

Warrington Schools Forum

Agenda

Date: Tuesday 16 January 2024

Time: 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Venue: Rooms 16 and 17, Ground Floor, 1 Time Square, Warrington, WA1 2NT

	Item	Enc / Verbal	Decision; Discussion; Information	Lead
1.	Apologies and welcome			Chair
2.	Minutes from the previous meeting and matters arising (10 October 2023)	Enc.		Chair
3.	Democratic Services admissions appeals	Verbal	Discussion	Adam Kellock
4.	Trade Union Facilities Time	Enc.	Decision	Helen Fleming
5.	SLA update	Enc.	Information	Stephen McNulty
6.	Academy Conversion Charges	Enc.	Discussion	Felicity Wisken
7.	Proposed de-delegation for school improvement activities	Enc.	Discussion	Ellen Parry
8.	DSG Settlement and Schools' Funding 2024/25	Enc	Information/ Decision	Garry Bradbury
9.	Early Years	Verbal	Discussion	Louisa Archer Hill
10.	AOB			Chair
11.	Meeting schedule for 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 March 2024 • 18 June 2024 • 8 October 2024 All Tuesdays at 4.30 – 6.30 pm via Teams			

Warrington Schools Forum

Minutes – 10 October 2023 (via Teams)

Draft to be confirmed January 2024

Membership

Membership with differentiated voting rights ~ Total Membership of 28, of whom 22 are entitled to vote on funding formula issues										
Sector Representation (22)	Appointed by the Council following election by:	Member	Dates and Attendance							
			11 October 2022	17 January 2023	21 March 2023	20 June 2023	10 October 2023			
Maintained Nursery School Senior Staff (1)	Primary Headteachers Group	Marcia Atherton	A	P	P	P	P			
Special School Staff (1)	Special School Headteachers Group	Lucinda Duffy	P	P	P	P	P			
Special School Governor (1)	Governors Forum	Hazel Coen	P	P	P	A	P			
PRU (1)	PRU Management Board	Lindsay Regan	A	A	A	A	X			
Academy – all phases (9) Agreed this should be: (5 secondary including UTC) (4 primary)	Academy Schools (secondary)	Gwyn Williams	P	P	P	P	A			
		Vacant	-	-	-	-	-			
		John Carlin	A	P	P	P	P			
		Christian Wilcocks	P	P	A	A	S			
	Academy Schools (primary)	Gary Cunningham CHAIR - Schools Forum	P	P	P	P	P			
		Paula Warding	A	A	A	P	A			
		Cath Cooke	P	P	P	P	P			
		Craig Burgess	P	P	P	A	P			
	UTC	Chris Hatherall	A	P	A	A	P			
Maintained Primary School Sector (6)	WAPH and Governors Forum	Siobhan Bentley	P	A	P	A	P			
		Kathryn Berry	A	A	P	P	P			
		Zoe Jones	A	P	P	P	P			
		Ian Moss	A	P	P	A	A			
		Janet Lazarus Governor	P	P	P	A	X			
		Donna Kendal Governor	A	P	A	A	P			
Maintained Secondary School Sector (2)	WASCL	Chris Hunt	P	P	A	A	S			
		Ed McGlinchey	P	P	A	A	A			
Private Voluntary and Independent Providers (1)	PVI Providers Forum	Kelda Willians	P	A	A	A	X			

Representing	Member	Dates and Attendance							
		11 October 2022	17 January 2023	21 March 2023	20 June 2023	10 October 2023			
Non-Schools Members (6)									
Anglican Diocese (1)	Jane Griffiths	A	A	A	X	X			
Roman Catholic Diocese (1)	Vacant	A	A	A	X	-			
16-19 Institutions (1)	Damian McGuire	P	P	P	P	P			
Parent Governor (1)	Vacant	-	-	-	-	-			
NEU (Trades Union)	Lucie Humphreys	P	P	P	P	P			
NASUWT (Trades Union)	Laura Watson	P	A	P	P	P			

Representing		11 October 2022	17 January 2023	21 March 2023	20 June 2023	10 October 2023			
		Warrington Borough Council							
Director, Early Help, Education and SEND	Paula Worthington	P	A	P	P	A			
Head of Service – Quality Education and Learning	Louise Atkin	A	P	P	P	P			
Finance Manager	Vacant	S	P	P	P	-			
Senior Accountant (Schools)	Garry Bradbury	P	P	P	P	P			
Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services	Cllr Sarah Hall	A	A	A	A	A			

Key:

P ~ Present

A ~ Apologies

X ~ Absent with no apologies

C ~ Meeting cancelled

S ~ Substitute

- ~ Vacancy

O ~ Observer

Presenting item:

Kellie Williams

for item 3

Mark Sarjent

for item 4

Substitute:

Jo Hewson (Omega MAT) – attending on behalf of Christian Wilcocks

Matt Lamble (Deputy Headteacher) – attending on behalf of Chris Hunt

Minutes:

Lou Drummond

1. Apologies and Welcome

The chairperson, Gary Cunningham, welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising (from 20 June 2023)

The minutes were accepted as a true record and the following was noted.

The only action from the last meeting was from item four and was in regards to emailing schools with a surplus; Garry advised that he did this the morning after the meeting and made the point to those schools who breached the alert level that when we scrutinise schools we urge them to consider their contexts of the balance they were posting and what the reasons were for it. It also needs to be considered what the balances over the years would be. Garry has asked each school to spare a moment with their governing body to consider this.

3. High Needs update

This report is presented to brief Schools Forum on the findings of the SEND Sufficiency work and the recommendations to increase SEND provision, in particular those which require financial investment.

Kellie advised that in regards to the SEND sufficiency work, a significant piece of work has been completed to review the demand coming through around children with special educational needs and those with disabilities. There continues to be an increase in the number of children being provided with SEN support and those with an EHCP plan. It is clear in the report that the numbers have significantly increased but are still below the national average; our numbers are increasing but not at the rate of other local authorities. We have an 11.4% increase in SEN compared to the 13% national average increase and 4% increase in EHCPs compared to the 4.3% national average increase. We have also seen a decline proportionately of young people being educated in mainstream provision. The numbers of children supported are up from 727 to 786 but what has happened is proportionally things have come down from over 60% to 40% which is around the national average, whereas previously we have been way above for children with SEN being educated in mainstream schools. We don't have a similar rate of special school places and we are seeing a rise year on year for children that need a place in a special school or a designated provision, and it is likely that we will become increasingly dependent on external provisions. We are extending the offer for Woolston Learning Village to create more spaces from Reception to Year 11, which will increase the numbers of children on site. The ASD free school is planned to open in September 2025 and there are investments planned around the Peace Centre. As part of the work we need to get further works in place so that these are ready for September 2024. Mainstream school is the default setting for children with SEN and we are seeing an increase in parental requests for mainstream provision and threats of a tribunal in cases where we are unable to accommodate this. We need to increase specialist nursery places and there is a proposal in this paper to do that, as well as establish more designated provision places and also review the sites of specialist schools. We would also like to establish an exceptional provision which would enable us to accommodate children who need places in September 2024.

Marcia asked about the specialist nursery places and whether this relates to Sandy Lane; it was confirmed that it does, and Louise advised that there is a meeting in place to discuss this further.

Lucinda said that we are all aware of the difficulties with the ASD school and given that the guidance has changed, are we still confident that the financial benefits mean it is still feasible; Louise advised that we have been working with the DfE on this and have been prevented from moving forward at present. Kellie said that the 56 places are built into our sufficiency so we need those places. We currently have 106 children travelling out of area for school and 70% of those children have an ASD need.

Gary said that Paragraph 4.1 refers to needing support, but he feels this should read as support and challenge instead. Item 4 refers to Chaigeley and that they can accommodate 75 children; they only have 45 in place at the moment so if we can increase that and make sure as many Warrington children attend there as possible to increase our SEMH offer then this would be beneficial. There are also plans to increase Fox Wood to 125 children. It was queried whether there is any space in Green Lane on the second floor, and if there is, is any of it being used; Louise feels that we need to go and look at it again and work with the school to see how we can use and be more creative with this space.

Donna offered her support to the work being done as designated provisions are struggling with the extra children they are taking, so if we can get additional provision then this would be very welcomed.

It is recommended that Schools Forum members:

- (a) Note the impact on the High Needs Block and capital budgets as set out in Appendix 1. **Noted**

4. Growth Criteria

This report is presented to brief Schools Forum on the agreed criteria for allocating Growth Addition Funding.

Mark went through the principle and noted that WBC receive an uplift depending on pupil numbers. Previously it has been referred to that we receive growth funding, which isn't strictly true, there is an element of the pot left over and we are looking at ways to allocate this funding out. Although this is currently showing as growth between 2021-22, there is no guarantee that there will be anything left at the end of other years. The first thing that was discussed is that quite a lot of schools are requesting funding for their growth and we cannot accommodate them all. At the sub group it was discussed who we would make this funding available for, and agreed that it won't be made available to special schools, nurseries or post 16 provisions. Growth must be sufficient in the school and they need to have taken on a number of additional children in order to be eligible. The fund allocation is being treated as a one year fund so if the fund is available in future years we will look at it again. Gary feels that a lot of thought has gone into those principles.

The first criteria to be eligible is that the school has to have an agreed expansion, going beyond an additional PAN that was sent and increase the capacity of the school. When talking about places in a school we have to be clear that we are only talking about an increase in pupil numbers and not about filling vacant places. Some schools that were previously vacant are now seeing increase in demand, but are not going above their numbers; it was discussed that that is part of being a school. Schools that operate a lower PAN won't be excluded from this funding but each case will be looked at on an individual basis.

It is recommended that Schools Forum members:

- (a) Agree with the criteria set out in this report to allocate funding. **Agreed**
- (b) Delegate consideration of applications for Growth Funding to the sub-group of Schools Forum members and LA Officers to report back to School Forum members. **Agreed**
- (c) Note the risks which could impact funding. **Noted**

CONFIDENTIAL Part 2 Growth Addition 2022/23

Paragraph numbers here relate to the numbers in the confidential part 2 report.

It is recommended that Schools Forum members agree to the recommended projects considered by the Schools Forum sub-group. Louise noted that this was a really tight working group and there were representatives from all types of schools present.

Recommended for approval:

School named in paragraph 8.1 – Schools Forum approved the funding proposal.

School named in paragraph 8.2 – Schools Forum approved the funding proposal.

School named in paragraph 8.3 – Schools Forum approved the funding proposal.

School named in paragraph 8.4:

- (i) Recommendation 1 – Schools Forum approved the funding proposal.
- (ii) Recommendation 2 – Schools Forum approved the funding proposal.
- (iii) Recommendation 3 – Schools Forum approved the funding proposal.

School named in paragraph 8.5 – Schools Forum approved the funding proposal.

School named in paragraph 8.6 – Schools Forum approved the funding proposal.

Recommended for rejection:

School named in paragraph 9.1 – Schools Forum rejected the funding proposal.

School named in paragraph 9.2 – Schools Forum rejected the funding proposal.

School named in paragraph 9.3 – Schools Forum rejected the funding proposal.

5. Schools and Early Years Funding Update

Garry Bradbury presented his report to the forum.

Garry advised that he will be discussing the early and high needs block; under normal circumstances we have notifications of what the funding settlement is going to be for the forthcoming year in July. We have had some early indications of what the high needs block funding is looking like for 2024/2025, and that it is going to be 4.4% higher than last year, around £1.4 million. Any increases are welcomed but in comparison with the increase this year (which was 6%) and previous years (which were 10% and 11%) it is much lower this time. The increases in the last few years have been helpful in reducing the high needs deficit but we did feel it was a temporary victory and we will have to convene a meeting of officers after Christmas to discuss how to use the high needs block. The report Louise and Kellie have submitted will feed into this meeting. We will observe the process, come to some decisions and report back to schools forum once this meeting has taken place.

In terms of the early years block we don't tend to get any announcements in July however we did this time, one of which was the increase of the hourly rate from September 2023 and the paper outlines the early years funding we are expecting. We are still on the national minimum funding rate but there is an increase in the early years pupil premium rate; those increases will be passed onto settings in their entirety. They haven't said whether that funding will become the baseline for future years as we would hope that it doesn't decrease the year after.

The schools block is normally announced in July with an expression of how each local authority will be funded for the forthcoming financial year; it is a figure published as a unit rate for all primary school aged children and for all secondary school aged children, and we use these figures to calculate our budget for the year. Late on Friday it was announced that there was £370 million too much in the figures. This meant that both rates, and the formula values, had to be reduced. Doing the calculations, based on current data, the hit for Warrington is in the region of £1.5 million. What this essentially means is that every primary school aged child will be funded £45 lower and every secondary school aged child will be funded £53 lower. On current data, as a general guide, that works out that every primary school on average will be getting £11,600 less and each secondary school will receive £54,500 less than initially thought. Garry said that this feels a bit doom laden but it is still an increase. What we originally thought would be a 2% increase is actually more like 1.5% increase on last year. This leaves us with some work to do as there are a number of schools we work with that have funding figures from July which are not accurate. What hasn't changed is the fundamental issues, and when the data is updated for the October census and when get the data in absolute terms for schools block, implementing these figures will leave us with either a surplus or a shortfall. Garry wanted to remind Schools Forum that if we have a shortfall we will have to cut our cloth accordingly, which will likely mean either moving or reducing the formula value, or putting some capping and scaling on it to make the funding fit. When have a surplus remaining and the growth related addition that Mark referred to, if we have a surplus then we need to decide what to do with it i.e. do we reapply it to the funding formula or do we carry it forward. This will be discussed further in the January meeting when the budget is set for the next year and we can discuss it face to face. Gary said with regards to recommendation (ii) below, we set a bit of a precedent with that last year. Gary suggested that if there are any ridiculous suggestions going forward in January then we will have to have a fuller discussion, but there is no point deliberating these now.

Recommendation:

- (i) That Schools Forum members note the contents of this report. **Noted**
- (ii) Schools Forum should consider giving a steer to the Authority on how:
 - (a) To reduce the cost of the local funding formula, if the actual settlement makes a full implementation of NFF unaffordable; or

- (b) To utilise remaining headroom funding in the Schools Block settlement, if a surplus remains after implementation of NFF with the new October data

For ii (a) and (b) Forum recognised a precedent had been set if there is a funding surplus and the situation will be discussed further at the January meeting.

6. Academy Conversion Charges

This report has been provided to forum members initially for information so it can be taken away and considered and this item will be included on the agenda of the meeting in January 2024 for discussion.

Louise advised that the paper was written taking into account feedback from Schools Forum members following a meeting in March 2023. There is a lot of background information about what actions will be undertaken to facilitate a conversion. This includes the latest published costs which were from 2018, but these will have risen due to inflation. There are some comments on other changes to charges in other local authorities, which have been accommodated to include a flat rate fee. The first report asked for recommendations for a flat fee and on 21 March 2023 it was agreed that the local authority should not absorb all the fees. Page two reminds schools about cost implications and how the workload will be recorded and costs that are incurred. This is a move away from a flat fee and is looking at a fee that considers workload and time implications. What this points to is that although there are similar sized schools, there are often large differences in time and workload. In the report it does mention a minimum and a maximum charge of £6,000 and £10,000. Louise asked that all members read the information and this will be discussed further in January 2024.

Gary reiterated this and asked everyone to please read and prepare any questions in advance of the next meeting.

Damian advised that there is one school that may perhaps go through a conversion prior to January. Craig pointed out that the report does say it could exceed £10,000 so members need to be aware of that.

7. AOB

There was nothing raised under AOB today.

8. Meeting schedule for 2024

All dates are Tuesdays at 4:30pm–6:30pm via Teams (unless stated otherwise):

- 16 January 2024 to be face to face starting at 5:15pm – venue to be confirmed
- 19 March 2024
- 18 June 2024
- 8 October 2024

The chairperson thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.

Date and time of next meeting is Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 5:15pm–7:00pm, venue to be confirmed.



Report

Report to: Schools Forum **Item:** 4
Date: 16 January 2024 **For:** Decision
Title: Funding for Teacher Trade Union Facilities Time 2024/25
Author: Helen Fleming, Deputy Head of HR and OD **Presenter:** Helen Fleming

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request that the maintained school sector commits to de-delegation for the purposes of teacher trade union facility time in the 24/25 financial year at the rate calculated. Participating academies are requested to contribute at the same rate.
- 1.2 Further, this report requests that a forecasted overspend of the 23/24 budget be carried forward into the 24/25 per pupil calculation rate to balance the budget.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A report was presented to Schools Forum on the 17 January 2023 which confirmed that there was a predicted underspend in the facilities time fund. The underspend related to unspent contingency.
- 2.2 Schools Forum agreed to carry this underspend forward into 2023/24 which resulted in a reduced per pupil contribution rate of £2.44 for participating schools for 12 months only.

3 2022/23 FUNDING

- 3.1 Historically, the cost to schools of teacher trade union facilities time had been set at £3.67. In order to ensure that contributing schools pay only for the estimated cost of teacher trade union time in any given financial year, a review is now undertaken annually in November by the HR Advisory Team using the October census pupil numbers to calculate the cost of participation.

- 3.2 A review of the contribution rate has once again been undertaken for 2024/25 under the terms of the revised agreed Teacher Trade Union Time off and Funding Agreement.
- 3.3 The estimated overspend from the 2023/24 budget is £11,043.52. This is attributable to a number of factors, namely the in year increased salary costs of a trade union representative and the payment of retrospective pay arrears for both the financial years 2022/23 and 2023/2024 which combined amounted to more than the allocated contingency.
- 3.4 Taking into account the underspend and the need to retain an element of contingency budget to cover any unexpected mid-year changes in costs, the per pupil rate for 2024/25 is calculated at £4.64 for those schools and Academy Trusts who have confirmed participation in the pooled arrangements. This calculation also takes into account an increase in NASUWT teacher trade union facilities time (based on membership numbers for October 2023) from 0.75 to 1 FTE and the associated resulting salary costs.
- 3.5 If de-delegation from the maintained sectors and the current level of voluntary contributions made by academy schools is sustained in 2024/25, and providing there is no significant change in the elected trade union officials themselves that exceeds the value of the contingency, teacher trade union facility time will be fully funded based on a £4.64 contribution rate.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Schools Forum are requested to agree to carry forward the predicted 23/24 overspend spend into 24/25 in order that the deficit can be eliminated.
- 4.2 Taking into account the underspend, it is therefore proposed that Schools Forum agree, on behalf of the maintained school sector to de-delegate £4.64 per pupil for the purposes of teacher trade union facility time in 2024/25. Participating academies are asked to contribute at the same rate.
- 4.3 This rate will apply only to those schools that have supported and contributed to the shared facilities time arrangements in the 2023/24 financial year.

Report



Report to: Schools Forum

Item: 5

Date: 16 January 2024

For: Information

Title: Annual Service Level Agreement (SLA) Review

Author: Stephen McNulty (Traded Services Business Manager)

1. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Schools Forum with an update of SLA buyback for the 2023/24 financial year and a comparison with the previous year.
- 1.2 Buy-back from schools is analysed each year to highlight growth and possible areas of concern and is presented to Schools Forum in order to provide an overview of the trading relationship between Warrington Borough Council and local schools.
- 1.3 The report does not include:
 - The revenue generated by the School Meals service. This service is paid for directly by parents via the cost of individual meals taken or through the government policy on providing free meals to eligible children. The School Meals Service is currently undertaking a full-service review, as in its current format it is not achieving full cost recovery. Schools and Academies will be consulted shortly with regards to possible solutions / changes to the SLA.
 - The buyback from Building Services due to the fact we are in contract with an external supplier (Equans) with a different specification. No additional commitment is required from schools as part of the wider council agreement with Equans.

2. ENTERPRISING WARRINGTON – SUSTAINABLE SERVICES

- 2.1 The Council has been working on trading sustainable services with schools for a number of years and continues to develop and shape its services to meet their requirements.

- 2.2 The Council remains committed to working with schools to determine the most efficient and effective mode of delivery within the current range of traded services as well as establishing open communication about new ways of working across the system in Warrington.
- 2.3 New three-year SLA's commenced 2023 for the vast majority of the council's traded services. Maintained school SLA's began year 1 of 3 on 1st April 2023 and academy schools on 1st September 2023. Exceptions to the three-year SLA period include;
- Some ICT SLA's are on a one year contract basis to both offer more flexibility to the schools (to allow schools to decide on services more frequently due to changes in technology) or in-line with 3rd party contracts that the council has in place.
 - Warrington LiFE Service (formerly Careers for Young People Service) offer more bespoke advice, guidance and support, these can be purchased by the school/academy on an as and when required basis.
 - Tree & Woodland SLA (one year) Schools now pay a heavily reduced rate upfront for the SLA each year and then pay a fixed amount for each ad-hoc service they request. This is to allow more flexibility to schools, for example; statutory requirements are not always on a yearly cycle so schools requirements may change year on year.
 - Warrington Training Hub – again flexibility to allow schools to decide year by year whether they wish to buy in to the SLA to receive a 40% discount off training.
- 2.4 SLA price rises during a contract period are limited to externally verified figures (Consumer Price Index). Anything higher triggering a wider consultation with schools.

3. REVENUE PERFORMANCE – MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

- 3.1 Total combined revenue from all traded services:
2022/23: £3,666,153
2023/24: £3,712,769**

**Ad-hoc services and training are expected to be sold throughout the remaining financial year (January 2024 > March 2024) and therefore will need to be measured retrospectively at the end of the financial year to ensure a balance between cost of delivery and income generated.

- 3.2 2023/2024 SLA prices have risen in line with CPI at 4%.
- 3.3 We estimate that revenue from maintained schools is likely to increase above the 4% CPI increase this year, even when we take into account that two schools have converted to academy early in the 23-24 financial year. The increase in revenue is due to an overall increased SLA buy-back from schools. Please see section 5 for a breakdown of the increased service buy-back.

4. REVENUE PERFORMANCE – ACADEMY SCHOOLS

4.1 There have been two academy conversions so far during the 23/24 academic year; Appleton Thorn and Stretton St Matthews. Academy schools account for 40 out of the 92 schools in Warrington (43%).

4.2 Total combined revenue from all traded services:
2022/23: £2,223,239
2023/24: £2,228,277**

** Ad-hoc services and training are expected to be sold throughout the remaining academic year (January 2024 > August 2024) and will therefore need to be measured retrospectively at the end of the financial year to ensure a balance between cost of delivery and income generated.

4.3 When we take into account the two additional academy schools and the CPI rise of 4%, we estimate that revenue from academy schools will be similar to last year by the end of August 2024.

5. REVENUE PERFORMANCE COMBINED YEAR ON YEAR

5.1 The following table shows services in which revenue has reduced or increase by at least £10,000 year on year.

Please note that this table does not include any services which rely heavily on revenue from ad-hoc services and training throughout the year. Those services will need to be measured retrospectively at the end of the financial year to ensure a balance between cost of delivery and income generated.

Service	% Variance (+ / -)	£ Variance (+ / -)	Rationale
Attendance and Suspensions Service	+28%	+£36,965	Extended service offer now available to schools due to DfE 'Working together to improve school attendance' report and agreement at Schools Forum to introduce an enhanced service offer / charge.
Insurance Services	-8%	-£12,655	Only applicable to Maintained Schools. The risk protection arrangement (RPA) for schools was introduced in 2020 by the DfE. Additional schools have opted for RPA instead of WBC's insurance. No impact on the service as it is delivered via the arrangement we have with Salford Council.
Commercial Waste Service	+173%	+£43,534	Increased buy-back from both maintained and Academy schools (general and recycling waste contracts).
Safeguarding Children in Education Team	+38%	+£55,311	New service offer to schools: Gold (additional services included in this SLA), Silver, Bronze (only statutory requirements met). High uptake of the Gold service.

6. VALUE FOR MONEY

6.1 Services are subject to review when at least one of the following factors applies;

- Not currently achieving cost recovery (in relation to direct costs)
- A declining revenue year on year
- An unclear financial position

We only have one service which this applies to at the moment, the school meals service, who will be in touch shortly to consult on possible solutions for the service going forward.

6.2 The council has no intention to cease or drastically reduce any service provided to schools without prior consultation. Any reviews that may take place will focus clearly on supporting services to ensure they are delivering the services that customers want and that there are effective feedback mechanisms between customers and services to ensure any changes or improvements can be identified and agreed. This will ensure that we are delivering modern and efficient services that are providing excellent value for money.

6.3 Currently we have 54 council services trading with schools.

7. SLA ONLINE DEVELOPMENTS (My School Services)

7.1 There have been a number of enhancements to the online system for schools during the past twelve months. These are summarised below.

7.2 Schools should note that we will continue to listen to your feedback on how the system is or is not meeting your needs and we will continue to work with the supplier to offer developments and maintain a system, free of charge to schools, into the foreseeable future.

Summary of enhancements

<i>Implemented in 2023</i>	
February 2023	Updates to images within the portals, enhanced search options and shareable information.
May 2023	Updates to resource pages; new features, layouts and alerts.
August 2023	Updates to newsletters and bulletins.
December 2023	Updates to the Training Module; automatic bookings for delegates on course waitlists once a space becomes available, new reporting options, auto system reminders when a course has a certificate expiry date and knowledge base user guide updates.

- 7.3 There will be further system updates throughout the year. One option we are exploring at the moment is for academies to have an additional option of payment upfront (if they wish to do so that is!). So you could for example choose to pay for any service using a credit card, therefore save on the admin tasks of raising purchase orders and paying invoices. We will update academies on this in the coming months.
- 7.4 There are currently over 90 other local authorities using the same portal for their schools SLA's, communications, training, governors and ECT's. All of which are constantly feeding back system developments.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Schools Forum is asked to:

- (i) Note the progress being made to provide sustainable services that offer schools value for money and consistent levels of service.
- (ii) Recognise that the council is an important provider, commissioner and participant in the Warrington education system.
- (iii) Encourage colleagues to feedback their views on both SLA's and council services in order to help shape the future of traded services. This can be by contacting the services direct or via Stephen McNulty (Traded Services Business Manager): smcnulty@warrington.gov.uk / 01925 442682.

Report



Report to:	Schools Forum	Item:	6
Date:	16 January 2024 (Report as sent 10 October 2023)	For:	Discussion
Title:	Charging Maintained Schools for Costs Associated with Facilitating Academy Conversions		
Author:	School Organisation and Buildings Manager	Presenter:	Louise Atkin

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 On 21st March 2023 a report on academy conversions was presented to Schools Forum. The report explained it is anticipated the number of schools opting to convert to academy status will be increasing, resulting in additional workload for the local authority at a time when revenue is decreasing.
- 1.2 The report also explained the key tasks that officers carry out to facilitate a conversion, ensuring liabilities are transferred appropriately to the new academy, and the potential need for additional resources to be required, particularly if several schools opt to convert at the same time. The key tasks listed were:
- Legal work associated with the Commercial Transfer agreement; the document which sets out the basis on which the school will convert, including the treatment of employment issues, assets, liabilities and existing contracts, this involves liaising with the Trust's appointed solicitors.
 - Legal work carried out by Estates officers, associated with land and building transfers, this can vary significantly between conversions and also involves liaising with the Trust's appointed solicitors.
 - Employment and HR procedures including carrying out consultation under TUPE regulations and transferring employment to the academy (this can vary by school type).
 - Setting up service level agreements and contracts for the new academy, reconciling the school's previous accounts, along with updating other local authority records such as asset registers and payroll.
 - Closure of the school's financial records and ensuring suppliers are paid for goods and services ordered as a local authority school.
 - Supporting changes in relation to Information and Communications Technology (ICT), this can vary significantly depending on what/how many local authority ICT services the school chooses to move away from.
- 1.3 A survey by the Local Government Association suggests that in 2018 the average cost to local authorities, in terms of staff time and spending on things such as legal fees, had been between £6,400 and £8,400 for each maintained school that becomes an academy. Some local authorities charging schools to recover these costs, with charges ranging from

£2,500 to £20,000 per school. These figures are likely to have increased since 2018 due to inflation and rising costs associated with staffing.

- 1.4 In order to ensure the local authority can manage the conversion process efficiently and effectively, in support of the school's decision to convert, the local authority informed school's forum that the local authority was to re-introduce a charge to recoup costs incurred. The report explained that a number of potential charging options had been considered and the Senior Leadership Team had agreed to introduce a flat fee of £10,000. This was felt to be reasonable on the basis the converting school can receive a £25,000 grant from the DfE to support their conversion.
- 1.5 The flat fee aimed to avoid additional costs that would be incurred by introducing a full cost recovery/school specific option (for example costs associated with recording of time and creation of invoices). It also aimed to help converting schools to budget for their conversion by allocating a specific amount of the £25,000 one-off grant (received from the Department for Education), to help meet the additional costs of conversion.
- 1.6 At the Schools Forum meeting on 21st March it was agreed the local authority should not absorb all the costs, however members felt a flat fee would not be fair and the charge should be on a case by case basis, taken from the school's balance at the appropriate time.

2. FURTHER CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 Some conversions can be more time consuming than others, however this is not always apparent at the onset. The time and resources spent on each conversion does not necessarily depend on the size of the school or whether that school is a primary or secondary school, for example land transaction issues can occur in either of these educational phases and can be costly and time consuming to resolve.
- 2.2 During the past six months two schools of similar size (1FE primary schools) within Warrington have converted and joined multi-academy trusts. Despite the schools being roughly of the same size the workload associated with their conversions differed significantly. The work for the local authority associated with one of the conversions took approximately 4 months, whereas the other took approximately 10 months. In an effort to reduce the cost associated with the conversions records of officer time spent were not kept by all officers. However, it is anticipated the work associated with one conversion exceeded £10,000, whereas the other will have been less than £10,000.
- 2.3 Further research has been undertaken and has shown that the costs charged to schools for facilitating academy conversions vary vastly, it also shows that local authorities are finding the need to review and increase their charges. Some local authorities operate a full cost recovery model and others charge a fee that does not cover all of the time spent on facilitating the conversion, for example only charging for commercial and property legal fees (and not for the work carried out by other services). In Oxfordshire County Council's 'Academies Programme End of Year Report', dated March 2023 the local authority estimates the cost to them per conversion is £12,000. Oldham Council's 'Policy and Guidance on Academy Conversions', dated 2022 suggests this local authority have introduced a flat rate charge of £10,000. A Sefton Council report dated June 2023 shows this local authority introduced a flat rate fee of £8,000 with intention to also capture officer's time and other costs for 12 months with a view to introducing a full cost recovery model if it is identified the £8,000 sum does not meet the costs incurred.

- 2.4 In light of the March 2023 school's forum discussion, alongside improving transparency, it is proposed that for future conversions:
- At the onset of the conversion the converting school will be reminded the local authority will be issuing a charge for costs incurred to facilitate the conversion. Acknowledging that some schools are opting for the academy trust to receive the one-off conversion grant, the headteacher will be required to confirm whether the school's governors opt for the charge to be deducted from the school's balance prior to conversion or whether the charge is to be paid for by the academy trust. In the event the preference is for the academy trust to receive the charge, confirmation will also be required from the academy trust.
 - Throughout the conversion all officers facilitating the conversion shall record time spent working on the conversion, along with any other costs incurred (such as searches or purchase of licenses). The lead facilitating officer will undertake the additional task of collating officer's records of time and sharing costs, this will be communicated to the headteacher of the converting school.
 - Towards the end of the conversion the total cost will be confirmed to the converting school's headteacher (and academy trust if appropriate), this will be based on time spent and other cost incurred, it will be non-negotiable and will also include a proportionate allowance for work required post conversion. The charge will be deducted from the school's balance or, in the event of the trust providing payment, the value will be specified within the commercial transfer agreement (CTA).
- 2.5 Converting schools should note the minimum charge is envisaged to be in the region of £6K, however the charge may exceed £10K. The charge will not be financially benefitting to the local authority and would not be applied to schools that are subject to an academy order (where a school is judged as performing lower than expected targets by Ofsted and ordered to become an academy).

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 As explained in the March 2023 report, absorbing the costs associated with academy conversions is not sustainable for the local authority. Conversion decision making is held by schools and the DfE, as a result the local authority has limited influence over the pace and flow of demands placed on its resources associated with conversions. This presents the risk of local authority resources becoming further stretched, and consequently the academy transfer process potentially taking longer than what may be considered 'reasonable'. There may also be a negative impact on local authority delivery of other essential services.
- 3.2 The Senior Leadership Team had considered a number of potential charging options and had opted to introduce a flat fee of £10,000 that aimed to avoid additional costs that would be incurred by introducing a full cost recovery/school specific option. Following discussion at school's forum the process described in 2.4 above is proposed. It should be noted this will result in an increase in officer time and therefore an increase in cost. To aid budgeting, the envisaged minimum charge of £6,000 should be noted, as should the potential for costs to exceed £10,000. The £6,000 minimum charge includes the assumption that the additional workload presented by conversions can be met in-house, should there be a need to outsource work (for example in the event a high number of schools convert at the same time) work may need to be outsourced and consequently additional costs incurred.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 Schools Forum is asked to note:-

- The change in approach to charge for costs incurred by the local authority in order that the conversion process can be managed efficiently and effectively in support of the school's decision to convert.
- The revised proposal to operate a school specific non-negotiable cost recovery model by capturing the hours and costs of supporting the transfer, instead of the flat-rate sum of £10,000 initially proposed. This approach will increase the time and cost associated with facilitating conversions.
- The minimum charge is envisaged to be in the region of £6,000, however the charge may exceed £10,000. In order to ensure adequate resources are devoted, enabling the work to be undertaken within a reasonable timeframe, additional costs could be incurred should there be a need to outsource tasks associated with the conversion.
- That failure to agree payment of the charge prior to conversion could result in delaying completion of the conversion process.
- That in the event a conversion is deferred for any reason, and costs have already been incurred by the local authority, reasonable charges will still apply.
- The way in which the charge is calculated will be reviewed on an annual basis, with consideration being given to any change in circumstance, for example inflation or deflation in the specific areas of work.

Report



Report to:	Schools Forum	Item:	7
Date:	16 January 2024	For:	Decision
Title:	Proposal for de-delegation from maintained schools' budget shares to deliver school improvement		
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1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- Inform Schools Forum about the government's removal of the School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant which was allocated to local authorities to support their school improvement functions in maintained schools (to monitor the performance of maintained schools, broker school improvement provision, and exercise their statutory intervention powers).
- Seek Schools Forum approval for de-delegation of funding from schools' budget shares to cover the removal of the grant for both maintained Primary and Secondary phases.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Since 2017, the Local Authority School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant has been allocated to local authorities to support them in fulfilling their statutory school improvement functions under Part 4 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and their additional school improvement expectations as set out in Schools causing concern: Statutory guidance for local authorities and regional directors, July 2023 (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 In summary these activities require local authorities to monitor the performance of maintained schools, broker school improvement provision and intervene as appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, use of formal intervention powers.
- 2.3 In Warrington, the local authority has primarily exercised their core school improvement activities via early support and challenge acting before performance

deteriorates to the point of requiring formal intervention. This has been a successful approach evidenced by the significant number of good and outstanding schools.

2.4 In October 2021, the Department for Education (DfE) launched a consultation seeking views on the government's intention to remove the School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant, currently allocated to local authorities to support school improvement activities and make provisions within the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2022 to allow local authorities to fund all of their school improvement activity (to ensure that local authorities remain adequately funded to exercise their statutory intervention powers and all core school improvement activities) via de-delegation from maintained school's budget shares . The national consultation took place from 29 October 2021 to 26 November 2021.

2.5 Within the consultation, the DfE set out the reasons for the proposed change:

- Support the drive towards a school-led improvement system through putting more decisions about school improvement provision into the hands of school leaders.
- Bring funding arrangements for councils' school improvement activity closer into line with those in the academy sector.
- Enable councils to better adjust over time to the Government's longer-term ambition for all schools to become academies within a strong trust.

2.6 The consultation proposed that the grant would be ended with effect from the start of the 2023-24 financial year; phased so that it would be reduced to 50% of the current amount on a per school basis in the 2022-23 financial year to give local authorities and maintained schools time to adjust to these new arrangements.

2.7 The Government's response to the consultation was published on 18 January 2022 - [Reforming how local authorities' school improvement functions are funded: Government consultation response](#). It confirmed that the Government will:

- Reduce the grant by 50% for the financial 2022-23 and bring it to an end in the financial year 2023-24.
- Include provision in Part 7 of Schedule 2 of the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2022 which would allow local authorities to de-delegate for all improvement expenditure, including all core improvement activities with the agreement of their local Schools Forum or the Secretary of State.

[Government response - Reforming how LA SI functions are funded \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

- 2.8 In Warrington, the School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant in the financial year 2021/22 was £196,204. This was the final financial year where the full amount of funding was allocated.
- 2.9 In line with the recommendations above, in the 2022/23 financial year Warrington received 50% of the allocation which equalled £87,651. If 100% of the funding had been awarded as in previous financial years, Warrington would have received a total of £175,302.
- 2.10 Due to careful management, the local authority has been able to continue to support maintained schools since the grant ended in April 2023, but this will not be able to continue in future financial years as there are no other sources of funding to support this activity.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The proposal to Schools Forum is to de-delegate funding from maintained schools' budget allocations with effect from 1 April 2024 in order to cover the removal of the Local Authority School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant.
- 3.2 De-delegation will allow the school improvement services that support maintained schools to continue at the existing levels, whilst being in line with the government's guidance to achieve parity of funding with academy schools.
- 3.3 There are several different models that other local authorities already have in place to determine the amounts to be de-delegated. Primarily, these are:
- A set amount for all schools (e.g. £2,500 for each school is being applied in one LA, regardless of the size or budgets of individual schools).
 - A set amount per pupil on roll (e.g. one LA has applied £16.00 per pupil, whilst another has set this at £10.50 per pupil).
 - A set % applied to all school's budgets, again regardless of size and budget (this is certainly the case when schools convert to academy status and have to contribute to the central MAT functions which includes school improvement).
- 3.4 For Warrington, it is proposed to use pupil numbers on roll to determine the value of each school's contribution. This will give some fairness regardless of school size. The final value per pupil is based on the October 2023 census 'numbers on roll' released in December 2023 as part of the DSG 2024-25 allocations.
- 3.5 The formula used by the DfE to calculate the amount of School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant that Warrington would have received for the 2022/23 financial year prior to the changes being made has been applied (and readjusted to take account of recent academy conversions).

- 3.6 To maintain a good standard of school improvement support to maintained schools, it is proposed that an initial rate of £3.00 per pupil is applied for the period April – August 2024 (subsidised by the remaining grant funding), rising to £7.00 per pupil from September 2024 – March 2025.
- 3.7 In addition to ongoing and bespoke school improvement activities such as providing regular updates, attending meetings with school leaders, writing model policies, delivering training and advising governors, proportional support and challenge is specifically delivered to maintained schools through a range of quality assurance activities (as outlined in Appendix 3).
- 3.8 The service offered to maintained schools would include critical incident support, therefore they would not need to purchase the local authority's Critical Incident SLA separately. Maintained schools would still receive the same level of support and training as outlined in the Critical Incident SLA.

4. DECISION MAKING

- 4.1 The Schools and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2022 and the Schools Forum regulations and good practice guide set out both the local authority and Schools Forum responsibilities with regard to de-delegation of funding from maintained schools budgets (Appendix 2 – Schools operational guide: 2024 to 2025).
- 4.2 The decision to de-delegate funding from maintained schools' budgets sits with the primary and secondary maintained school members of Schools Forum, with a further provision in the regulations to request Secretary of State approval if agreement is not reached.
- 4.3 Schools Forum members for primary maintained schools and secondary maintained schools must decide separately for each phase whether the service should be provided centrally; the decision will apply to all maintained mainstream schools in that phase.
- 4.4 De-delegation does not apply to special schools, nursery schools, or PRUs. Where de-delegation has been agreed for maintained primary and secondary schools, the DfE's presumption is that the local authority will offer the service on a buyback basis to those schools and academies in their area which are not covered by the de-delegation.
- 4.5 Unless notified otherwise, the local authority will presume that maintained special schools will buyback the service which, as well as providing the support outlined in Appendix 3, gives them access to a termly visit from an external specialist school improvement partner.
- 4.6 There are no legal implications arising directly from this proposal. The proposal is intended to ensure that the local authority can continue to fulfil its statutory school

improvement functions under Part 4 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the requirements set out in the Schools Causing Concern guidance (July 2023).

- 4.7 Proposed de-delegated funding amounts for each maintained school are shown in Appendix 4. On average, the proposed de-delegated funding for maintained schools is 0.10% of their total national funding formula (NFF) funding received for the 2023/24 financial year.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Schools Forum is asked to:

- Note the proposal outlined in section 3.
- Support the proposal for de-delegation of funding from maintained schools' budget shares to cover the removal of the School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant for both maintained Primary and Secondary Phases.

Appendix 1 – Schools causing concern: Statutory guidance for local authorities and regional directors, July 2023

[Schools causing concern statutory guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Local authority school improvement functions

Part 4 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 provides LAs with a range of powers to first warn, and then intervene in, maintained schools where they have significant concerns (e.g., relating to performance, governance or pupil safety), for example by appointing an interim executive board or requiring the school to collaborate with another school.

Schools eligible for intervention include:

- Schools that have failed to comply with a warning notice.
- Schools that have been judged Inadequate by Ofsted.
- Schools that are not making necessary improvements (schools with two or more ‘less than good’ Ofsted judgements).

Further to this, the Schools Causing Concern (SCC) guidance states that LAs should act as champions of high standards of education across their schools, and in doing so should:

- Understand the performance of maintained schools in their area, using data as a starting point to identify any that are underperforming, while working with them to explore ways to support progress.
- Work closely with the relevant Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC), dioceses and other local partners to ensure schools receive the support they need to improve.
- Where underperformance has been recognised in a maintained school, proactively work with the relevant RSC, combining local and regional expertise to ensure the right approach, including sending warning notices and using intervention powers where this will improve leadership and standards.
- Encourage good and outstanding maintained schools to take responsibility for their own improvement; support other schools; and enable other schools to access the support they need to improve.

Appendix 2 – Schools operational guide: 2024 to 2025, July 2023

[Schools operational guide: 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

De-delegated services are for maintained schools only. Funding for de-delegated services must be allocated through the local funding formula but can be passed back, or de-delegated, for maintained mainstream primary and secondary schools with schools forum approval.

De-delegation does not apply to special schools, nursery schools, or PRUs. Where de-delegation has been agreed for maintained primary and secondary schools, the department's presumption is that the local authority will offer the service on a buyback basis to those schools and academies in their area which are not covered by the de-delegation.

In the case of special schools and PRUs, the funding to buy such services will be included in any top-up payments. Any decisions made to de-delegate in 2023 to 2024 related to that year only, new decisions will be required for any service to be de-delegated in 2024 to 2025.

From 2022 to 2023, schools forums have been able to agree to de-delegate funding for local authorities' core school improvement activities in relation to maintained schools. In addition, since 2017 to 2018, schools forums have been able to agree to de-delegate further funding for additional school improvement provision for maintained schools. From 2023 to 2024, the School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant is no longer being paid to local authorities.

Schools forum members for primary maintained schools and secondary maintained schools must as set out in the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012 decide separately for each phase whether the service should be provided centrally; the decision will apply to all maintained mainstream schools in that phase.

They must decide on fixed contributions for these services so that funding can then be removed from the formula before school budgets are issued.

There may be different decisions for each phase. The services which may be de-delegated are:

- school improvement services
- contingencies (including schools in financial difficulties and deficits of closing schools)
- behaviour support services
- support to underperforming ethnic groups and bilingual learners
- free school meals eligibility
- insurance
- RPA
- museum and library services
- staff costs supply cover (for example, long-term sickness, maternity, trade union and public duties)
- licences and subscriptions; except those paid for by the department:

Local authorities should make a clear statement of how the funding is being taken out of the formula for each de-delegated service.

Appendix 3 – Warrington School Improvement Offer for maintained schools

- Support from the Executive Headteacher for School Improvement and their Deputy.
- A named school adviser to provide full year support via telephone and email, as required, with cover arrangements when the named adviser is on leave / absent.
- Package of support dependent on school categorisation, with all schools receiving at least one face-to-face visit.
- Contingency support for emergency and critical incidents (*to replace the need to purchase the Critical Incident SLA separately*).
- Delivery of Schools Causing Concern functions and support.
- Dedicated attention to providing and promoting wellbeing for everyone associated with your school.
- Support during an Ofsted Inspection including discussion with the inspector and attending feedback.
- Support for challenging situations, e.g. capability/complex parental complaint.
- Assistance in brokering temporary senior leadership.
- Support with Ofsted complaints.
- Records of visits.
- Half-termly Headteacher Briefings and New to Headship support.
- Deputy Headteacher Conference and support.
- Support with Governance issues and SEND statutory duties.
- Individualised school data report, alongside other data products.
- Supporting schools to meet statutory requirements around ECT induction.
- Pastoral support for school leaders and staff in dealing with the national and local challenges faced by schools.
- Brokering of additional support from the expertise within both the School Improvement Service and the wider Local Authority Teams, for example, finance, HR, health and safety, legal, media, etc.
- Brokering of support from local and national systems and associations, as appropriate (*e.g. proposed curriculum support from School Improvement Liverpool*).
- Bespoke package of support for secondary schools to facilitate a collaborative approach to addressing school improvement priorities.
- Co-ordinated partnership working with diocesan colleagues (where appropriate).
- Facilitation of collaborative, school led projects.
- Training sessions for key issues, such as Ofsted Waiting for the Call.
- Online resources area.
- One free place on a writing moderation session in January (Year 6).
- Termly online drop-in surgery.

Appendix 4 – Proposed de-delegated funding per school based on October 2023 School Census

Schools	NOR October 2023 Census	April 2024 - August 2024 £3.00	September 2024 - March 2025 £7.00	Total 2024/25 financial year
Primary				
Barrow Hall Community Primary School	637	£796.25	£2,601.08	£3,397.33
Bewsey Lodge Primary School	327	£408.75	£1,335.25	£1,744.00
Birchwood CE Primary School	155	£193.75	£632.92	£826.67
Bradshaw Community Primary School	184	£230.00	£751.33	£981.33
Brook Acre Community Primary School	205	£256.25	£837.08	£1,093.33
Callands Primary School	394	£492.50	£1,608.83	£2,101.33
Cherry Tree Primary School	207	£258.75	£845.25	£1,104.00
Christ Church CE Primary School Padgate	320	£400.00	£1,306.67	£1,706.67
Cinnamon Brow CE Primary School	311	£388.75	£1,269.92	£1,658.67
Culcheth Community Primary School	216	£270.00	£882.00	£1,152.00
Dallam Community Primary School	224	£280.00	£914.67	£1,194.67
Grappenhall Heys Community Primary School	262	£327.50	£1,069.83	£1,397.33
Grappenhall St Wilfrid's CE Primary School	419	£523.75	£1,710.92	£2,234.67
Latchford St James CE Primary School	164	£205.00	£669.67	£874.67
Locking Stumps Community Primary School	404	£505.00	£1,649.67	£2,154.67
Newchurch Community Primary School	194	£242.50	£792.17	£1,034.67
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School	169	£211.25	£690.08	£901.33
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	189	£236.25	£771.75	£1,008.00
Sankey Valley St. James' CE Primary School	206	£257.50	£841.17	£1,098.67
St Alban's Catholic Primary School	189	£236.25	£771.75	£1,008.00
St Andrew's CE Primary School	209	£261.25	£853.42	£1,114.67
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School	158	£197.50	£645.17	£842.67
St Benedict's Catholic Primary School	201	£251.25	£820.75	£1,072.00
St Bridget's Catholic Primary School	195	£243.75	£796.25	£1,040.00
St Elphin's (Fairfield) CE Vol Aided Primary Sch	344	£430.00	£1,404.67	£1,834.67
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	251	£313.75	£1,024.92	£1,338.67
St Lewis Catholic Primary School	114	£142.50	£465.50	£608.00
St Margaret's CE Voluntary Aided Primary School	412	£515.00	£1,682.33	£2,197.33
St Monica's Catholic Primary School	151	£188.75	£616.58	£805.33
St Oswald's Catholic Primary School	219	£273.75	£894.25	£1,168.00
St Paul of the Cross Catholic Primary School	120	£150.00	£490.00	£640.00
St Peter's Catholic Primary School	211	£263.75	£861.58	£1,125.33
St Philip (Westbrook) CE Aided Primary School	610	£762.50	£2,490.83	£3,253.33
St Stephen's Catholic Primary School	208	£260.00	£849.33	£1,109.33
St Thomas' CE Primary School	204	£255.00	£833.00	£1,088.00
St Vincent's Catholic Primary School	115	£143.75	£469.58	£613.33
Stockton Heath Primary School	402	£502.50	£1,641.50	£2,144.00
The Cobbs Infant and Nursery School	198	£247.50	£808.50	£1,056.00
Thelwall Community Junior School	162	£202.50	£661.50	£864.00
Twiss Green Community Primary School	202	£252.50	£824.83	£1,077.33
Warrington St Ann's CE Primary School	177	£221.25	£722.75	£944.00
Warrington St Barnabas' CE Primary School	167	£208.75	£681.92	£890.67
Winwick CE Primary School	204	£255.00	£833.00	£1,088.00

Schools	NOR October 2023 Census	April 2024 - August 2024 £3.00	September 2024 - March 2025 £7.00	Total 2024/25 financial year
Woolston CE Aided Primary School	214	£267.50	£873.83	£1,141.33
Secondary				
Cardinal Newman Catholic High School	854	£1,067.50	£3,487.17	£4,554.67
Culcheth High School	1180	£1,475.00	£4,818.33	£6,293.33
St Gregory's Catholic High School	1212	£1,515.00	£4,949.00	£6,464.00
TOTAL	14,070	£17,587.50	£57,452.50	£75,040.00

Special schools – option to buyback services:

Schools	NOR October 2023 Census	April 2024 - August 2024 £3.00	September 2024 - March 2025 £7.00	Total 2024/25 financial year
Fox Wood School	116	£145.00	£473.67	£618.67
Green Lane School	197	£246.25	£804.42	£1,050.67
Woolston Brook	61	£76.25	£249.08	£325.33
TOTAL	374	£467.50	£1,527.17	£1,994.67

Report

WARRINGTON
Borough Council



Report to: Schools Forum

Item: 8

Date: 16th January 2024

For: Information/Decision

Title: DSG Settlement and Schools' Funding 2024/25

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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At the last meeting of Schools Forum (online on 10th October 2023), Members were briefed on the changes to the National Funding Formula (NFF) for 2024/25, and advised that they would be updated at the next meeting as to whether the final DSG settlement would prove sufficient to allow Warrington to continue to use the NFF as the basis of its local schools funding formula. Indications were that, as in previous years, there would be a funding gap in direct allocations, but that the calculated historical growth uplift would be sufficient to *at least* cover that shortfall, and deliver also a modest amount of headroom. The actual amounts involved would inform Forum's recommendation on the 2024/25 mainstream schools' funding formula.
- 1.2 We received confirmation of the DSG allocations for all four blocks: Schools Block, High Needs Block, Early Years Block and Central Services Block, on 19th December, and the purpose of this report is to explain the settlement, and consider the effects on education funding and school budgets, for 2024/25. A Forum recommendation will then be sought for the composition of the mainstream schools' funding formula for the forthcoming financial year.
- 1.3 The report will also discuss, in **section 4**, the options for de-delegation for common delivery of certain services, asking Members for mainstream maintained schools to commit their sectors to a binding agreement to support this delivery.

2. DEDICATED SCHOOLS BLOCK (DSG) 2024/25 CONFIRMED

- 2.1 Local Authorities' DSG settlements were confirmed by ESFA on 19th December 2023. This covered all four blocks of DSG (Schools Block, *provisional* Early Years Block, High Needs Block and Central Services Block). The allocations are summarised on the table overleaf, with the 2023/24 funding levels shown for comparative purposes. Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MSAG) - £5.7m in 2023/24 - has been streamlined into the basic Schools Block allocation by an application of the following methodology:

AWPU
FSM 6
Lump Sum

+£119 (Primary), +£168 (KS3), +£190 (KS4)
+£104 (Primary), +£152 (Secondary)
+£4,510

	£ value	Census Nos	Total	2024/25 DSG	2023/24 DSG	Total	
Schools Block (Primary)	£5,009.12	17,686.00	£88,591,297		£4,757.60 x 17,755	£84,468,810.00	
Schools Block (Secondary)	£6,377.62	13,538.00	£86,340,221		£6,039.85 x 13,177	£79,584,085	
Split Site Funding			£80,903			£297,000	
Growth Funding			£1,086,357	£176,098,778		£1,584,350	£165,934,245
Additional Grant						£5,705,645	£5,705,645
Early Years Block 15 hr offer 3 & 4	£5.51	2,966.49	£9,316,856		£4.90 x 2,927.99	£8,177,877	
Early Years Block extended 15 hr offer 3 & 4	£5.51	1,679.98	£5,276,314		£4.90 x 1,621.75	£4,529,548	
Early Years 2 year old	£7.74	1,443.98	£6,370,552		£5.71 x 455.33	£1,481,963	
Early Years 9 mths – 2 years	£10.52	519.82	£3,117,049				
Early Years Pupil Premium			£304,007			£145,948	
Early Years Disability Access Fund			£123,760			£74,520	
Nursery School Protection			£211,584	£24,720,122		£173,281	£14,583,137
Teachers' Pay grant addition				£158,909			-
High Needs Block				£34,200,925		£31,268,165	£31,268,165
Additional Grant				-		£1,344,610	£1,344,610
Central Services Block	£38.49	31,224.00	£1,201,812	£1,201,812	£35.99 x 30,931	£1,113,207	£1,113,207
Total DSG & Grant (before recoupments for Academies, deductions for High Needs Places and NNDR clawback)				£236,380,545			£219,949,009
Deduct grants				-£158,909			-£5,705,645
High Needs Place deductions				-£2,096,000			-£2,136,000
TOTAL Dedicated Schools Grant				£234,125,636			£212,107,364.00

2.2 Because next year's Schools Block funding unit values are calculated using the *current year's* NFF, and then adjusted **only** for new-year pupil number changes, if the changes in other factors are significantly different in direction and magnitude from the percentage NOR changes, this can result in a funding pressure; hence a recurrent requirement to use the historical growth funding addition to bridge the gap. In Warrington's case, a very small increase in NOR is outstripped by much larger increases in secondary Free School Meal entitlements (see overleaf), meaning that more than half of this growth addition needs to be used to fund the revised formula.

	Oct-23	Oct-22	Change
NOR	31,226	30,931	0.95%
Primary FSM Units	4,171	4,223	-1.23%
Primary Ever 6 Units	4,271	4,331	-1.39%
Secondary FSM Units	2,781	2,493	11.55%
Secondary Ever 6 Units	2,994	2,779	7.74%

Full NFF implementation at 0.5% Minimum Funding Guarantee requires £177,103,108 (as below):

	<i>Primary</i>	<i>Secondary</i>	<i>Total</i>
AWPU	£63,235,055	£71,679,963	£134,915,018
Free School Meals	£2,051,506	£1,367,835	£3,419,341
Free School Meals Ever 6	£3,515,417	£3,606,333	£7,121,750
Deprivation: IDACI	£2,123,980	£2,360,535	£4,484,515
Low Prior Attainment	£5,772,665	£4,352,129	£10,124,795
English as Additional Language	£1,153,408	£1,323,532	£2,476,940
Mobility	£231,720	£59,337	£291,057
Sparsity	£2,153	£0	£2,153
Lump Sum	£9,308,562	£1,753,787	£11,062,349
Premises	£753,114	£779,257	£1,532,371
	£88,147,580	£87,282,707	£175,430,288
MPPFL protection	£1,079,072	£137,455	£1,216,528
MFG protection	£385,650	£70,642	£456,293
	£1,464,723	£208,098	£1,672,820
TOTAL	£89,612,303	£87,490,805	£177,103,108

How this breaks down, school by school, is illustrated in **Appendix 1**.

Consequently there remains a small amount of headroom, £447,137, which Schools Forum will consider.

DSG Schools Block	£178,254,733.75
24-25 NFF funded NNDR, excluding prior year adjustments	(£2,155,955.20)
DSG schools block after deduction of 24-25 NFF funded NNDR	£176,098,778.55
Total funding allocated (including NNDR)	£177,103,108.13
24-25 NFF NNDR, excluding prior year adjustments	(£1,451,466.93)
Total funding allocated after deduction of 24-25 NNDR	£175,651,641.20
Headroom available	£447,137.35

2.3 The Early Years Block hourly funding rate has increased further from the revisions at September 2023 (27p per hour for 3 and 4 year-olds, 18p per hour for 2 year-olds). It

now reflects the expansion of the pre-school programme to include under-2 year olds, and the 2-year old programme's encompassing of all families with working parents. Overall this means a significant increase in total Block funding; almost £10m extra compared with initial 2023/24 allocations. Early Years Single Funding Formula Working Group is scheduled to meet on 11th January to discuss how much of this additional funding should be added to the hourly funded base rate for settings, and how much to retain for general Authority responsibilities pressures, particularly in the area of special needs. As this meeting follows the distribution of this evening's document pack, the Group's recommendation will be presented for debate and ratification in a separate agenda item.

- 2.4 Unlike the other Blocks, Early Years Block will ultimately be revised for updated numbers from the January 2024 census (for indicative allocations, January 2023 data are used). This normally happens around about June/July, and we will report the impact, firstly to EYSFF working group, and then to Schools Forum.
- 2.5 The High Needs Block, before place deductions, is £1.59 million higher than for 2023/24 (an increase of 4.9%). Any increases are welcome, though demand-led cost pressures for special and additional needs pupils continue to escalate. The previous yearly percentage increase was more than twice this rate (10.5%), so this seems to indicate a below-inflation squeeze on funding. Members will recall that changes in the national funding framework require Authorities without DSG reserves to eliminate deficits before April 2024. We entered 2023/2024 having returned to a cumulative surplus position - and are on course to remain in surplus at the end of this financial year - but maintaining this will be challenging. It is our intention to report to Schools Forum in March on the planned spending items for all earmarked funding, including any potential additional funds from Schools Block headroom which might be recommended following this evening's discussions.

3. SCHOOL BUDGETS 2024/25

- 3.1 As discussed, individual mainstream school allocations, per National Funding Formula, would require direct allocation of 99.75% of the confirmed Schools Block. We now call upon Schools Forum members to formulate a recommendation for the remaining 0.25% - £444,137.

The individual Warrington school allocations using the full NFF are shown in **Appendix 1**. Please note that while this is by far the greatest proportion of funding, it details only Schools Block elements, and excludes the following adjustments:

- Nursery funding
- Element 3 EHCP top-ups
- Designated Provision funding
- De-delegations to be agreed at this meeting of Schools Forum
- Free School Meals clawback for primary settings

It is this formula which is required to be submitted to the ESFA (deadline 22nd January 2024) for their approval - as it will be also be used for the direct funding of mainstream Academies, and recoupment from Warrington's DSG to facilitate this. Agreed delegations (see section 4) form part of the required submission.

- 3.2 13 primary schools and 2 secondary schools are protected by the mandatory 2024/25 sector *Minimum Per Pupil Funding Level* (MPPFL). This is a small decrease in numbers on last year (15 and 3) for primary schools, and reflects the increase in formula values. All schools have the guaranteed 0.5% *minimum funding guarantee* (MFG) per pupil increase inherent in full NFF. 11 Warrington schools now rely on MFG to a greater or lesser extent (ranging in value from £477 to £164,050). (2023/24 equivalents are 18, £485-£157,423). Of course, these numbers could further reduce, depending on the purpose recommended for the remaining headroom funds, though 0.25% of Block funding does not represent a significant variance.
- 3.3 These allocations, shown in **Appendix 1**, may not be the final formula funding figures, as these could be affected by the adjustment recommended this evening by Members for headroom. It should be stressed that recycling any or all of the headroom back through the formula, in effect *exceeding* NFF, will redraft our formula baseline for future years, raising the bar for future protection calculations. This might conceivably become problematic to service within the allocations to us, which will be based on 'standard' NFF.

Suggested options for headroom (any of which may be viable in combination):

1. Retain through a transfer to High Needs Block, for a purpose to be agreed with Forum.
2. Increase Minimum Funding Guarantee from the national 0.5%
3. Recycle through the formula via an addition to the basic per pupil funding rate.
4. Recycle through the formula via an uplift to the standard school lump sum.

Because of protections, adding to the formula factor values does not guarantee that a school will receive additional funding. Those schools in receipt of protection may simply find that whilst their directly-calculated NFF value has increased, the added protection has reduced commensurately, leaving the overall quantum of funding unchanged.

For context, applying the full headroom would accommodate an increase in primary phase AWPUs of £18.12, with £25.54 and £28.79 respectively for KS3 and KS4 values. Full use could theoretically deliver an increase in the lump sum of £6,486; however the funding restrictions forbidding too great a variation from standard NFF would only allow a maximum value of £138,279 - £3,373 more. This would use £227,411 of available headroom.

- 3.4 Towards the end of February, we will, as usual, provide for schools a Funding Pack detailing the total final school budgets (including those additional elements described in **section 3.1**), individual funding factors and the underlying principles of allocation, as well as greater context regarding the overall Warrington funding settlement. Also,

the budget allocations for the special schools and Sandy Lane Nursery & Forest School.

4. DE-DELEGATIONS

- 4.1 The existing financial framework permits that allocations within the delegated budgets of **maintained** schools for some centrally delivered school support services may, with appropriate Forum approval, be returned to the LA to enable it to continue to provide the service, via a process known as 'de-delegation'. The decision for each of this range of services must be reviewed annually by Forum members representing each of the maintained school phases. A majority decision for or against de-delegation is binding on each school in the respective phase. Phases may adopt a different decision for each of the potentially de-delegated items.
- 4.2 The process of de-delegation remains available while the National Funding Formula (NFF) is used to calculate the overall funding quantum for local authorities, but not the actual individual school allocations. In other words, the period during which NFF is a 'soft' formula. Year-on-year, the latitude given to Authorities to vary from the standard NFF model is being curtailed, but we are still not quite at the point of a mandatory school level 'hard' formula.
- 4.3 Ultimately, when a hard formula is in place, any LA services or functions covered by de-delegation will all need to be replaced by individual trading arrangements with each participating school, if they are to continue – effectively the situation which applies to Academy service delivery.
- 4.4 Any decisions regarding de-delegation are required to be reflected on the 2024/25 formula submission, which must be submitted to the Department for Education by 22nd January, so it is necessary to take the appropriate decisions at this meeting. De-delegation rates have been increased by 4% compared to 2023/24 to account for pay & prices inflation.
- 4.5 Separate papers are being tabled this evening regarding the union facilities agreement, and a mooted new arrangement around school improvement support, so the remaining outstanding de-delegation decisions relate to:

Contingency budgets

Although an element of Schools Block funding is described as related to growth, it is an addition to the settlement based on net increases between October 2022 and October 2023 census Numbers On Roll within 25 individual geographic micro-areas. In other words, **historical**. It is not funding related to any future projected increases expected over the course of the forthcoming financial year, and in any case, as we have discussed in **section 2.2**, the first call on this addition is the bridging of any affordability gap when implementing NFF.

Clearly contingencies may be created for any purpose, but as a point of principle, any pot should really only be created for priorities relating to the mainstream, maintained

sector i.e. those who will contribute to it through the process of de-delegation. Consequently we are not presenting a specific de-delegation proposal, but are happy to entertain any which maintained Members may wish to suggest, bearing in mind that a basic requirement will be:

- A) a clearly defined purpose of the contingency fund, and establishment of specific criteria under which it may be accessed; and
- B) agreed de-delegation methodology, using an appropriate formula factor and value.

Miscellaneous Licences

A range of smaller subscriptions and licences including some remaining copyright provision, Health Protection Radiation Protection Adviser Service, f40 membership, Fischer Family Trust, and other *ad hoc* arrangements. De-delegation rate: £2.34/NOR

CLEAPSS

This pays for support to schools to ensure that the science curriculum is delivered safely. The *Health and Safety at Work Act* and subsequent Regulations require employers to protect their employees by, for example, providing safe working conditions, information & training for health and safety, and (model) risk assessments for activities (required under a range of Regulations, including COSHH). Being a member of CLEAPSS enables the local authority to discharge its responsibilities, since member schools have access to high quality health and safety advice, with curriculum support and advice on using high quality practical work for science, design and technology and art. De-delegation rate: £0.40/NOR

Free School Meals Assessment

This budget funds the cost of assessing if a family is eligible for free school meals. De-delegation rate: £2.86/NOR

Maternity/Paternity/Adoption Costs

This budget covers the cost of staff members' salaries whilst on these forms of leave from school. By de-delegating this budget, schools pick up only the cost of cover arrangements, not the combined total of this **and** the substantive salary. De-delegation rate: £26.00/NOR

- 4.6 The Local Authority agrees that all of the currently available de-delegated services will continue to be provided, if the desire exists on the schools' side to repeat their de-delegation decisions. The de-delegation amounts will be recouped via the current formula methodology.

5. OTHER FUNDING

- 5.1 Pupil Premium rates have increased by around 1.5-1.7% from 2023/24, and will be as detailed below:

Primary pupils: £1,480 (increased from £1,455)

Secondary pupils: £1,050 (increased from £1,035)

Looked-after children: £2,570 (increased from £2,530)

Children who have ceased to be looked-after: £2,570 (up from £2,530)

Service children: £340 (increased from £335)

Preliminary calculations suggest that this will aggregate to around £10.69 million for all Warrington pupils. Clearly those percentage increases are small, though the Department for Education is keen to highlight that the rates are 10% higher than in 2021/22. **Appendix 2** shows Pupil Premium values for all Warrington schools. These are **indicative estimates**, as whilst the majority factor (deprivation, per FSM6) is using the actual October 2023 numbers upon which the allocation will be calculated, the service and post looked-after numbers will need to be updated.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that Schools Forum members representing mainstream schools:

- i) Note the contents of the report;
- ii) Recommend an appropriate use of the allocation of headroom funding, and consequently the composition of the Warrington mainstream schools' funding formula for 2024/25;
- iii) For maintained sector representatives, agree de-delegations, where appropriate, for the various services discussed in **section 4.5**.

	AWPU	Free School Meals	Free School Meals Ever 6	IDACI	Low Prior Attainment	EAL	Mobility & Sparsity	Lump Sum & Split Site	Protection	TOTAL	Notional NNRD*	TOTAL FUNDING
Alderman Bolton	£954,640	£69,843	£118,525	£82,350	£108,248	£22,017	£11,544	£134,907	£0	£1,502,073	£6,265	£1,508,338
Appleton Thorn	£693,633	£8,361	£13,993	£8,201	£47,231	£18,214	£5,165	£134,907	£0	£929,705	£21,376	£951,081
Barrow Hall	£2,277,549	£21,641	£38,685	£3,634	£132,502	£24,168	£0	£134,907	£293,484	£2,936,570	£89,040	£3,025,609
Beamont	£1,319,334	£80,663	£135,810	£111,193	£139,284	£55,149	£20,101	£134,907	£0	£1,996,441	£7,255	£2,003,695
Bewsey Lodge	£1,169,166	£78,204	£131,694	£85,040	£112,368	£24,558	£0	£134,907	£95,904	£1,831,840	£37,877	£1,869,717
Birchwood	£554,192	£41,315	£69,140	£41,882	£77,395	£11,718	£7,420	£134,907	£0	£937,969	£4,890	£942,859
Bradshaw	£657,879	£17,707	£29,631	£28,277	£61,430	£4,828	£0	£134,907	£0	£934,658	£15,968	£950,626
Brook Acre	£732,963	£59,514	£99,594	£78,209	£82,972	£11,530	£0	£134,907	£39,415	£1,239,103	£21,956	£1,261,059
Broomfields Junior	£1,247,825	£38,856	£66,670	£29,205	£96,592	£5,922	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,619,977	£6,093	£1,626,070
Bruce	£775,868	£21,150	£36,216	£10,296	£45,071	£6,185	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,029,693	£3,905	£1,033,598
Burtonwood	£732,963	£19,674	£32,924	£33,536	£74,189	£3,449	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,031,641	£3,908	£1,035,550
Callands	£1,408,719	£32,462	£57,616	£39,498	£89,804	£42,983	£13,838	£134,907	£0	£1,819,827	£35,413	£1,855,240
Chapelford Village	£2,138,107	£52,136	£94,655	£5,982	£162,769	£57,357	£12,643	£134,907	£98,224	£2,756,780	£14,002	£2,770,782
Cherry Tree	£740,114	£10,329	£17,285	£803	£81,434	£6,269	£0	£134,907	£0	£991,141	£18,214	£1,009,354
Christ Church	£1,144,138	£36,889	£61,732	£40,301	£86,187	£14,472	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,518,624	£6,078	£1,524,703
Cinnamon Brow	£1,111,959	£60,006	£102,063	£61,677	£105,885	£12,279	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,588,774	£6,451	£1,595,225
Croft	£765,142	£11,804	£19,754	£4,472	£38,245	£689	£0	£134,907	£11,527	£986,540	£3,968	£990,508
Culcheth	£772,293	£17,215	£29,631	£4,688	£66,637	£2,063	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,027,433	£16,642	£1,044,075
Dallam	£800,896	£69,843	£117,702	£90,691	£153,957	£17,184	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,385,179	£18,794	£1,403,973
Evelyn Street	£1,126,260	£41,315	£72,432	£58,410	£86,177	£36,619	£7,805	£134,907	£164,050	£1,727,975	£3,842	£1,731,817
Glazebury	£375,420	£13,280	£22,223	£13,069	£31,141	£1,446	£2,602	£134,907	£3,102	£597,190	£2,949	£600,139
Gorse Covert	£804,472	£18,198	£31,277	£14,429	£77,155	£9,944	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,090,382	£6,861	£1,097,243
Grappenhall Heys	£936,763	£5,410	£9,054	£7,599	£49,189	£17,667	£0	£134,907	£47,231	£1,207,820	£34,474	£1,242,294
Grappenhall St Wilfrid's	£1,498,105	£10,329	£18,108	£11,915	£111,994	£4,147	£0	£134,907	£142,085	£1,931,590	£7,380	£1,938,970
Great Sankey	£1,140,562	£18,690	£32,101	£4,050	£83,293	£13,100	£0	£134,907	£43,887	£1,470,590	£11,249	£1,481,839
Latchford St James'	£586,371	£29,511	£50,208	£31,845	£74,831	£19,850	£10,754	£134,907	£0	£938,276	£3,987	£942,264
Locking Stumps	£1,444,474	£67,875	£113,586	£64,844	£136,198	£17,337	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,979,222	£29,696	£2,008,918
Meadowside	£797,321	£65,908	£115,233	£79,945	£155,352	£17,196	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,365,861	£4,194	£1,370,055
Newchurch	£693,633	£22,133	£37,039	£5,521	£64,939	£4,904	£7,092	£134,907	£0	£970,168	£17,216	£987,383
Oakwood Avenue	£2,266,823	£122,471	£210,711	£109,888	£292,032	£38,957	£0	£134,907	£0	£3,175,788	£10,888	£3,186,676
Oughtrington	£1,390,842	£24,101	£41,155	£3,619	£137,897	£9,959	£0	£134,907	£50,812	£1,793,290	£7,019	£1,800,309
Our Lady's	£604,248	£29,019	£49,385	£39,529	£62,405	£20,412	£9,501	£134,907	£0	£949,406	£3,123	£952,529
Park Road	£732,963	£8,853	£16,462	£1,601	£43,915	£4,047	£0	£134,907	£2,302	£945,050	£3,430	£948,480
Penketh	£750,840	£9,837	£16,462	£4,336	£51,164	£15,631	£0	£134,907	£0	£983,177	£3,925	£987,102
Penketh South	£729,388	£13,280	£23,870	£5,290	£58,681	£6,213	£0	£134,907	£0	£971,628	£4,122	£975,749
Ravenbank	£1,433,747	£18,690	£31,277	£4,321	£118,732	£18,164	£0	£134,907	£88,770	£1,848,610	£6,721	£1,855,331
Sacred Heart	£675,756	£21,641	£38,685	£39,679	£90,232	£33,312	£6,418	£134,907	£0	£1,040,631	£3,533	£1,044,164
Sankey Valley St James'	£736,539	£24,593	£43,624	£2,785	£75,756	£27,727	£9,289	£134,907	£68,180	£1,123,399	£5,171	£1,128,570
St Alban's	£675,756	£25,084	£41,978	£47,383	£108,019	£35,977	£8,345	£134,907	£0	£1,077,450	£3,994	£1,081,443
St Andrew's	£747,265	£51,644	£88,071	£67,001	£93,965	£9,681	£5,261	£134,907	£0	£1,197,795	£2,959	£1,200,754
St Ann's	£632,851	£47,218	£80,663	£57,140	£90,407	£15,966	£2,437	£134,907	£0	£1,061,588	£3,460	£1,065,048
St Augustine's	£564,918	£28,035	£47,739	£51,178	£72,760	£29,408	£12,065	£134,907	£0	£941,010	£3,011	£944,021
St Barnabas'	£597,097	£40,332	£67,493	£48,267	£80,922	£30,431	£13,471	£134,907	£0	£1,012,920	£3,149	£1,016,069
St Benedict's	£718,661	£29,511	£51,855	£43,032	£56,156	£22,360	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,056,482	£5,095	£1,061,577
St Bridget's	£697,209	£49,185	£83,132	£78,705	£78,454	£23,364	£12,816	£134,907	£8,489	£1,166,260	£4,198	£1,170,458
St Elphin's (Fairfield)	£1,229,948	£59,022	£104,532	£84,147	£118,029	£32,945	£11,910	£134,907	£0	£1,775,440	£12,186	£1,787,626
St Helen's	£396,873	£8,853	£14,816	£8,075	£27,115	£0	£2,153	£134,907	£0	£592,791	£3,272	£596,063
St Joseph's	£897,433	£9,837	£20,577	£3,659	£38,308	£15,263	£0	£134,907	£38,965	£1,158,948	£4,097	£1,163,046

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St Lewis'	£407,599	£8,853	£15,639	£5,044	£29,802	£2,025	£0	£134,907	£0	£603,869	£3,093	£606,962
St Margaret's	£1,473,077	£68,367	£114,410	£113,315	£182,800	£9,650	£0	£134,907	£0	£2,096,525	£8,960	£2,105,485
St Monica's	£539,890	£5,902	£10,700	£7,303	£23,294	£7,341	£0	£134,907	£0	£729,336	£2,893	£732,229
St Oswald's	£783,019	£14,756	£25,516	£15,388	£52,671	£29,508	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,055,764	£3,809	£1,059,573
St Paul of the Cross	£429,052	£14,264	£23,870	£27,287	£29,267	£5,868	£1,735	£134,907	£0	£666,248	£3,947	£670,196
St Peter's	£754,416	£7,870	£13,993	£8,341	£47,920	£15,879	£0	£134,907	£0	£983,324	£4,019	£987,343
St Philip's (Westbrook)	£2,181,012	£23,117	£40,331	£6,168	£170,199	£59,300	£15,803	£134,907	£181,261	£2,812,100	£9,254	£2,821,354
St Stephen's	£743,689	£39,840	£66,670	£65,797	£86,310	£17,993	£501	£134,907	£0	£1,155,708	£3,165	£1,158,873
St Thomas'	£729,388	£13,772	£24,693	£8,402	£57,781	£7,638	£0	£134,907	£0	£976,579	£4,941	£981,520
St Vincent's	£411,174	£5,902	£9,877	£2,048	£38,854	£9,729	£8,769	£134,907	£1,280	£622,541	£3,994	£626,534
Statham	£636,427	£20,658	£34,570	£4,407	£59,764	£12,213	£0	£134,907	£0	£902,944	£3,584	£906,528
Stockton Heath	£1,437,323	£30,003	£51,032	£16,397	£112,937	£12,998	£0	£134,907	£57,625	£1,853,220	£53,715	£1,906,935
Stretton St Matthew's	£743,689	£9,837	£17,285	£2,633	£23,071	£2,722	£0	£134,907	£24,737	£958,880	£4,045	£962,925
The Cobbs	£707,935	£19,674	£32,924	£17,104	£58,133	£8,957	£0	£134,907	£0	£979,635	£30,464	£1,010,099
Thelwall Infant	£439,778	£2,951	£6,585	£12,838	£40,517	£1,777	£0	£134,907	£477	£639,829	£2,534	£642,364
Thelwall Junior	£579,220	£12,788	£21,400	£14,256	£42,519	£1,777	£0	£134,907	£2,915	£809,782	£14,346	£824,128
Twiss Green	£722,237	£8,853	£15,639	£2,419	£45,253	£2,750	£0	£134,907	£0	£932,058	£19,336	£951,394
Westbrook Old Hall	£1,312,183	£43,283	£75,724	£18,459	£119,857	£34,697	£14,435	£134,907	£0	£1,753,545	£7,680	£1,761,225
Winwick	£729,388	£9,345	£15,639	£13,957	£62,011	£2,071	£0	£134,907	£0	£967,317	£4,520	£971,837
Woolston CE	£765,142	£13,280	£22,223	£5,270	£56,512	£13,776	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,011,110	£4,358	£1,015,467
Woolston CP	£829,500	£16,723	£29,631	£5,952	£105,778	£11,679	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,134,170	£7,163	£1,141,333
	AWPU	Free School Meals	Free School Meals Ever 6	IDACI	Low Prior Attainment	EAL	Mobility & Sparsity	Lump Sum & Split Site	Protection	TOTAL	Notional NDR*	TOTAL FUNDING
Beamont Collegiate	£4,702,032	£172,639	£450,490	£421,836	£336,433	£31,820	£0	£134,907	£0	£6,250,156	£31,392	£6,281,549
Birchwood High	£4,704,877	£132,308	£345,697	£262,863	£338,632	£84,322	£0	£134,907	£0	£6,003,605	£45,568	£6,049,173
Bridgewater High	£8,745,174	£97,386	£257,767	£140,909	£462,936	£136,990	£0	£215,811	£70,642	£10,127,616	£35,840	£10,163,456
Cardinal Newman High	£4,516,620	£110,174	£281,858	£265,121	£303,671	£141,597	£0	£134,907	£0	£5,753,947	£20,480	£5,774,427
Culcheth High	£6,247,194	£94,927	£246,927	£109,752	£293,355	£7,968	£0	£134,907	£0	£7,135,031	£284,160	£7,419,191
Great Sankey High	£9,899,349	£81,155	£234,881	£73,641	£473,134	£274,089	£0	£134,907	£33,500	£11,204,655	£58,880	£11,263,535
King's Leadership Academy Warrington	£4,181,633	£50,661	£137,315	£48,874	£209,333	£87,725	£0	£134,907	£0	£4,850,447	£44,983	£4,895,430
Lymm High	£8,265,373	£80,172	£209,586	£71,052	£415,514	£71,640	£0	£134,907	£103,956	£9,352,200	£58,880	£9,411,080
Padgate Academy	£3,312,768	£139,194	£367,379	£264,389	£313,922	£95,702	£31,484	£134,907	£0	£4,659,744	£16,077	£4,675,821
Penketh High	£5,071,031	£132,800	£346,902	£176,036	£308,632	£143,486	£0	£134,907	£0	£6,313,794	£21,811	£6,335,605
Sir Thomas Boteler High	£4,500,214	£143,128	£370,992	£272,578	£399,481	£168,644	£27,853	£134,907	£0	£6,017,797	£17,818	£6,035,615
St Gregory's High	£6,414,277	£93,452	£251,745	£195,504	£392,554	£66,821	£0	£134,907	£0	£7,549,260	£31,232	£7,580,492
UTC Warrington	£1,119,421	£39,840	£104,793	£57,979	£104,532	£12,728	£0	£134,907	£0	£1,574,200	£31,232	£1,605,432
	£134,915,018	£3,419,341	£7,121,750	£4,484,515	£10,124,795	£2,476,940	£293,210	£11,143,252	£1,672,820	£175,651,641	£1,451,467	£177,103,108

* Rates are paid directly by ESFA and can be considered outwith the school's annual budget

	FSM Ever 6 per Oct 23	FSM pupil premium estimate	SC Ever 6	Service pupil premium estimate	Post-LAC Pupils	Post-LAC pupil premium estimate	TOTAL PUPIL PREMIUM (Estimated)
Alderman Bolton	144	£213,120	0	£0	2	£5,140	£218,260
Appleton Thorn	17	£25,160	0	£0	3	£7,710	£32,870
Barrow Hall	47	£69,560	3	£1,020	8	£20,560	£91,140
Beaumont	165	£244,200	1	£340	4	£10,280	£254,820
Bewsey Lodge	160	£236,800	0	£0	2	£5,140	£241,940
Birchwood	84	£124,320	1	£340	2	£5,140	£129,800
Bradshaw	36	£53,280	1	£340	2	£5,140	£58,760
Brook Acre	121	£179,080	0	£0	5	£12,850	£191,930
Broomfields Junior	81	£119,880	1	£340	3	£7,710	£127,930
Bruche	44	£65,120	0	£0	2	£5,140	£70,260
Burtonwood	40	£59,200	2	£680	3	£7,710	£67,590
Callands	70	£103,600	0	£0	2	£5,140	£108,740
Chapelford Village	115	£170,200	2	£680	6	£15,420	£186,300
Cherry Tree	21	£31,080	0	£0	1	£2,570	£33,650
Christ Church	75	£111,000	4	£1,360	10	£25,700	£138,060
Cinnamon Brow	124	£183,520	2	£680	5	£12,850	£197,050
Croft	24	£35,520	0	£0	7	£17,990	£53,510
Culcheth	36	£53,280	1	£340	12	£30,840	£84,460
Dallam	143	£211,640	2	£680	10	£25,700	£238,020
Evelyn Street	88	£130,240	0	£0	0	£0	£130,240
Glazebury	27	£39,960	0	£0	3	£7,710	£47,670
Gorse Covert	38	£56,240	2	£680	3	£7,710	£64,630
Grappenhall Heys	11	£16,280	2	£680	6	£15,420	£32,380
Grappenhall St Wilfrid's	22	£32,560	0	£0	8	£20,560	£53,120
Great Sankey	39	£57,720	0	£0	3	£7,710	£65,430
Latchford St James'	61	£90,280	0	£0	0	£0	£90,280
Locking Stumps	138	£204,240	1	£340	3	£7,710	£212,290
Meadowside	140	£207,200	0	£0	2	£5,140	£212,340
Newchurch	45	£66,600	0	£0	2	£5,140	£71,740
Oakwood Avenue	256	£378,880	0	£0	8	£20,560	£399,440
Oughtrington	50	£74,000	3	£1,020	8	£20,560	£95,580
Our Lady's Catholic	60	£88,800	0	£0	4	£10,280	£99,080
Park Road	20	£29,600	5	£1,700	4	£10,280	£41,580
Penketh	20	£29,600	3	£1,020	10	£25,700	£56,320
Penketh South	29	£42,920	0	£0	2	£5,140	£48,060
Ravenbank	38	£56,240	2	£680	3	£7,710	£64,630
Sacred Heart	47	£69,560	0	£0	2	£5,140	£74,700
Sankey Valley St James'	53	£78,440	1	£340	8	£20,560	£99,340
St Alban's	51	£75,480	0	£0	1	£2,570	£78,050
St Andrew's	107	£158,360	1	£340	2	£5,140	£163,840
St Ann's	98	£145,040	1	£340	3	£7,710	£153,090
St Augustine's	58	£85,840	0	£0	2	£5,140	£90,980
St Barnabas'	82	£121,360	0	£0	2	£5,140	£126,500
St Benedict's	63	£93,240	1	£340	1	£2,570	£96,150
St Bridget's	101	£149,480	0	£0	0	£0	£149,480
St Elphin's (Fairfield)	127	£187,960	0	£0	2	£5,140	£193,100
St Helen's	18	£26,640	0	£0	0	£0	£26,640
St Joseph's	25	£37,000	1	£340	4	£10,280	£47,620
St Lewis'	19	£28,120	0	£0	0	£0	£28,120
St Margaret's	139	£205,720	2	£680	7	£17,990	£224,390
St Monica's	13	£19,240	0	£0	0	£0	£19,240
St Oswald's	31	£45,880	0	£0	3	£7,710	£53,590
St Paul of the Cross	29	£42,920	0	£0	1	£2,570	£45,490
St Peter's	17	£25,160	0	£0	2	£5,140	£30,300
St Philip's (Westbrook)	49	£72,520	2	£680	2	£5,140	£78,340
St Stephen's	81	£119,880	0	£0	4	£10,280	£130,160
St Thomas'	30	£44,400	2	£680	2	£5,140	£50,220
St Vincent's	12	£17,760	0	£0	1	£2,570	£20,330
Statham	42	£62,160	0	£0	3	£7,710	£69,870
Stockton Heath	62	£91,760	0	£0	3	£7,710	£99,470
Stretton St Matthew's	21	£31,080	3	£1,020	0	£0	£32,100
The Cobbs	40	£59,200	1	£340	1	£2,570	£62,110
Thelwall Infant	8	£11,840	0	£0	1	£2,570	£14,410
Thelwall Junior	26	£38,480	1	£340	1	£2,570	£41,390
Twiss Green	19	£28,120	2	£680	0	£0	£28,800
Westbrook Old Hall	92	£136,160	0	£0	2	£5,140	£141,300
Winwick	19	£28,120	0	£0	4	£10,280	£38,400
Woolston CE	27	£39,960	0	£0	0	£0	£39,960
Woolston CP	36	£53,280	2	£680	3	£7,710	£61,670
Beaumont Collegiate	374	£392,700	0	£0	0	£0	£392,700
Birchwood High	287	£301,350	0	£0	4	£10,280	£311,630
Bridgewater High	214	£224,700	8	£2,720	5	£12,850	£240,270
Cardinal Newman High	234	£245,700	0	£0	6	£15,420	£261,120
Culcheth High	205	£215,250	7	£2,380	20	£51,400	£269,030
Great Sankey High	195	£204,750	12	£4,080	15	£38,550	£247,380
King's Leadership Academy Warrington	114	£119,700	3	£1,020	16	£41,120	£161,840
Lymm High	174	£182,700	6	£2,040	27	£69,390	£254,130
Padgate Academy	305	£320,250	1	£340	5	£12,850	£333,440
Penketh High	288	£302,400	7	£2,380	12	£30,840	£335,620
Sir Thomas Boteler High	308	£323,400	3	£1,020	10	£25,700	£350,120
St Gregory's High	209	£219,450	0	£0	9	£23,130	£242,580
UTC Warrington	87	£91,350	0	£0	2	£5,140	£96,490
Fox Wood	61	£81,250	0	£0	0	£0	£81,250
Green Lane	85	£103,870	0	£0	16	£41,120	£144,990
Woolston Brook	43	£47,730	0	£0	0	£0	£47,730
	7,265	£9,697,630	105	£35,700	372	£956,040	£10,689,370