to increased funding within Early Years and the increased free entitlement to working parents from September 2017.
10. The amount per part time equivalent (pte) pupil for the universal 15 hour 3 and 4 year old free entitlement has increased to £4.30 in 2017-18 from £3.40 in 2016-17. Based on January 2016 census data of 4015.8 ptes this delivers a provisional allocation of £9.843m.

11. In addition the 2017-18 Early Years Block includes a provisional allocation for the additional 15hr free entitlement for working parents from September 2017. This is based on 774.2 ptes at £4.30 providing a provisional allocation of £1.897m.
12. The rate per pte 2 year olds from the most disadvantaged backgrounds in 2017-18 has increased from £4.96 in 2016-17 to £5.20 in 2017-18. Based on a provisional pte of 676.5 this delivers a provisional 2 year old allocation of £2.005m.
13. The 2016-17 Early Years Block allocation also includes the early years' pupil premium (EYPP). Shropshire has received a provisional EYPP allocation of £0.084m in 2017-18.
14. A new Disability Access Fund introduced for 2017-18 to support children with disabilities or SEN access early years places. Shropshire's allocation within the Early Years Block totals £0.055m

- **The 2017-18 DSG – High Needs Block key financial headlines are:**

15. The High Needs Block includes funding for local authority high needs pupils/students aged 0-24.
16. For 2017-18 Shropshire's High Needs Block is made up of:
  - Shropshire's re-baselined High Needs Block based on level of spend in 2016-17 of £24.328m; plus
  - An adjustment to reflect the transfer of funding from Post 16 budgets into the High Needs Block of £0.264m
  - Shropshire's share of additional funding made available nationally. Based on Shropshire's proportion of the 2-19 aged population projections for 2017 this equates to an additional £0.487m.

- **The 2017-18 DSG – Additions/Deductions Key Financial Headlines are:**

17. There is no Additions/Deductions Block of funding in 2017-18. In 2016-17 this block included £0.050m for induction for newly qualified teachers.