



Schools Forum

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Updated Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2021-22

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Summary

The Department for Education (DfE) announced provisional 2021-22 local authority Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations in December 2020, as reported to Schools Forum in January 2021. In March 2021 the DfE announced an update to the DSG allocation for the 2021-22 financial year.

This report provides a summary of Shropshire's updated 2021-22 DSG allocation comparing with Shropshire's initial provisional DSG allocation as reported to Schools Forum in January 2021.

Recommendation

This report is for information only.

REPORT

1. In January 2021 Schools Forum members received a report summarising the 2021-22 funding blocks making up Shropshire's provisional DSG allocation and listing the key financial headlines for each of the blocks.
2. Shropshire's 2021-22 DSG allocation was updated in March 2021 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 2021-22 DSG (as provided to Schools Forum members in January 2021) and the latest updated 2021-22 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	183.383	124.426	58.956
Early Years Block (Provisional)	17.028	0	17.028
High Needs Block	31.527	5.276	26.251
Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)	2.599	0	2.599
Total DSG	234.537	129.702	104.834

4. The Schools Block recoupment shown in the table above relates to the budget shares, calculated through Shropshire's local funding formula, of 61 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 and post 16 high needs place funding for 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.