



## Schools Forum

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## Updated Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2022-23

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### Summary

The Department for Education (DfE) announced provisional 2022-23 local authority Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations in December 2021. In March 2022 the DfE announced an update to the DSG allocation for the 2022-23 financial year. A further update was received in July 2022.

This report provides a summary of Shropshire's latest updated 2022-23 DSG allocation comparing it with Shropshire's previous provisional DSG allocation as reported to Schools Forum in June 2022.

### Recommendation

This report is for information only.

## REPORT

1. In January 2022 Schools Forum received a report summarising the funding blocks making up Shropshire's 2022-23 provisional DSG allocation and listing the key financial headlines for each of the blocks.
2. Shropshire's 2022-23 provisional DSG allocation was updated in March 2022 to include recoupment for academies and deductions for high needs places funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) at that point.
3. A further update was received in July 2022 including adjustments to academy recoupment in relation to recent convertors, the early years' provisional allocation and the high needs import/export adjustment.
4. A summary of the provisional 2022-23 DSG (as presented to Schools Forum in June 2022), and the latest updated 2022-23 DSG announced in July 2022, is shown in the table below.

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|                                       | <b>Provisional DSG</b><br>(as at Dec 2021)<br>£m | <b>Recoupment / Deductions for HN places</b><br>(as at March 2022)<br>£m | <b>Provisional DSG</b><br>(as at March 2022)<br>£m | <b>Recoupment / Early Years Adjustment / HN Import/Export Adjustment</b><br>(as at July 2022)<br>£m | <b>Latest DSG</b><br>(as at July 22)<br>£m |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| Schools Block                         | 189.815  | 128.485  | 61.330   | 0   | 61.330                                     |
| Early Years Block (Provisional)       | 16.809   | 0  | 16.809   | 0.559   | 17.368                                     |
| High Needs Block                      | 35.754   | 6.287  | 29.467   | -0.024  | 29.443                                     |
| Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) | 2.388  | 0  | 2.388  | 0   | 2.388                                      |
| <b>Total DSG</b>                      | <b>244.766</b>                                   | <b>134.772</b>   | <b>109.994</b>                                     | <b>0.535</b>  | <b>110.529</b>                             |

6. The latest (July 2022) Schools Block allocation shows no changes as there have been no academy conversions. The DSG recoupment will be updated throughout the financial year to reflect any further academy conversions.
7. There is an increase of £0.559m to the Early Years Block allocation due to the updated census data from January 2022. This is still provisional at this stage and will be further updated after the census data collected in January 2023.
8. The latest High Needs Block adjustment relates to an update to the Shropshire import/export adjustment. 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 2022-23 import/export adjustment has increased by £24,000. The total deduction for our import/export adjustment is now £0.96m included within the High Needs Block funding.
9. Shropshire's latest remaining DSG for 2022-23, after recoupment for academies and deductions for direct funding of high needs places by ESFA, equates to £110.529m.
10. The Schools Supplementary Grant for 2022-23 of £1.682m sits outside the DSG allocation, however the High Needs Supplementary Grant of £1.342m is reported within these figures, as reported to Schools Forum in June 2022.