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Dedicated Schools Grant Update

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Summary

The Department for Education (DfE) announced provisional 2019-20 local authority Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations in December 2018, as reported to Schools Forum on 17 January 2019. In March 2019 the DfE announced an update to the DSG allocation for the 2019-20 financial year.

This report provides a summary of Shropshire's updated 2019-20 DSG allocation, comparing it with Shropshire's initial provisional DSG allocation as reported to Schools Forum in January 2019.

Recommendation

This report is for information only.

REPORT

1. In January 2019 Schools Forum members received a report summarising the 2019-20 funding blocks making up Shropshire's provisional DSG allocation and listing the key financial headlines for each of the blocks.
2. Shropshire's 2019-20 DSG allocation was updated in March 2019 to include recoupment for academies and deductions for high needs places funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).
3. A summary of the provisional 2019-20 DSG (as presented to Schools Forum in January 2019), and the latest updated 2019-20 DSG allocation including recoupment for academies and deductions for high needs places funded by the ESFA, is shown in the table below.

	Provisional DSG £m	Recoupment / Deductions for HN places £m	Latest DSG £m
Schools Block	160.063	99.824	60.239
Early Years Block (Provisional)	15.155	0	15.155
High Needs Block	26.056	4.800	21.256
Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)	3.190	0	3.190
Total DSG	204.465	104.624	99.841

4. The Schools Block recoupment shown in the table above relates to the budget shares, calculated through Shropshire's local funding formula, of 57 Shropshire academies. The funding is recouped from Shropshire's DSG and passed on to providers by the 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 Specialist Academy, pre 16 high needs place funding for Kettlemere Centre 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.