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Updated Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2018-19

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Summary

The Department for Education (DfE) announced provisional 2018-19 local authority Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations in December 2017, as reported to Schools Forum on 18 January 2018. In March 2018 and May 2018 the DfE announced updates to the DSG allocation for the 2018-19 financial year.

This report provides a summary of Shropshire's updated 2018-19 DSG allocation comparing it with Shropshire's initial provisional DSG allocation as reported to Schools Forum in January 2018.

Recommendation

This report is for information only.

REPORT

1. In January 2018 Schools Forum members received a report summarising the 2018-19 funding blocks making up Shropshire's provisional DSG allocation and listing the key financial headlines for each of the blocks.
2. Shropshire's 2018-19 DSG allocation was updated in March 2018 (with a correction amendment announced in May 2018) to include recoupment for academies and deductions for high needs places funded by the ESFA.
3. A summary of the provisional 2018-19 DSG (as presented to Schools Forum in January 2018) and the latest updated 2018-19 DSG allocation including recoupment for academies and deductions for high needs places funded by the ESFA, is shown in the table below.

	Initial DSG £m	Recoupment / Deductions for HN places £m	Latest DSG £m
Schools Block	157.872	70.857	87.015
Early Years Block (Provisional)	15.001	0	15.001
High Needs Block	25.077	5.136	19.941
Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)	3.160	0	3.160
Total DSG	201.111	75.993	125.118

4. The Schools Block recoupment shown in the table above relates to the budget shares, calculated through Shropshire's local funding formula, of 42 Shropshire academies. The funding is recouped from Shropshire's DSG and passed on to providers by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The DSG recoupment will be updated throughout the financial year to reflect new academy conversions.

5. The High Needs Block deduction 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 Post 16 high needs places in Commercial and Charitable Providers (CCPs) and Further Education (FE). The funding is deducted from Shropshire's DSG and passed on to providers by the ESFA.