



Schools Forum

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Updated Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2023-24

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Summary

The Department for Education (DfE) announced provisional 2023-24 local authority Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations in December 2022, as reported to Schools Forum in January 2023. In March 2023 the DfE announced an update to the DSG allocation for the 2023-24 financial year.

This report provides a summary of Shropshire's updated 2023-24 DSG allocation comparing with Shropshire's initial provisional DSG allocation as reported to Schools Forum in January 2023.

Recommendation

This report is for information only.

REPORT

1. In January 2023 Schools Forum members received a report summarising the 2023-24 funding blocks making up Shropshire's provisional DSG allocation and listing the key financial headlines for each of the blocks.
2. Shropshire's 2023-24 DSG allocation was updated in March 2023 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 2023-24 DSG (as provided to Schools Forum members in January 2023) and the latest updated 2023-24 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	200.087	136.500	63.587
Early Years Block (Provisional)	18.280	0	18.280
High Needs Block	39.268	7.038	32.230
Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)	2.378	0	2.378
Total DSG	260.013	143.538	116.475

4. The Schools Block recoupment shown in the table above relates to the budget shares, calculated through Shropshire's local funding formula, of 63 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 and pre 16 high needs places at Woodlands School and Keystone Academy. It also includes pre 16 and post 16 high needs place funding for mainstream academies and maintained schools in Shropshire and post 16 high needs funding for Further Education and Independent Learning Providers.
6. The funding is deducted from Shropshire's DSG and passed on to providers by the ESFA.
7. It has also been confirmed that Shropshire's allocation for the Schools Mainstream Schools Additional Grant 2023-24 is £6.77m, however this is currently separate to the DSG allocation. The Additional High Needs Grant 2023-24 of £1.644m is reflected in the High Needs Block of the DSG allocation.