Appendix 4 – Schools Budget

WIRRAL COUNCIL

SCHOOLS FORUM - 23 JANUARY 2024

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION

SCHOOLS BUDGET 2024-25

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the Schools Budget for 2024-25 so that Schools Forum can give their views on the proposals. The report describes the financial changes to be considered by Schools Forum and Policy and Resources Committee. The proposed budget totals £378.55m for Early Years, Maintained Schools, Academies, Colleges, and Providers for the financial year 2024-25.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The Schools Funding Allocations were issued by the Department for Education (DfE) on 19th December 2023. The format of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is unchanged with Local Authority allocations determined by the National Funding Formula (NFF) for Schools, High Needs and Early Years (EY). The main features include:
 - School funding increased with every secondary school allocated at least £5,955 per pupil and every primary school allocated at least £4,610 per pupil.
 - Local authorities will continue to set a Minimum Funding Guarantee in their local formulae, which for 2024-25 is between 0% and +0.5%.
 - Rolling the 2023-24 Mainstream Schools Additional grant (MSAG) into the schools NFF, ensuring that this additional funding forms an on-going part of schools' core budgets.
 - The Schools Block continues to be ring-fenced with limited flexibility to transfer up to 0.5% of the schools' block to High Needs with Schools Forum approval.
 - High Needs funding increased by £440m, or 4.3% in 2024-25 nationally.
 - EY hourly rates paid to local authorities will increase by £0.44 for 2-year old's and £0.23 for 3&4-year old's.
 - EY Supplementary Grant is rolled into the 2024-25 hourly rates paid to local authorities.
 - The rolling out of the EY Extended Entitlements announced in July 2023, starts from April 24 (working parents of 2-year-olds) and September 24 (working parents of children aged 9 months to 3 years-old)
 - Central schools services block (CSSB) funding increased by 2.42% for the ongoing responsibilities that local authorities continue to have for all

schools, while funding for historic commitments within this block will decrease by a further 20% for those local authorities in receipt of this funding.

- 2.2 Other factors that have influenced the 2024-25 budget include:
 - Existing and on-going demand on services.
 - The High Needs strategy.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The budget for 2024-25 is compiled from the base budget for 2023-24, approved by Council on 27th February 2023 and updated with the issues identified in this report. The total 2024-25 projected budget (DSG and council funded) is £378.55m. A detailed analysis of the 2024-25 budget changes is shown in Appendix 1 in addition to a comparison of the 2023-24 and 2024-25 budgets.

Table 1: Budget for 2024-25

	2024-25 Budget
	£m
Funding	367.635
Expenditure by funding block:	
Schools	262.515
Central Schools Service	4.611
High Needs	74.793
Early Years	36.633
Total expenditure	378.552
Contribution to/-from reserves	10.917

3.2 The contribution to/from reserves reflects the difference between the funding available and planned expenditure. 2024-25 results in a shortfall in funding and this is due to high needs activities where demand and complexity continue to rise.

4.0 FUNDING

Except for the PFI affordability gap of £2.59m, which is funded from Council resources, the schools budget is funded by the DSG.

4.1 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

4.1.1 DSG is made up of 4 block allocations with restrictions on moving funding between the blocks. The allocation for 2024-25 indicates a £29.374m increase which is an overall increase of 8.75% The budgets presented have not transferred any funding between block allocations.

4.1.2 The table below compares the gross block funding for 2023-24 and 2024-25 and thus includes both maintained schools and academy school activity.

Table 2: Comparison of the gross block funding

DSG Block	2023-24 Gross Funding	2024-25 Gross Funding	Increase/	-Reduction
	£m	£m	£m	%
Schools	250.662	262.497	11.835	4.72%
Central School Services	2.058	2.022	-0.036	-1.76%
High Needs	60.534	63.894	3.360	5.55%
Early Years	22.418	36.633	14.215	63.41%
Total	335.672	365.046	29.374	8.75%

Please note that 2023-24 Schools block funding figure does not include the Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (£8.476m). From 2024-25, the funding previously distributed through this grant will be allocated through the schools block NFF, i.e. included in the 2024-25 Schools block funding allocation.

4.1.3 The allocations for the Schools and Central Schools Services funding blocks have been updated for changes in pupil numbers. Pupil numbers are those recorded in the October census, and have changed as follows:

Table 3: Changes in pupil numbers

Pupil numbers	Primary schools	Secondary schools	All-through schools	Total
October 2022 census	24,743	18,283	1,064	44,090
October 2023 census	24,258	18,343	1,066	43,667
Increase/-decrease	-485	60	2	-423

- 4.1.4 Early Years funding is based on the January 2023 census and the DfE estimated hours for working parents of 9 months to 3-year-old, therefore is indicative at this time.
- 4.1.5 An extra £440 million investment to support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is being allocated to local authorities nationally and used to fund special schools and provide mainstream schools with additional resources to meet the needs of pupils with complex SEND. This funding is allocated through the high needs NFF and included in the 2024-25 budget as per paragraph 3.1 above.

4.2 Additional Grant for 2024-25

4.2.1 In July 2023 the DfE announced the teachers' pay additional grant (TPAG) to support schools with the September 2023 teachers' pay award. £900m funding in 2024-25 is being split between mainstream schools, special schools and alternative provision (AP), early years, and 16 to 19 provision to cover the 2024 to 2025 financial year (April 2024 to March 2025).

- 4.2.2 The DfE has announced further funding to support with increases to employer contribution rates to the Teachers' Pensions Scheme from April 2024, however details have not been announced at the time of the report writing.
- 4.2.3 The above two grants will be allocated on top of the NFF 2024 -2025 except the funding for the EY. More details for the funding elements for the EY are in 5.4.3.

4.3 Other Grant Funding

- 4.3.1 In addition to DSG and the additional grants above, the following grants represent additional funding sources for schools and are not included in the budget.
- 4.3.2 Pupil Premium provides funding targeted towards deprivation. It has been confirmed that Pupil Premium rates will increase to £1,480 for primary pupils and £1,050 for secondary pupils in 2024-25. (£1,455 and £1035 in 2023-24 respectively)
- 4.3.3 The Schools Budget includes funding for High Needs students in 6th Forms. All other post 16 funding is through the National Funding Formula for 6th Forms and thus is not included in the budget.

5.0 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS 2024-25

5.1 Schools Block £262.515m

This budget reflects the delegated budgets allocated to both maintained and academy mainstream primary and secondary schools. In November 2019, the Schools Forum supported this block being redistributed to mainstream schools using the formula factor rates used in the NFF, thus this is the basis on which funding will be allocated to individual schools. The budget includes the 2023-24 Growth and Falling Roll fund planned to be carried forward to 2024-25 as agreed at the September Schools Forum meeting.

5.1.1 Academies

Currently there are 15 secondary academies, 25 primary academies and 1 all-through academy schools with 5 further primary schools confirmed to be academised within 6 months. Academies are independent from the local authority and are funded directly from the ESFA, however Regulations require Wirral to continue to calculate their budgets which are then deducted from Wirral's DSG.

5.1.2 Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)

For 2024-25 LAs can apply MFG of between 0% and plus 0.5% per pupil to protect schools from large formula changes. Following a consultation with all primary and secondary schools, School Forum in November 2023 supported a plus 0.5% MFG for the 2024-25 mainstream schools funding formula.

5.2 Central School Services Block £4.611m

5.2.1 This block provides funding for LAs to carry out central functions on behalf of pupils in state-funded maintained schools and academies in England. Funding

previously allocated to LAs for the Education Services Grant (ESG) retained duties is included within this block, together with funding for historic commitments.

5.2.2 Funding allocated to Local Authorities for historic commitments, which for Wirral are the contribution to combined budgets and schools retirement costs (school closure), has been reduced by 20% in line with the DfE's expectation that these costs will unwind over time.

The funding for ongoing responsibilities includes:

- School Licenses
- Admissions
- Schools Forum
- Former ESG retained duties
- Capital Expenditure from Revenue (PFI costs)

The table below identifies the change to the CSSB funding for 2024-25 analysed across the on-going and historic elements.

	On-going responsibilities £m	Historic Commitments £m	Total £m
2023-24 Final Allocation	1.675	0.383	2.058
2024-25 Allocation	1.715	0.307	2.022
Increase/(Reduction)	0.041	0.077	0.036
Increase/(Reduction)	2.42%	(20.00%)	(1.76%)

The treatment of these budgets, which are considered in further detail later in this report, is in accordance with national guidance.

5.3 High Needs Block £74.793m

This budget covers a range of related activities. The allocation of funding to each activity is based on the "place plus" funding system introduced by the DfE in April 2013 and includes:

- Special schools (pre- and post-16), and non-maintained special schools, both of which receive a base level funding of £10,000 per place.
- Resourced Provision (bases) which receive £6,000 per place.
- Place funding in Wirral's FE provision at Wirral Met College and Birkenhead 6th Form College of £6,000 per place.
- Additional funding over and above that provided for places in the form of "top ups" is provided on a per pupil basis. The top up, or "plus" element of funding, takes account of the agreed assessed needs of pupils and is paid by the "commissioner" responsible; this may be Wirral Children's Services,

- a school, or another Local Authority. Wirral's top up system uses 5 bands to allocate funding across special schools, resourced bases, and alternative provision. Non-maintained Special Schools also receive a top up.
- The costs of Top Ups for all education and training for post 16 specialist provision for Learners with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities (LLDD) in colleges and private providers.
- The Hospital Schools budget.
- The cost of placements in Independent Special Schools.
- The costs of Education, Health and Care Plans and Independent Pupil Funding Arrangements.

5.4 Early Years Block £36.633m

- 5.4.1 This Block funds the costs of EY Education for 2, 3 and 4-year-old children in schools, nurseries, and private voluntary and independent providers for both the universal and extended entitlement. It also includes the costs of 9 months to 2-year-old (under 2s) children of working parents from September 2024. Most of this funding is directed through the EY National Funding Formula (EYNFF). This is allocated to Local Authorities based on an hourly rate which, for 2024-25, has increased by £0.44 for 2-year old's, and £0.23 for 3- and 4-year-old's for Wirral.
- 5.4.2 The funds in 2024-25 includes the first two stages of rolling out of the EY Extended Entitlements announced In July 2023.
 - From April 2024 all working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours per week. (Hourly rates payable to the local authority is the same amount as the exiting 2-year-olds
 - From September 2024 all working parents of children aged 9 months to 3years-old can access 15 hours per week. (Hourly rates payable to the local authority is £10.75
- 5.4.3 In 2023-2024 the funding previously distributed through the teachers' pay and pension grant (TPPG) has been mainstreamed in the 3&4-year-olds funding rate. In 2024 to 2025, the funding being provided in respect of the September 2023 teachers' pay award. As well as the additional funding to support providers with the costs of employer contributions to the teachers' pension scheme which are due to increase from April 2024 are also included in the funding rate.
- 5.4.4 The central Early Years support costs will be funded from this block. Amounts held centrally are within the nationally defined limits of 5% of the Early Years Block.
- 5.4.5 This Block also includes allocations for Maintained Nursery Schools (MNS) to enable local authorities to protect the level of funding to MNS prior to the introduction of the EYNFF, Disability Access Fund (DAF) and Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP).

5.4.6 The national funding rate for EYPP and DAF will increase in 2024-25 by £0.02 and £21 respectively.

6.0 2024-25 BUDGET CHANGES

6.1 Individual Schools Budget

6.1.1 Primary, Secondary and Academy Budgets £11.853m increase.

The significant changes within this area are as follows:

There is a net decrease in school rolls, which results in an overall budget decrease of £2.078m. There are 423 less pupils on the roll in October 2023 compared to October 2022. Primary numbers have reduced by 481 to 24,651 (a 1.91% reduction) while Secondary numbers have increased by 58 to 19,016 (a 0.31% increase).

The impact of changes in both the monetary value and pupil numbers applied to each of the funding formula elements has generated an increase in funding of £11.853m. This also includes any headroom which may arise if the funding allocated to schools from applying to the NFF is less than the overall funding available. For the purposes of the budget report £11.853 has been split proportionately between primary and secondary budgets. There is £0.018m increase of the national non-domestic rates (NNDR) in 2024-25.

It has been agreed that £0.018m 2023-24 growth and Falling Rolls fund will be carried forward to 2024-25. The headroom mentioned above will be added to this fund to be utilised in 2024-25.

6.1.2 High Needs Places £1.966m increase.

Places in specialist provision within Local Authority areas continue to be determined by each LA in consultation with schools and providers. There is flexibility to adjust this so that places broadly reflect take-up by pupils and this has resulted in a net increase of 211 places across special school, resourced provision and 6th Form/FE provision.

Although a growth in demand was included in the special schools' budget in 2023-24 as additional unallocated places, the demand for the academic year 2023-24 has exceeded the growth budget. The 2024-25 budget includes 88 additional places from April 24 and further 60 places planned to be allocated from September 24.

Base Project, a new resourced provision programme, has been set up in 2022-23 with 3 schools and currently have 68 places in total.

6.1.3 Hospital School £0.144m increase.

The increase reflects the change in the Hospital School element of the high needs block.

6.2 Early Years £14.752m increase.

6.2.1 The EY budget is based on the January 2023 census and the DfE estimated hours for working parents of 9 months to 3-year-old in line with the funding allocation as the table below, together with the comparison with January 2022 census numbers.

Table 4: Early Years pupil numbers

			DfE
Pupil numbers	Jan-22	Jan-23	estimate
Under 2s (PTE) – 7 months			703
2-year old's Disadvantaged (PTE)	1,008	891	
2-year old's Working parents (PTE)			1,387
3&4-year-old's Universal (PTE)	4,374	4,339	
3&4-year-old's Extended (PTE)	2,254	2,271	

EY funding is indicative at this time and the DSG allocation will be revised by census information for January 2024 and January 2025.

6.2.2 The breakdown of £14.752m increase for the EY block from the previous year is as the table below:

Table 5: EY budget increase 2024-25

Extended entitlement from 2024-25 £m	Funding rate increase in 2024-25 £m	Demand Change in 2024-25 £m	Supplementary Grant element in 2024-25 £m	Total £m
10.826	1.236	0.537	2.153	14.752

6.2.3 The expenditure budget relates mainly to the payments to providers, and this will aim to maximise the pass-through of funding to providers whilst ensuring that the service can respond to need and uncertainty.

6.3 Central School costs

The centrally held budgets for 2024-25 funded by the CSSB of the DSG have decreased by £0.036m. The services delivered by these budgets are explained below along with the reasons for any changes to the budget for 2024-25.

- School Admissions this budget is required to meet the costs of supporting and administering the authority's school admissions process including the 11 plus. A small increase of £0.018m has been applied to this budget to reflect forecast staff costs.
- School redundancy costs this budget covers the continuing cost of premature retirement of teachers and staff that have arisen from closing schools. No further closures are expected for 2024-25 thus costs to be incurred reflect historic commitments and are expected to be reduced by £0.002m.
- Licences and Subscriptions the DfE purchases a single national licence for all state funded schools. Licences cover areas such as the Copyright Licence Agency, the Education Recording Agency, the Mechanical Copyright Protection Society, and a School Printed Music Licence. The

- 2024-25 budget has increased by 10% to £0.301m anticipating the cost increase, this is subject to change when the 2024-25 costs are announced by the DfE.
- Schools Forum this budget will not be fully utilised in 2023-24 even though the meetings fully return to face-to-face meetings. Thus, it is proposed that the budget allocation has been removed in 2024-25 and any costs incurred will be covered by the contingency budget below.
- Contingency this reflects the 'headroom' of £0.033m within the Central School Services Block for 2024-25.
- Contributions to combined budgets School Funding Regulations continue
 to allow contributions to support services that would otherwise fall outside
 the Schools Budget. These budgets combine with other council resources
 for the educational benefit of children. There must be no new commitments
 or increases in expenditure from that agreed in 2012-13, and DfE expect
 that these costs will unwind over time. For this reason, funding from DfE
 has been reduced by 20% for 2024-25.

Table 5: Contributions to combined budget.

		23-24	24-25 Reduction		ction
		£m	£m	£m	%
School Improvement	Continued support for School Improvement Staff with permanent contracts	0.202	0.162	-0.040	-20%
LSCB	Contribution towards governance process for child protection	0.018	0.015	-0.003	-20%
School Intervention	Consultant Headteacher role supporting Primary & Secondary education	0.083	0.067	-0.016	-20%
PFI (Support)	Contribution towards the asset management costs to support PFI schools	0.038	0.030	-0.008	-20%
PFI (CLC)	Contribution towards the building costs for closed City Learning Centres	0.042	0.034	-0.008	-20%
Looked after Children Education Services	The service reviews the educational progress of Looked After Children, provides training to staff and some direct support to pupils	0.086	0.069	-0.017	-20%
Business Rates	Funding for continuing costs for VA Schools	0.065	0.052	-0.013	-20%
Governors Forum	Contribution towards the cost of maintaining the Forum	0.001	0.001	-0.000	-20%
Total		0.536	0.429	-0.107	-20%

The PFI Affordability Gap budget is driven by the December RPI%. As this
is not yet available, no change has been made to the 2024-25 budget at
this time. The impact of the change in RPI% will be applied to the budget
later in January 24 but as this is a Wirral Council funded budget, any
change will have no impact on the DSG funding available to schools.

 The budget for retained duties of the former Education Services Grant (ESG) is uplifted by 2.42% for 2024-25 in line with the funding increase for the ongoing responsibilities as mentioned in 5.2.2 above. Overall, the DSG contributes £1.2m towards the cost of services that were previously funded from the ESG. In 2023-24 the Forum agreed to de-delegate £0.5m on behalf of Maintained Primary, Secondary and Special Schools towards the full year costs of ESG General Duties.

6.4 De-delegated budgets

As in previous years the budgets held for Contingency, Special Staff (maternity, paternity, and trade union duties), the School Library Service, Insurance (Governors Aided), and Behaviour Support have been delegated to schools, and a decision will be required for any de-delegation from existing school budgets for these services. A decision will also be required for de-delegation of costs associated with the former General Duties of the ESG and School Improvement.

6.5 High Needs Pupils

6.5.1 Additional Resource £3.878m increase.

The budget for Units of Resource has been increased by £3.878m to reflect the on-going increase in applications for assessment and the costs. An increase has been applied for Primary pupils (£0.975m) and Secondary pupils (£2.768m) with the cost per EHCP pupil uplifted by 17.6%.

The other budgets in this area including the personal budget, interim education and inclusive practice, are adjusted based on the demand in 2023-24.

6.5.2 Top-Ups £3.338m increase.

The established banding system will be used to allocate element 3 top up funding to each specialist provision. This budget has been increased by £1.338m in line with the increase in places across special schools, resourced provision and 6th Form/FE provision as identified in the Individual Schools Budget section. An additional £2m has been set aside for a review of the top up band rates in 2024-25.

A small increase in funding for Exceptional Need, which is available to Special Schools where an assessed pupil's needs indicate that enhanced staffing is necessary. The budget has been increased by £0.101m to reflect the forecast increase in staff costs.

6.5.3 Independent Special Schools £4.26m increase.

The increase in the 2024-25 budget reflects the additional demand in places and inflation on the costs which were identified in 2023-24.

6.5.4 Support for SEN £0.25m increase.

The budget has been increased based on 2023-24 pressure due to the additional commissioned services and pay awards.

7.0 USE OF RESERVES

As reported in a separate report at this Forum meeting, the DSG reserve is expected to end 2023-24 with a cumulative deficit of £9.976m. The impact on the DSG reserve of the budget setting process reflects a worsening position for 2024-25 with a cumulative deficit of £20.893m.

8.0 BUDGET TIMETABLE

The Schools Budget and advice from Forum will be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee at its budget meeting on 13th February 2024 and will be approved by full Council as part of Budget Council on 26th February 2024.

9.0 Medium term forecast and DSG deficit management plan

As previously reported at the Schools Forum meetings, Wirral has been participating the DfE led the Delivering Better Value Programme (DBV). The diagnostic phase working with Newton Europe ended in December 23 and the budget setting for 2024-25 has utilised the findings and outputs from the phase.

The next step of the programme is working on the DSG deficit management plan with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) for further deficit mitigations for the 20224-25 and the future years.

Further details of the DBV programme and the progress in the deficit management plan will be reported at the next Forum meeting.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the views of the Schools Forum are sought on the Schools Budget for 2024-25.
- 10.2 That in accordance with ESFA guidelines the Schools Forum approves the reduced Contributions to Combined Budgets of £0.429m in 2024-25 for:
 - School Improvement
 - Local Safeguarding Children's Board
 - School Intervention
 - PFI Support
 - PFI CLC
 - Looked after Children Education Services
 - Business Rates, and
 - Governors Forum
- 10.3 That the Schools Budget and views of the Schools Forum are referred to the budget meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 13th February 2024.

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	£m	£m	£m
2023-24 Schools adjusted base budget			206.968
Add back Academy recoupment			131.179
2023-24 Gross Schools Budget			338.147
Budget changes:			
Individual Schools Budget			
Primary & Secondary:			
Net decrease in pupils on roll	-2.078		
Funding Formula elements	13.931	11.853	
Rates	-0.018		
Growth and Falling Rolls Fund	0.018		
High Needs:			
Special Schools places	1.563		
SEN Base places	0.316	1.966	
FE/6th Form places	0.087		
Hospital School	0.144	0.144	13.963
Early Years			
Early years demand		0.537	
Early years rate change		1.236	
Extended entitlement		10.826	
Supplementary Grant element		2.153	14.752
Supplementary Grant element	_	2.133	14.732

Central School Costs		
Admissions	0.018	
School Redundancy Costs	-0.002	
Licences & subscriptions	0.014	
Schools Forum	-0.011	
Contingency	0.033	
Combined budgets reduced contribution	-0.107	
Retained Duties	0.018	
PFI Affordability Gap	0.000	-0.036
High Needs Pupils		
Additional Resources:		
Units of resource 3.7	742	
Personal Budgets 0.3	3.878	
Top-ups:		
Top-ups 3.2	237	
Additional funding 2023-24 -0.9	976 3.338	
Additional funding 2024-25 0.9	975	
Exceptional need 0.3	101	
Independent provision	4.260	
Support for SEN uplift	0.250	11.726
Total Budget changes		40.405
2024-25 Gross Schools Budget		378.552
2024-25 Dedicated Schools Grant		365.046
2024-25 Call on reserve	_	10.917
2024-25 Net Schools Budget		2.590

Appendix 2 - Schools Budget 2024-25

	2023-24 Budget £	2023-24 Forecast (Nov-23)	2024-25 Budget £
Individual Schools Budget	~	~	~
Primary	95,740,421	95,740,421	127,789,603
Secondary	24,026,697	24,026,697	134,707,578
Special	14,861,376	15,339,488	16,535,978
Wirral Hospitals School	1,723,463	1,723,463	1,872,428
SEN Bases	1,272,499	1,253,243	2,386,500
Sixth Form/Further Education	146,000	204,000	1,701,000
Growth and Falling Rolls Fund	17,674		17,674
Individual Schools Budget Total	137,788,130	138,287,312	285,010,761
Central School Costs			
Early Years	21,430,382	21,430,382	36,182,760
Admissions	402,604	415,616	420,731
School Redundancy Costs	74,000	74,000	72,000
Licenses and subscriptions	286,976	286,976	301,325
Schools Forum	10,600	0	0
Contingency	17,718	0	51,198
Contribution to combined budgets	535,883	535,883	428,708
PFI Affordability Gap	2,589,553	2,589,553	2,589,553
Retained duties Central (ex-ESG)	730,000	730,000	747,700
Costs delegated to/de-delegated from schools			_
Library Service	174,693	174,693	0
Insurances	23,677	7,000	0
School Specific contingencies	30,204	30,204	0
Special Staff Costs	758,135	773,154	0
Behaviour Support	139,698	139,698	0
School Improvement	468,754	468,754	0
Retained duties de-delegated (ex-ESG)	485,923	485,923	0
High Needs Pupils	40.000.500	40.470.040	44.000.004
Additional resources	10,802,569	12,470,613	14,680,084
SEN top-ups	18,185,525	18,396,389	21,523,882
High Needs contingency	687,205	748,810	687,205
Independent Special Schools Home Tuition	8,795,780	10,969,559 371,416	13,055,645
Support for SEN	364,166		364,166 2,377,817
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Special School Transport	56,200	50,200	56,200
Non-delegated school costs Total	47,749,680	52,035,564	57,358,214
Total Costs	206,968,192	211,753,258	378,551,735
Funding			
Dedicated School Grant	-204,165,353	-203,949,623	-365,045,621
Contribution to/-from DSG Reserve	-213,286	-5,214,082	-10,916,561
Funding Total	-204,378,639	-209,163,705	-375,962,182
Grand Total	2,589,553	2,589,553	2,589,553
Surplus/-deficit b/fwd	-4,762,638	-4,762,638	-9,976,720
In year surplus/-deficit	-213,286	-5,214,082	-10,916,561
Surplus/-deficit cfwd	-4,975,924	-9,976,720	-20,893,281
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Note: The 2024-25 budget figures, in the table above, include all maintained schools budgets as well as academies budgets. The 2023-24 budgets only includes figures for maintained schools. The reason for this is that, whilst the overall funding figures for 2024-25 have been released, the detailed individual school breakdown of funding has not been finalised and so it is not yet possible to accurately exclude academies figures from the 2024-25 budget.