



Schools Forum

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Final 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 and further updates in March 2018 and May 2018 which have previously been reported to Schools forum. In July 2019 the DfE announced final 2018-19 local authority DSG allocations.

This report provides a summary of Shropshire's final 2018-19 DSG allocation comparing it with Shropshire's provisional 2018-19 DSG allocation.

Recommendation

This report is for information only.

REPORT

1. In January 2018 Schools Forum members received a report summarising the funding blocks making up Shropshire's 2018-19 provisional DSG allocation and listing the key financial headlines for each of the blocks.
2. Shropshire's 2018-19 provisional DSG allocation was updated during the financial year to include recouplement for academies and deductions for high needs places funded by the ESFA.
3. A final update to the 2018-19 DSG allocation was received in July 2019. A summary of the provisional 2018-19 DSG (as presented to Schools Forum in June 2018) and the final 2018-19 DSG announced in July 2019, is shown in the table below.

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	Provisional DSG (as at Dec 17) £m	Recoupment / Early Years Adjustment / Deductions for HN places and Import/Export Adjustment £m	Final DSG (as at July 19) £m
Schools Block	157.872	-82.475	75.397
Early Years Block	15.001	+0.399	15.400
High Needs Block	25.077	-4.169	20.908
Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)	3.160	0	3.160
Total DSG	201.111	-86.245	114.865

5. The Schools Block adjustment shown in the table above relates to the recoupment of budget shares in relation to 57 Shropshire academies calculated through Shropshire's local funding formula. The funding is recouped from Shropshire's DSG and passed to the individual academies by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).
6. The Early Years Block adjustment relates to updated part time equivalent (pte) funded two, three and four year olds to reflect 5/12ths of the January 2018 school census and early years census and 7/12ths of the January 2019 school census and early years census, providing additional funding of £401,102, along with a small decrease to the Early Years Pupil Premium grant of £2,604.
7. The High Needs Block adjustment relates to:
- deductions in relation to direct funding of high needs places by the ESFA totalling £4.808m
 - an increase in funding of £0.627m in relation to Shropshire's share of the extra £250m made available nationally to local authorities over the two years 2018-19 and 2019-20, and
 - a reduction to our import/export deduction of £0.012m to reflect January 2018 school census high needs pupils' data and February 2018 RO6 ILR data (age 16 to 18 and 19 to 24 year olds with EHC plans). The import/export adjustment reflects the net place funding costs of other local authority pupils placed in our high needs settings and Shropshire high needs pupils placed in other local authority settings. Shropshire is a net exporter of high needs pupils and our 2018-19 import/export adjustment has reduced from a provisional deduction of £0.816m to a final deduction of £0.804m in 2018-19.
8. Shropshire's final DSG allocation for 2018-19, after recoupment for academies and deductions for direct funding of high needs places by ESFA, totals £114.865m.