



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. In March 2021 the DfE announced an update to the DSG allocation for the 2021-22 financial year. A further update was received in July 2021.

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

Recommendation

This report is for information only.

REPORT

1. In January 2021 Schools Forum members received a report summarising the funding blocks making up Shropshire's 2021-22 provisional DSG allocation and listing the key financial headlines for each of the blocks.
2. Shropshire's 2021-22 provisional 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) at that point.
3. A further update was received in July 2021 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 2021-22 DSG (as presented to Schools Forum in June 2021), and the latest updated 2021-22 DSG announced in July 2021, is shown in the table below.

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| | Provisional DSG (as at Dec 20) £m | Recoupment / Deductions for HN places (as at March 21) £m | Provisional DSG (as at March 21) £m | Recoupment / Early Years Adjustment / HN Import/Export Adjustment (as at July 21) £m | Latest DSG (as at July 21) £m |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| Schools Block | 183.383 | -124.426 | 58.956 | 0 | 58.956 |
| Early Years Block (Provisional) | 17.028 | 0 | 17.028 | 0 | 17.028 |
| High Needs Block | 31.527 | -5.276 | 26.251 | -0.58 | 25.671 |
| Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) | 2.599 | 0 | 2.599 | 0 | 2.599 |
| Total DSG | 234.537 | -129.702 | 104.834 | -0.58 | 104.255 |

6. The latest (July 2021) 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 no update to the Early Years Block allocation due to the changes in the way headcount data is collected. An update to 2021 summer and autumn term adjustments will be published in January 2022 and a final update will be made in July 2022.
8. The latest High Needs Block adjustment relates to the following elements:
- an update to our 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 2021-22 import/export adjustment has decreased by £240,000. The total deduction for our import/export adjustment is now £0.966m included within the High Needs Block funding.
 - There is also an adjustment for the conversion of Woodlands to special academy. 82 commissioned places for 21-22 are being recouped from the High Needs Block as they will be funded directly from the ESFA. Therefore, there is an overall reduction to the High Needs block of £0.58m
9. Shropshire's latest remaining DSG for 2020-21, after recoupment for academies and deductions for direct funding of high needs places by ESFA, equates to £104.255m.