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Dedicated Schools Grant 2017-18 Update

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Summary

The Department for Education (DfE) announced provisional 2017-18 local authority Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations in December 2016, as reported to Schools Forum on 2 February 2017. On 31 March 2017 the DfE announced updated DSG allocations for the 2017-18 financial year.

This report provides a summary of Shropshire's updated 2017-18 DSG allocation comparing it with the provisional DSG allocation reported to Schools Forum in February.

Recommendation

This report is for information only.

REPORT

1. In February 2017 Schools Forum members received a report summarising the 2017-18 funding blocks making up Shropshire's provisional DSG allocation and listing the key financial headlines for each of the blocks.
2. Shropshire's updated 2017-18 DSG allocation was announced on 31 March 2017.
3. A summary of the provisional 2017-18 DSG (as presented to Schools Forum in February 2017) and the latest updated 2017-18 DSG allocation (before recoupment) announced on the 31 March 2017 is shown in the table below.
4. There have been no changes to the total DSG allocation for 2017-18.

	Initial DSG £m	Latest DSG £m	Variation £m
Schools Block	156.259	156.259	0
Early Years Block (Provisional)	13.885	13.885	0
High Needs Block	25.079	25.079	0
Additions	0.00	0.00	0
Total DSG	195.223	195.223	0

5. However both the Schools Block and the High Needs Block allocations will be subject to recoupment in relation to academies, Post 16 High Needs places and Pre 16 High Needs places in non-maintained special schools. DSG funding relating to these areas will be recouped from the local authority by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) and passed on to providers by the EFA.
6. The latest Schools Block and High Needs Block allocations following recoupment are shown below.

	Updated DSG 2017-18 £m	Recoupment 2017-18 £m	Updated DSG after Recoupment 2017-18 £m
Schools Block	156.830	52.190	104.640
High Needs Block	25.079	4.838	20.241

7. The Schools Block recoupment relates to the budget shares, calculated through Shropshire's local funding formula, of 29 Shropshire academies. One Shropshire academy's recoupment figure has been omitted in error by the EFA, this will be corrected in the next update of the 2017-18 DSG.
8. The High Needs Block recoupment relates to pre and post 16 high needs place funding for Severndale academy, pre 16 high needs place funding for Kettlemere based at Lakelands academy, post 16 high needs places at mainstream academies and maintained schools in Shropshire and, new for 2017-18, Post 16 high needs places in Commercial and Charitable Providers (CCPs) and Further Education (FE).