

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Cheshire West and Chester Schools Forum

Tuesday 10 December 2019
4.30pm – 6.00 pm

To be held at

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Schools Forum
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Agenda Item 2

**Cheshire West and Chester Schools Forum, Queen's Park High School,
Chester 8 October 2019**

Members	Representing	Attendance
Schools and Academies		
Alan Brown	Primary headteachers	Attended
Julie Chambers	Primary headteachers	Attended
Sarah Curtis	Primary headteachers	Apologies
Ian Devereux Roberts	Primary headteachers	Attended
Kate Docherty	Primary headteachers	Attended
Duncan Haworth	Primary governors	Apologies
Kath Lloyd	Primary governors	Apologies
David Nield	Primary governors	Attended
Vacancy	Primary governors	Vacancy
Vacancy	Primary governors	Vacancy
David Curry	Secondary headteachers	Attended
Mike Holland	Secondary headteachers	Attended
John Freeman (Chair)	Secondary governors	Attended
David Rowlands	Secondary governors	Attended
Mike McCann	Special headteachers	Absent
Peter Gaskell	Special governors	Substitute
Phil Hopwood	Special governors	Apologies
Katie Tyrie	Nursery headteachers	Apologies
Andy Stewart	PRU	Attended
Stephanie Cade	Academies - mainstream	Apologies
Amanda Harrison	Academies - mainstream	Absent
Luci Jones	Academies - mainstream	Attended
Jason Lowe	Academies - mainstream	Apologies
Lyndsay Watterson	Academies - mainstream	Attended
Vacancy	Academies - mainstream	Vacancy
Marie Allen	Academies - special	Attended
Non Schools		
Paula Adolph	PVI	Absent
Sue Anderson	PVI	Attended
Kathryn Magiera	Diocese	Absent
Caroline Vile	Diocese	Absent
Greg Foster	Unions	Attended
Geoff Wright	Unions	Absent
Rob Pullen	CWAPH	Attended
Vacancy	16-19 providers	Vacancy
Non-voting Observers		
Councillor Nicole Meardon	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Absent

Officers in attendance

Mark Parkinson	Director of Education and Inclusion
Natalie Cole	Finance Manager
Charlotte Fenn	Clerk
Rosemary Hodgson	HR Officer

1. Introductions and apologies

Apologies were noted from Stephanie Cade, Sarah Curtis, Duncan Haworth, Philip Hopwood (substitute Peter Gaskell), Kath Lloyd, Jason Lowe (not reported at meeting) and Katie Tyrie.

John Freeman reported the following changes in membership and welcomed the new members:

Member	Representing	Taking over from
Luci Jones	Academies - mainstream	John Murray
Rob Pullen	CWAPH chair	Hilary Berry
Julie Chambers	Primary heads	Sarah Worthington
Kathryn Magiera	Diocese	standing for a further term

John Freeman reported the following resignations:

Member	Representing
Dave Bradburn	Primary Governors
Sue Yarnall	Primary Governors
Harry Ziman	Academies – mainstream

It was noted that Harry Ziman had written a few words which he wished to be shared with Forum members and officers which would be circulated by the Clerk.

2. Minutes and matters arising of last meeting

2.1 To agree the minutes from the meeting held 8 July 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8 July 2019 were agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Kath Lloyd had sent her apologies but this had been omitted from the minutes.

2.2 Matters arising

Item 10 - Any other business – St Mary's Nursery

Natalie Cole clarified the statement made regarding St Mary's Nursery's rates, it was noted that, under the current funding arrangements, Primary and Secondary schools were funded for rates whereas Nurseries were not.

3 Apprenticeship levy

Rosemary Hodgson provided a presentation which included a brief outline of who contributed to the levy, what the fund could be used for, apprenticeship standards, challenges associated with utilising the funds and how to encourage schools to use the levy. There were a number of restrictions on how funds could be spent which created financial and resource pressure on schools wishing to use the levy. The funds could not be used for wages, travel and subsidiary costs, managerial costs or costs of setting up an apprenticeship programme.

Forum members welcomed the suggestion of show casing examples and asked as to what approximate costs could be claimed. Rosemary responded that there were funding brackets for different types of apprenticeships.

It was noted that an SEN apprenticeship was in the early developmental stage. It was also noted that there were opportunities for existing staff.

Questions were asked as to what expectations there were that an apprentice would stay on as a staff member. Rosemary responded that there was an expectation in the Apprenticeship Standards that the apprentice would move into a role but this did not happen in all cases. It was also noted that the number of apprenticeships in schools was not known as not all schools bought into HR services.

Mark Parkinson encouraged Forum members to speak with their colleagues and get more involved with the apprenticeship levy and not miss the opportunity of accessing the funds. It was noted that the funding was time sensitive and expired after two years; concerns were raised that it might be lost. It was also noted that the lack of use of the funds was a national issue. Forum members felt, in part, this was due to the number of regulations being a barrier.

4 School Funding Arrangements for 2020-2021

Natalie Cole introduced the report which contained details on the school funding arrangements for 2020-2021 and the impact on Cheshire West and Chester and proposals for consulting with schools and Schools Forum on the arrangements for 2020-2021.

It was noted that a two week consultation would be held during October, subject to receiving the necessary DfE figures.

Natalie went through the changes to the Schools and High Needs blocks funding arrangements outlined in the report. It was noted that the level of funding for the Central Schools Services block had not yet been announced. Forum was reminded that the government expected the historic element of this block to start reducing from 2020-2021, further information about how this would be approached would be brought back to Forum in January.

Forum members' attention was drawn to paragraph 16 and the five aspects of the funding formula to be covered by the consultation following consideration by the Schools Forum Finance sub group. It was noted that a recommendation would

need to be made by Schools Forum by the end of October to meet the timeframes for November Cabinet.

Forum were informed that changes to de-delegation arrangements for SIMS licences would be consulted on with a move to direct charging to schools. This was being considered as more schools were now opting out of SIMS and purchasing other systems. Schools would still get the beneficial rates of a block contract.

Resolved that the Schools Forum note

- i. the report, in particular the proposals that have been put forward by the Finance Sub Group to commence consultation with schools; and
- ii. that Forum is required to make a recommendation on the Schools Block funding formula following the consultation and will be asked to hold a virtual vote or to delegate to the Finance sub group later in October.

5 Implementing mandatory minimum per pupil funding levels Government consultation

Natalie Cole introduced the item. The DfE was consulting on how to implement the minimum per pupil funding levels in the National Funding Formula (NFF) on a mandatory basis. Natalie informed Forum members that the consultation had been discussed with the Finance sub group at their last meeting and the response drafted for consideration by Schools Forum. It was noted that the consultation applied to primary and secondary schools and not special schools.

Natalie explained that the methodology to calculate the per pupil funding levels had changed and brought Forums attention to the response to question three and the example demonstrating the concerns raised as to the impact of the proposed changes. Forum also acknowledged the comment that the inclusion of the lump sum, to the calculation, would have a disproportionate effect on small schools who already struggled to be financially viable.

Questions were raised as to whether our schools benefit from the sparsity factor. It was noted that only five schools fell into the defined criteria.

Natalie sought comments and amendments from Forum members. Forum considered the response to be fair and had no amendments.

Resolved that Schools Forum agree the consultation response as presented and its submission on behalf of the Forum.

6 Final Allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2019-2020

Natalie Cole introduced the item which reported on the final allocation of the DSG for 2019-2020 as published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Natalie highlighted the changes and referred Forum members to table two which outlined the adjustments to the DSG allocation from the draft allocation used in budget setting for this financial year.

Resolved that the Schools Forum note

- i. the amendments to the DSG allocation for the high needs and early years funding blocks; and
- ii. the adjustments to centrally held budgets for 2019-2020.

7 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2019-2020 Forecast Outturn at First Review

Natalie Cole introduced the report which provided an update on the financial forecast outturn position for 2019-2020 for centrally held DSG as reported at the First Review. It was noted that this was the position as at July, officers were currently working on the mid-year position.

Natalie referred Forum members to paragraph three which outlined the key reasons for the net overspend of £0.5m.

Forum members discussed the increased forecast costs for out of borough placements. It was noted that previously the authority had reversed the trend for placements out of borough but now the authority's special schools were full and this was creeping up. It was acknowledged that there were some children in special schools who could have their needs met in mainstream with the right support and skilled staff.

It was noted that when bench marked against other authorities, out of borough placements were lower (though creeping up), and the number of special schools higher.

It was acknowledged that more children were coming through the system with special educational needs. A growing number of children failed to thrive following the transition from both early years to primary and primary to secondary due to a number of factors, resources being one of them.

A question was raised as to the ratio between out of borough placements and special school places. Forum was referred to the recent High Needs Review report on the Council's website [High Needs Review](#).

A question was asked as to what was being done to mitigate the forecast overspend against staffing costs across Children and Families directorate. Mark Parkinson responded that managing the pressures through vacancy management was no longer sustainable; a bid had been put into the authority for additional funding. It was noted that the additional funding announcement from the DfE was for schools and not central funding.

Natalie Cole commented that, despite the reported overspend, the authority was in a better position than some other authorities. Mark Parkinson stated that this was, in part, due to good management and School Forum should be proud of the

difficult decision making that they had to undertake. Thanks were expressed by the chair for all the good work of the officers involved in assisting the work of the Forum.

Resolved that the Schools Forum note the First Review position on the DSG.

8 Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) 2019-2020

Natalie Cole referred Forum members to the tabled report entitled 'Briefing note – New SFVS framework for 2019-20'. It was noted that these changes applied to maintained schools and not academies.

Forum members' attention was drawn to the new dashboard and the proposed changes and communications for CW&C schools outlined in the briefing note. The changes were to ensure schools were operating key controls and policies; it had been noted that some schools did not have key policies in place. Some internal audit findings needed to be addressed across all schools and there was a need to improve evidence and minuting of key controls being actioned.

Forum members acknowledged that the change to the questions would be helpful to governors to address the key points.

Forum members discussed the proposed changes and put forward some suggested refinements.

It was noted that the new requirement for budget monitoring to be carried out six times a year could be undertaken by a subcommittee; some governing bodies already did this and could be used as an example of good practice.

Comments were made that the red/green dashboard ratings were an issue for colour blind people. It was noted that the colour coding was as per the DfE.

Natalie informed Forum that three briefing sessions, for schools, would be held after half term.

9 Early Years Provider Hub

Natalie Cole provided a verbal report on the current status of the Early Years Provider 30 hours eligibility checker system. The authority had received a grant to procure a system and had commissioned OpenObjects, who were now withdrawing from the market. A new system would need to be procured, as a matter of urgency, in order to process provider payments in January. Two other providers have been considered, Capita and Servelec. Capita did not give the full functionality required whereas Servelec did and had the added advantage that other Servelec modules are already in use. The authority had also canvassed the views of other authorities to see what their alternative plans were. ICTs conclusion was to adopt Servelec.

It was noted that some small authorities were opting for a manual process but with 200 plus providers this option was not considered viable.

Natalie informed Forum members that £15,000 implementation costs would be funded by the ICT Capital budget, leaving an estimated budget gap of £52,000 made up of £45,000 module cost and £8,000 annual support and maintenance.

Natalie referred Forum members back to item 6 and the £0.295m early years adjustment payment of which £0.128m was a benefit for 2019-2020 and put forward a proposal that these funds should be used towards the funding gap.

Sue Anderson raised concerns as PVIs were already stretched and asked whether provider details would be transferred to the new system and what training there would be. Natalie was unable to answer the question but acknowledged the concerns and agreed that information would be sent to PVIs as soon as possible.

Mark Parkinson informed Forum members that any legal redress received would be put back into the DSG to offset costs.

The Chair put the proposal to the vote.

Resolved that Schools Forum agreed the proposal to fund the £52,000 funding gap from the Early Years adjustment allocation. (Vote: unanimous)

10 Any Other Business

None to report.

11 Next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 10 December 2019, venue tbc.

Agenda Item 3

Indicative Dedicated Schools Grant Allocations for 2020-2021 and Initial Budget Setting Proposals

Purpose of the Report

1. This report details the provisional allocation figures for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2020-2021 as published in October 2019 and initial budget proposals for the next financial year.

Recommendations

2. The Schools Forum is requested to:-
 - i. Note the indicative allocations and implications for budget setting detailed in the report
 - ii. Provide a view on steps to set a sustainable budget for high needs and central school services budgets given the funding constraints for 2020-2021.
 - iii. Approve the initial DSG budget proposals.
 - iv. Note the next steps for confirming the DSG budget proposals for 2020-2021 in January 2020.

Background

3. The provisional DSG national funding formulae allocations for 2020-2021 were made available by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) on 11 October 2019. This information provides updated funding rates for the Local Authority following the government's funding announcement and subsequent publication of the national funding formulae policy documents. This information can be used by Local Authorities to begin to determine spending priorities for 2020-2021 ahead of the indicative DSG allocations and October 2019 census numbers being published in December 2019. The provisional allocations against October 2018 form the basis of the initial budget proposals in this document and will be further revised for the January meeting of Schools Forum.

Provisional DSG Allocation for 2020-2021

4. The final DSG allocation for Cheshire West and Chester in 2019-2020 is £266.515m. The initial allocation for 2020-2021 is £276.759m and shows a net increase in DSG funding of £10.245m. A summary of the current and provisional next year allocation is shown in the table below.

Final DSG 2019-2020 and indicative 2020-2021 allocation

DSG Allocation Block	2019-2020 £000	2020-2021 £000	Change £000
Schools Block	204,072	211,272	7,200
High Needs Block	38,530	41,497	2,967
Early Years Block	20,884	21,259	375
Central School Services Block	3,028	2,731	-297
Total DSG Allocation	266,036	276,759	10,245

5. The increase in available funding of £10.245m is due to the following changes in the allocation:
- An additional £7.2m for primary and secondary schools arising from the national investment in the schools block through the National Funding Formula (NFF) for schools;
 - £3m increase to high needs funding reflecting the minimum guaranteed 8% cash increase to existing allocations in the spending announcement.
 - A £0.375m (1.8%) increase in the two year old and three and four year old funding rates in the early years block.
 - A reduction in the ongoing responsibilities in the Central School Services Block from the removal of protection to the lower per pupil rate allocated through the NFF.
 - A 20% reduction in the protected historic commitments element of the Central Schools Services block applied to all local authorities.
6. The indicative DSG allocation (before academy recoupment and deductions of high needs places funded directly by the ESFA) is detailed in **Appendix A**.

Use of unapplied DSG reserves

7. Following the additional high needs funding received late in 2018-2019, there was a cumulative reserve of £1.5m held by the end of the 2018-2019 financial year. £1.026m of this reserve was used in 2019-2020 to reinstate the transfer from the schools block to high needs block. The 2019-2020 budget is therefore currently affordable by using this one off funding which will not be available in 2020-2021. The net increase in funding available for 2020-2021 is therefore £9.219m with £1.026m of the increase in DSG already committed to meet existing budgets.

Local Authority budget proposals

8. In view of the pressures on central school services from cuts in funding, the Local Authority has included in its budget proposals an additional £0.393m to support statutory education services. The availability of this funding is subject to Council approval in February 2020. This funding is based on the following:

	£000
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Reduction in Central Schools Block funding – ongoing responsibilities	40
Reduction in Central Schools Block funding – historic responsibilities	253
Statutory Services – funding of staffing cost increases	200
Mitigation from a review of historic commitment activities	-100
Total	393

Budget Planning 2020-2021 Proposals

9. The following DSG budget planning proposals for 2020-2021 includes both technical adjustments to formula funding and known spending pressures and savings. In line with previous decisions, it is initially proposed that the additional DSG funding is largely allocated in line with the increases to each funding block. However, there remain significant pressures on the high needs block in spite of the funding increase and the central schools block cut will need to be addressed. In reviewing these proposals, Schools Forum should be advised that funding can be moved between the high needs, early years and central schools services blocks and this is not restricted. Schools Forum are also able to agree a transfer from the schools block to the other blocks up to a maximum of 0.5% (£1.056m). Anything above this level would require a disapplication request to the Secretary of State.
10. The schools block funding formula for 2020-2021 was approved by Cabinet on 27 November 2019 and will include the following changes:
- allow minimum funding guarantee protection of 0.5% per pupil to enable school allocations to move towards the SNFF and historic protections to be reallocated to all schools,
 - adopt the Minimum per Pupil Level formula factor in full to ensure all schools receive the minimum amount per pupil set by the SNFF.
 - Review the historic criteria and values for the split site factor to better reflect the additional costs incurred exceptionally for a small number of schools.
 - Adopt the optional mobility factor to allocate funding to schools with a high mobility as defined by the proportion of pupils who first join on a non-standard date.

The final schools block funding formula will be calculated following the receipt of the updated census data and allocations in December. The basic entitlement factor is currently above the NFF value and will be adjusted based on the affordability of the formula within the budget envelope. Indicative financial modelling and funding rates as tabled to Cabinet is available in **Appendix C and D**

11. There has been a significant level of growth in demand for high needs funding in 2019-2020 across mainstream and specialist provision. Whilst this years overspend will largely be met from remaining reserves, any further shortfall will need to be met from next year's allocation in the first instance. In view of the continuing demand against high needs budgets, there will need to be some consideration as to how further demand can be met within the affordability of the

funding allocation. As there will be no reserves remaining, further pressures will result in a deficit that will need to be recovered within the DSG. Proposals will need to be considered on this basis and have been shown as those needed to meet existing demand and the balance available for further growth in demand. Schools Forum are asked to consider steps to be taken to set a balanced budget within the funding remaining considering the following:

- Significant increases in mainstream top up funding requests and demand
- Funding of increasing numbers in special schools and commissioned places
- Increasing pressure on out of borough provision
- Need to invest in outreach and support in mainstream in line with the recommendations of the high needs review.

12. In recent years, there has been no increase to the level of funding allocated to LA central education services. This has resulted in all services having to meet the cost of annual pay and pension increases from their existing budgets. This has been managed within the overall DSG allocation from vacancy management savings arising from slippage in turnover and re-appointment of staff. However, this is now unaffordable and posts need to be filled to meet the increasing demands placed on the services arising from increased pupil populations and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability). It has been assumed that a level of vacancy management saving can still be achieved, however an increase to service budgets is being requested from the Local Authority as part of the Council budget proposals to continue to fund current service structures.

13. The 20% reduction to the central schools service block for historic commitments was unplanned and not consulted on by the DfE. Anticipating now that there will be further acceleration of the cuts in this protected funding going forward, Schools Forum are requested to review the feasibility of ceasing or reducing the items currently funded from this block. The LA are factoring in a level of funding to allow services to continue from Council resources however, given other Council pressures there has been a request for these commitments to be reviewed and consideration given to future funding of these activities. Budgets funded from this block are shown in the table below:

Service delivery area	Current budget 2019-2020 £000	Purpose of the budget
Schools' contribution to the SCP	89	Subscription for all schools towards the work and function of the Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP)

School Improvement and Intervention Team	551	This funds the School Intervention Team, including the team of Associate School Improvement Advisers. The small central team focuses on the co-ordination, deployment and quality assurance of a larger team of ASIAs. This larger team of ASIAs ensures that effective monitoring and challenge of schools is taking place and contributes to the delivery of priorities for the Education Improvement Board (albeit funded by that board).
Raising the participation age and 14-19 support	60	To support schools and the LA to improve engagement and outcomes across the 14-19 age range. This includes the ongoing support for schools in the delivery of the 14-19(25) Strategy
Primary statutory national curriculum assessments	20	To deliver support for Primary National Assessments including moderation activities.
FFT License	28.5	To pay for the Fischer Family Trust (FFT) license for all schools (maintained and academies). This is currently in year 1 of a 3 year licence.
Support for Duke of Edinburgh Activities	25	To provide a centrally allocated resource to commission Edsential to deliver a Duke of Edinburgh programme across all schools in the borough.
Commissioning Budget for the Cheshire West Education Improvement Board (CWEIB)	61.5	To provide budget for the CWEIB to commission activity in line with the priorities agreed by the Board.
Prudential borrowing costs arising from TLC	430	Repayment of unsupported (unaffordable) borrowing arising from costs associated with the Transforming Learning Communities school rationalisation programme. Repayments will reduce from 2031 and cease in 2035
Total	1265	

Appendix B outlines budget proposals for consideration by Schools Forum for the Individual School Budgets (ISB), central schools services, early years and high needs spend. Draft proposals would see increases in ISB of £7.2m and an additional £1.9m to high needs budgets, £0.375m to early years and £0.096m to central services. Further notes on the draft proposals are provided in **Appendix B**.

Next Steps

14. For the proposed allocations and budget proposals to form the basis of the budget setting proposals and schools block formula submission to be tabled to Schools Forum in January 2020.

DSG Allocation Block	Final 2019-2020			Provisional 2020-2021			Change to 2020-2021 £000
	Pupil Numbers	Amount per pupil £	Allocation £000	Pupil Numbers	Amount per pupil £	Allocation £000	
Schools Block							
Primary unit of funding	27,379	4,009	109,774	27,379	4,149	113,606	3,832
Secondary unit of funding	17,839	5,034	89,803	17,839	5,223	93,165	3,362
Funding of growth			1,591			1,591	0
Funding of premises			2,905			2,910	5
	45,218		204,072	45,218		211,272	7,200
High Needs Block							
NFF			33,775			37,445	3,670
Basic Entitlement factor	997	4,022	4,010	997	4,022	4,010	0
Import/export			42			42	0
Additional high needs funding			703			0	-703
			38,530			41,497	2,967
Early Years Block							
Three and four year old entitlement	5,083	2,451	12,458	5,083	2,497	12,690	
Maintained nursery school supplementary funding	0	0	80	0	0	80	
Disability Access Funding	0	615	63	0	615	63	
three and four year old extended hours	2,313	2,451	5,669	2,313	2,497	5,775	
Two year olds	825	3,010	2,483	825	3,055	2,521	
Early Years Pupil Premium	0	0	131	0	0	131	
			20,884			21,259	375
Central School Services Block							
Ongoing responsibilities	45,218	39	1,763	45,218	38	1,719	-44
Historic commitments			1,265			1,012	-253
			3,028			2,731	-297
Total DSG Allocation			266,515			276,759	10,245
DSG carry-forward from 2018-19			1,026			0	-1,026
LA funding (subject to Council approval)			0			393	393
Total funding available			267,541			277,152	9,612

Ref	Policy option	Schools Block £000	High Needs £000	Early Years £000	Central Services £000	Total £000	Details
1	Operation of the school funding formula - NFF values						
a	Basic Entitlement	5,829				5,829	This item summarises the financial impact for each formula factor based on the agreed formula and changes in pupil numbers on the October 2018 census. Pupil number changes will be reflected when made available in December.
b	Implementation of increased Minimum Funding Levels	525				525	
c	Deprivation	496				496	
d	Prior attainment	-92				-92	
e	EAL	30				30	
f	Mobility	230				230	
g	Lump sum	663				663	
h	Sparsity	5				5	
i	Exceptional premises	0				0	
j	Rates - change to estimated charges (to be confirmed)	0				0	
k	Minimum Funding Guarantee	-335				-335	
l	Reduction in falling rolls fund - no longer required	-150				-150	Funding released to the individual school budgets from the release of the falling rolls fund.
	Subtotal - school funding formula	7,200	0	0	0	7,200	
2	Changes to schools funding formula - eligibility and affordability						Impact of updated pupil numbers to be updated in January
3	Growth in high needs budgets to meet current demand						
a	Hospital education - inflationary increase		42			42	An inflationary increase for the hospital school allocation within the NFF high needs block will be made available to the school.
b	Growth in special school top up funding to meet current demand		338			338	Increasing numbers of CW&C pupils are accessing special school places

Ref	Policy option	Schools Block £000	High Needs £000	Early Years £000	Central Services £000	Total £000	Details
							previously occupied by other local authority pupils. This is resulting in further demand on the top up budget even though commissioned places have not increased.
c	Growth in mainstream top up funding to meet current demand		397			397	Increasing numbers with element 3 funding in mainstream schools.
d	Growth in independent school fees to meet current demand		370			370	Increasing numbers of pupils in independent special schools.
	Subtotal – growth in high needs for current demand		1,148			1,148	
4	Growth in high needs budgets further growth for 2020						
a	Growth in top up/specialist provision/outreach		658			658	Balancing figure of funds available for further growth in high needs provision
b	Supported internship programme		35			35	Proposed high needs funding for new supported internship programme for 20 post 16 students
c	Medical needs provision SLA		100			100	Proposed changes to SLA for alternative provision.
	Subtotal - Growth to meet further demand	0	793	0	0	793	
5	Changes in early years funding						
a	Increase to base rate of funding for 2, 3 and 4 year old entitlements			332		332	Increase to be applied to base rates in funding formula to increase funding to all providers
b	LA central education services - increase in staff costs			35		35	Increase to meet funding gap to current staffing structure arising from prior year pay awards
c	Support and maintenance cost for provider payments system			8		8	Ongoing support and maintenance costs agreed at October Schools Forum

Ref	Policy option	Schools Block £000	High Needs £000	Early Years £000	Central Services £000	Total £000	Details
	Subtotal - changes in early years funding	0	0	375	0	375	
6	Centrally held budgets						
a	Reduction in Central Schools Services Block historic commitments allocation				-297	-297	Removal of DSG funded activities to be replaced by Council funding
b	LA funding (subject to Council approval) - funding of historic responsibilities				293	293	LA funding to replace DSG funded activities
c	Reduction in Central Schools Services Block historic budgets				-100	-100	Review of historic commitments to cease activities no longer funded
d	LA central education services - increase in staff costs				150	150	LA funding to fund increasing staffing costs in existing structure for statutory functions
e	Increase to admissions team capacity				50	50	Proposal discussed with Heads Associations to increase capacity of the admissions team
f	Copyright licences - change in national deduction estimate					0	Published in January - increase in the deduction from DSG to fund Copyright Licences purchase nationally by the DfE.
	Subtotal - changes to centrally held budgets	0	0	0	96	96	
	Net change in funding (Gross DSG before Academy recoupment)	7,200	1,941	375	96	9,612	

Appendix C 2019-2020 formula values used in Cheshire West and Chester (CW&C) against the funded NFF values and proposed CW&C formula values for 2020-2021

Funding Factors	2019-2020 CW&C formula values £	2020-2021 NFF formula values £	2020-2021 Proposed CW&C formula values £
Basic per-pupil funding			
Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU): Primary	2,842	2,867	2,951
Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU): Secondary – Key Stage 3	3,952	4,033	4,104
Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU): Secondary – Key Stage4	4,477	4,578	4,649
Minimum per pupil funding level	Primary £3,500 Secondary £4,800	Primary £3,750 Secondary £5,000	Primary £3,750 Secondary £5,000
Additional needs funding			
Current Free School Meal (FSM) top up (Pupils currently claiming FSM at the last census): Primary	442	452	452
Current FSM top up (Pupils currently claiming FSM at the last census): Secondary	442	452	452
FSM6 (Any pupil that has ever claimed FSM in the past 6 years): Primary	542	562	562
FSM6 (Any pupil that has ever claimed FSM in the past 6 years): Secondary	788	818	818
Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) band F: Primary	200	211	211
IDACI band F: Secondary	291	301	301
IDACI band E: Primary	241	251	251
IDACI band E: Secondary	391	406	406

Funding Factors	2019-2020 CW&C formula values £	2020-2021 NFF formula values £	2020-2021 Proposed CW&C formula values £
IDACI band D: Primary	361	376	376
IDACI band D: Secondary	517	537	537
IDACI band C: Primary	391	406	406
IDACI band C: Secondary	561	582	582
IDACI band B: Primary	422	437	437
IDACI band B: Secondary	602	627	627
IDACI band A: Primary	577	602	602
IDACI band A: Secondary	813	843	843
Low prior attainment: Primary	1,081	1,069	1,069
Low prior attainment: Secondary	1,611	1,616	1,616
English as an additional language: Primary	517	537	537
English as an additional language: Secondary	1,390	1,445	1,445
Mobility: Primary		878	878
Mobility: Secondary		1,255	1,255
School led funding			
Lump sum: Primary	110,392	114,814	114,814
Lump sum: Secondary	110,392	114,814	114,814
Sparsity: Primary	25,089	26,094	26,094
Sparsity: Secondary	65,231	67,845	67,845
Premises			
Split Sites (criteria specified locally)	Applies to two schools	Outside of NFF	Criteria to be revised
Private Finance Initiative (PFI) (criteria specified locally)	Applies to 6 schools	Outside of NFF	Applies to 6 schools
Rates (to be funded based on actual charges)	Funded on	Outside of	Funded on

Funding Factors	2019-2020 CW&C formula values £	2020-2021 NFF formula values £	2020-2021 Proposed CW&C formula values £
	actual charges	NFF	actual charges
Exceptional factors (criteria specified locally)	Applies to two schools	Outside of NFF	Applies to two schools

Appendix D Illustrative school level financial modelling of proposed funding formula for 2020-2021 compared to 2019-2020 actual funding

LAESTAB reference	School Name	2019-2020 Baseline		Illustrative 2020-2021 Schools Block Funding			
		Funded Number of Pupils on Roll October 2018	2019-2020 Total Schools Block Funding	Illustrative 2020-2021 Total Schools Block Funding	Change in formula funding 2019-2020 to 2020-2021	Year on year % Change	Minimum per pupil funding - per pupil rate 2020-2021
Total CW&C		45,275	£203,615,353	£210,970,272	£7,354,919	3.61%	
8962000	St Martin's Academy	165	£616,767	£639,231	£22,465	3.64%	£3,863
8962001	Rudheath Primary Academy	334	£1,313,471	£1,357,298	£43,827	3.34%	£4,049
8962004	The Weaverham Primary Academy	116	£548,261	£571,804	£23,543	4.29%	£4,902
8962005	The Oak View Academy	163	£800,932	£844,966	£44,034	5.50%	£5,155
8962007	Grange Community Nursery and Primary School	124	£629,294	£649,784	£20,490	3.26%	£5,215
8962009	The Grosvenor Park Church of England Academy	173	£676,874	£701,319	£24,445	3.61%	£4,049
8962012	Hoole Church of England Primary School	374	£1,477,170	£1,524,341	£47,171	3.19%	£4,003
8962013	The Oaks Community Primary School	157	£823,429	£826,920	£3,492	0.42%	£5,201
8962014	Saughall All Saints Church of England Primary School	279	£1,059,118	£1,094,507	£35,389	3.34%	£3,775
8962055	Newton Primary School	402	£1,480,537	£1,531,682	£51,145	3.45%	£3,750

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8962065	J H Godwin Primary School	190	£912,522	£942,010	£29,488	3.23%	£4,868
8962066	Belgrave Primary School	211	£791,295	£818,609	£27,314	3.45%	£3,816
8962100	Neston Primary School	196	£853,382	£883,507	£30,125	3.53%	£4,384
8962108	Aston by Sutton Primary School	105	£488,448	£504,988	£16,539	3.39%	£4,718
8962111	Kingsley Community Primary School and Nursery	170	£707,055	£736,197	£29,142	4.12%	£4,163
8962113	Whitley Village School	72	£356,954	£367,413	£10,459	2.93%	£5,014
8962115	Manley Village School	61	£333,651	£344,855	£11,205	3.36%	£5,561
8962119	Alvanley Primary School	63	£329,718	£341,064	£11,347	3.44%	£5,303
8962123	Helsby Hillside Primary School	217	£808,680	£836,619	£27,939	3.45%	£3,801
8962178	Eaton Primary School	171	£654,435	£686,374	£31,939	4.88%	£3,983
8962181	Sandiway Primary School	215	£791,417	£824,294	£32,877	4.15%	£3,750
8962182	Little Leigh Primary School	156	£610,454	£631,901	£21,446	3.51%	£3,988
8962183	Moulton School	201	£816,163	£843,653	£27,490	3.37%	£4,126
8962186	Charles Darwin Community Primary School	347	£1,346,740	£1,391,814	£45,074	3.35%	£3,944

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8962187	Weaverham Forest Primary School	211	£864,999	£893,920	£28,921	3.34%	£4,152
8962189	Byley Primary School	91	£428,043	£446,585	£18,542	4.33%	£4,828
8962190	Wimboldsley Community Primary School	122	£531,625	£550,020	£18,396	3.46%	£4,424
8962191	Winsford High Street Community Primary School	495	£1,953,945	£2,016,584	£62,639	3.21%	£4,017
8962196	Cuddington Primary School	225	£873,044	£902,841	£29,797	3.41%	£3,943
8962233	Mickle Trafford Village School	199	£754,482	£780,608	£26,126	3.46%	£3,823
8962234	Childer Thornton Primary School	209	£832,816	£862,535	£29,719	3.57%	£3,750
8962235	Cambridge Road Community Primary and Nursery School	213	£1,096,707	£1,128,717	£32,010	2.92%	£4,707
8962237	William Stockton Community Primary School	309	£1,519,004	£1,566,403	£47,399	3.12%	£4,528
8962239	Westminster Community Primary School	117	£629,994	£652,127	£22,133	3.51%	£5,401
8962240	Whitby Heath Primary School	400	£1,549,545	£1,600,734	£51,190	3.30%	£3,941
8962242	Wolverham Primary and Nursery School	239	£1,401,716	£1,408,122	£6,406	0.46%	£5,485

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8962247	Huntington Community Primary	316	£1,134,165	£1,200,065	£65,899	5.81%	£3,750
8962260	Upton Westlea Primary School	188	£811,711	£838,534	£26,822	3.30%	£4,396
8962268	Sutton Green Primary School	224	£918,128	£948,389	£30,261	3.30%	£4,159
8962269	Kelsall Primary School	207	£769,293	£795,834	£26,541	3.45%	£3,830
8962272	Waverton Community Primary School	203	£767,299	£793,539	£26,240	3.42%	£3,854
8962273	Farndon Primary School	229	£896,069	£926,343	£30,274	3.38%	£3,929
8962274	Tattenhall Park Primary School	216	£812,799	£840,652	£27,852	3.43%	£3,824
8962275	Ashton Hayes Primary School	133	£539,690	£558,445	£18,755	3.48%	£4,100
8962276	Tarvin Primary	275	£1,005,861	£1,049,093	£43,232	4.30%	£3,750
8962279	Rossmore School	180	£780,667	£783,929	£3,262	0.42%	£4,280
8962282	Frodsham Weaver Vale Primary School	106	£544,515	£570,558	£26,043	4.78%	£5,283
8962288	Hartford Primary School	399	£1,427,748	£1,527,498	£99,750	6.99%	£3,750
8962292	Mill View Primary School	214	£808,287	£836,261	£27,974	3.46%	£3,892
8962298	Parkgate Primary School	166	£667,909	£690,660	£22,752	3.41%	£4,130
8962301	Horn's Mill Primary School	207	£839,367	£871,557	£32,190	3.83%	£4,143

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8962307	Over Hall Community School	201	£940,364	£971,354	£30,990	3.30%	£4,814
8962311	Darnhall Primary School	278	£1,301,360	£1,353,594	£52,234	4.01%	£4,651
8962316	Leftwich Community Primary School	193	£823,576	£851,689	£28,113	3.41%	£4,349
8962329	Hartford Manor Primary School & Nursery	333	£1,251,116	£1,293,301	£42,185	3.37%	£3,779
8962334	Christleton Primary School	209	£787,053	£814,006	£26,953	3.42%	£3,828
8962339	Comberbach Primary School	169	£649,559	£672,405	£22,846	3.52%	£3,878
8962350	Wincham Community Primary School	300	£1,118,854	£1,172,615	£53,761	4.80%	£3,750
8962357	Boughton Heath Academy	214	£779,351	£806,846	£27,495	3.53%	£3,754
8962678	Acresfield Community Primary School	216	£838,586	£866,670	£28,084	3.35%	£3,956
8962688	Cherry Grove Primary School	276	£1,068,860	£1,103,736	£34,876	3.26%	£3,923
8962695	Winnington Park Community Primary and Nursery School	270	£1,029,509	£1,067,727	£38,218	3.71%	£3,874
8962701	Dee Point Primary School	416	£1,825,859	£1,883,668	£57,809	3.17%	£4,496
8962708	Elton Primary School	189	£801,493	£835,995	£34,502	4.30%	£4,326
8962709	Victoria Road Primary School	186	£824,175	£851,879	£27,703	3.36%	£4,563

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8962713	Oldfield Primary School	210	£832,473	£859,338	£26,865	3.23%	£4,013
8962718	Meadow Community Primary School	424	£1,520,665	£1,614,631	£93,966	6.18%	£3,750
8962719	Frodsham Manor House Primary School	215	£860,662	£888,827	£28,164	3.27%	£3,971
8962721	Parklands Community Primary School	198	£1,091,934	£1,096,794	£4,861	0.45%	£5,020
8962725	Rivacre Valley Primary School	239	£1,105,191	£1,110,068	£4,877	0.44%	£4,582
8962727	Highfield Community Primary School	198	£886,875	£916,031	£29,156	3.29%	£4,524
8962729	Lache Primary School	220	£1,098,473	£1,112,504	£14,031	1.28%	£4,957
8962730	Barnton Community Nursery and Primary School	392	£1,472,703	£1,520,238	£47,535	3.23%	£3,865
8962732	Brookside Primary School	182	£832,808	£859,593	£26,785	3.22%	£4,591
8963101	Willaston CofE Primary School	212	£799,507	£826,912	£27,405	3.43%	£3,838
8963103	Frodsham CofE Primary School	211	£797,389	£824,858	£27,469	3.44%	£3,838
8963104	Great Budworth CofE Primary School	72	£353,185	£359,243	£6,058	1.72%	£4,920
8963105	Norley CofE VA Primary School	100	£415,067	£430,372	£15,305	3.69%	£4,289
8963128	Delamere CofE Primary Academy	169	£640,771	£663,416	£22,645	3.53%	£3,908

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8963132	Tarporley CofE Primary School	228	£863,789	£893,163	£29,374	3.40%	£3,838
8963133	Utkinton St Paul's CofE Primary School	65	£345,377	£348,756	£3,380	0.98%	£5,296
8963134	St. Chad's Church of England Primary and Nursery School	201	£889,915	£927,252	£37,337	4.20%	£4,542
8963135	Over St John's CofE Primary School	139	£628,102	£649,323	£21,221	3.38%	£4,617
8963149	Barrow CofE Primary School	73	£371,189	£385,689	£14,500	3.91%	£5,210
8963150	Capenhurst CofE Primary School	74	£371,953	£389,656	£17,704	4.76%	£5,231
8963151	Dodleston CofE Primary School	93	£449,519	£465,064	£15,546	3.46%	£4,945
8963152	Guilden Sutton CofE Primary School	217	£829,110	£856,796	£27,686	3.34%	£3,862
8963155	Little Sutton C of E Primary School	135	£567,392	£586,776	£19,383	3.42%	£4,321
8963162	Clutton Church of England Primary School	57	£315,858	£327,766	£11,908	3.77%	£5,734
8963163	Duddon St Peter's CofE Primary School	93	£427,984	£444,303	£16,319	3.81%	£4,675
8963164	Malpas Alport Endowed Primary School	243	£935,739	£981,261	£45,522	4.86%	£3,964
8963165	Shocklach Oviatt CofE Primary School	48	£302,190	£316,265	£14,075	4.66%	£6,464
8963166	Tilston Parochial CofE Primary School	101	£454,645	£469,937	£15,293	3.36%	£4,571

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8963167	Tushingham-with-Grindley CofE Primary School	99	£444,066	£460,005	£15,939	3.59%	£4,563
8963168	Huxley CofE Primary School	34	£266,457	£267,185	£728	0.27%	£7,678
8963171	Lostock Gramam CofE Primary School	198	£794,436	£821,269	£26,833	3.38%	£4,057
8963172	Overleigh St Mary's CofE Primary School	392	£1,432,376	£1,482,377	£50,001	3.49%	£3,750
8963180	Upton Heath CofE Primary School	387	£1,402,332	£1,457,399	£55,066	3.93%	£3,750
8963415	St Clare's Catholic Primary School	160	£748,442	£772,741	£24,299	3.25%	£4,821
8963500	Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary School	69	£353,003	£368,948	£15,945	4.52%	£5,331
8963501	St Winefride's Catholic Primary School	171	£722,571	£746,857	£24,286	3.36%	£4,355
8963507	Kingsley St John's CofE (VA) Primary School	75	£390,299	£391,672	£1,373	0.35%	£5,211
8963532	Crowton Christ Church CofE Primary School	77	£373,687	£390,856	£17,168	4.59%	£5,060
8963533	Lower Peover CofE Primary School	203	£769,128	£795,518	£26,390	3.43%	£3,911
8963534	Whitegate CofE Primary School	136	£564,220	£585,489	£21,269	3.77%	£4,289

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8963538	St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Weaverham	197	£753,034	£779,251	£26,217	3.48%	£3,947
8963550	Eccleston CofE Primary School	95	£431,325	£448,105	£16,781	3.89%	£4,704
8963551	Saighton CofE Primary School	110	£454,792	£473,691	£18,898	4.16%	£4,294
8963552	Ellesmere Port Christ Church CofE Primary School	178	£729,680	£762,060	£32,381	4.44%	£4,269
8963556	St Bernard's Roman Catholic Primary School	205	£901,335	£932,442	£31,107	3.45%	£4,529
8963558	St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School	205	£806,297	£834,530	£28,233	3.50%	£4,050
8963633	St Luke's Catholic Primary School	174	£682,274	£707,881	£25,607	3.75%	£4,057
8963641	St Werburgh's and St Columba's Catholic Primary School	322	£1,208,028	£1,249,805	£41,777	3.46%	£3,874
8963643	St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	313	£1,244,240	£1,285,532	£41,292	3.32%	£4,100
8963645	Davenham CofE Primary School	316	£1,109,437	£1,188,437	£79,000	7.12%	£3,750
8963646	St Theresa's Catholic Primary School	173	£803,861	£830,497	£26,636	3.31%	£4,787
8963647	St Oswald's CofE Aided Primary School	143	£582,910	£602,685	£19,775	3.39%	£4,199

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8963800	Witton Church Walk CofE Primary School	274	£1,190,162	£1,227,736	£37,575	3.16%	£4,463
8963802	Kingsmead Primary School	309	£1,128,828	£1,187,478	£58,650	5.20%	£3,750
8963803	The Acorns Primary and Nursery School	306	£1,371,977	£1,408,314	£36,337	2.65%	£4,543
8963804	The Arches Community Primary School	264	£1,197,218	£1,239,587	£42,369	3.54%	£4,629
8963807	Woodfall Primary School	426	£1,556,453	£1,629,340	£72,887	4.68%	£3,750
8963813	Woodlands Primary School	489	£1,752,499	£1,874,749	£122,250	6.98%	£3,750
8963815	Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School	407	£1,497,734	£1,549,562	£51,828	3.46%	£3,795
8963817	Willow Wood Community Primary School	262	£1,200,832	£1,250,755	£49,923	4.16%	£4,699
8963820	St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School	188	£770,152	£799,649	£29,497	3.83%	£4,242
8963822	Wharton CofE Primary School	359	£1,457,114	£1,503,966	£46,852	3.22%	£4,111
8964000	The Rudheath Senior Academy	383	£2,153,797	£2,228,152	£74,356	3.45%	£5,786
8964001	Hartford Church of England High School	1,015	£4,957,250	£5,135,781	£178,531	3.60%	£5,000

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8964002	Queen's Park High School	386	£2,074,799	£2,150,570	£75,771	3.65%	£5,539
8964003	Christleton International Studio	96	£631,711	£663,248	£31,537	4.99%	£6,909
8964006	Blacon High School, A Specialist Sports College	531	£3,409,427	£3,425,856	£16,429	0.48%	£6,435
8964009	Ellesmere Port Church of England College	561	£3,383,963	£3,501,043	£117,081	3.46%	£6,121
8964100	Neston High School	1,477	£7,185,600	£7,439,654	£254,054	3.54%	£5,018
8964132	Weaverham High School	1,085	£5,224,565	£5,441,565	£217,000	4.15%	£5,000
8964134	The County High School, Leftwich	995	£4,795,958	£4,994,958	£199,000	4.15%	£5,000
8964135	Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College	1,007	£4,856,078	£5,057,478	£201,400	4.15%	£5,000
8964149	Christleton High School	1,067	£5,145,691	£5,359,091	£213,400	4.15%	£5,000
8964153	Upton-by-Chester High School	1,294	£6,383,727	£6,609,091	£225,364	3.53%	£5,039
8964158	Bishop Heber High School	1,052	£5,068,868	£5,279,268	£210,400	4.15%	£5,000
8964167	The Whitby High School	1,404	£7,278,182	£7,531,364	£253,182	3.48%	£5,305
8964221	Helsby High School	1,075	£5,297,340	£5,512,340	£215,000	4.06%	£5,000

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		Funded Number of Pupils on Roll October 2018	2019-2020 Total Schools Block Funding	Illustrative 2020-2021 Total Schools Block Funding	Change in formula funding 2019-2020 to 2020-2021	Year on year % Change	Minimum per pupil funding - per pupil rate 2020-2021
8964603	The Catholic High School, Chester A Specialist Science College	745	£3,862,332	£4,000,076	£137,743	3.57%	£5,340
8964610	St Nicholas Catholic High School	1,074	£5,170,582	£5,385,382	£214,800	4.15%	£5,000
8964611	Ellesmere Port Catholic High School	803	£4,292,522	£4,443,320	£150,797	3.51%	£5,514
8964623	The Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School	873	£4,327,166	£4,480,696	£153,530	3.55%	£5,102
8965202	St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School	261	£1,002,482	£1,036,753	£34,271	3.42%	£3,961
8965204	Antrobus St Mark's CofE Primary School	58	£291,468	£300,557	£9,089	3.12%	£5,148
8965205	Chester Blue Coat Church of England Primary School	382	£1,597,445	£1,654,601	£57,156	3.58%	£4,308
8966906	The Winsford Academy	922	£5,246,825	£5,427,036	£180,211	3.43%	£5,822

Agenda Item 4

De-delegation – Proposals for 2020-2021

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to agree the services to be de-delegated by maintained primary and secondary schools for 2020-2021.

Recommendations

2. The Schools Forum (primary and secondary school representatives) is requested to agree the services to be de-delegated to the Local Authority for 2020-2021.

Background

3. Since 2013, Schools Forum has agreed annually the de-delegation of funds for maintained schools. This arrangement of pooling funds to cover specific purposes is proposed again for 2020-2021 to cover maintained schools collectively from costs arising from the following:

	Primary	Secondary
Suspensions	✓	✓
Tribunals	✓	✓
Free School Meal Eligibility Assessment	✓	✓
Maternity cover	✓	
Trade Union Facilities	✓	✓
Software licences (SIMS and CLEAPS)	✓	✓

4. Guidance on the operation of de-delegated services issued by the ESFA includes the following requirements:
 - the requirement to make a clear statement of how the funding is to be taken out of the formula
 - reporting unspent de-delegated funding at the year end to Schools Forum
 - local authorities retaining de-delegated funding up to 1 September for Academy conversions occurring up to this date. Full year de-delegation to be retained for conversions after 1 September. This is to allow services to plan operations for the financial year.
 - local authorities are able to carry over unspent de-delegated central expenditure to be used for the same purpose. This ensures that funds can be carried forward without having to be allocated through the formula again and ensures funding that maintained schools de-delegate continues to be available for the use of maintained schools.

Consultation with schools

5. The options to continue to de-delegate funds for the next financial year were included in the consultation with schools in October 2019. Schools were asked to consider whether the amount delegated to them on a per pupil basis allows them to meet the costs or buy in the services they need individually. The rationale for de-delegation is to achieve economies of scale and to pool risk across schools for these costs.
6. Schools were also asked in the consultation if they wanted to continue to de-delegate costs for licences or move to direct charging. Whilst most contingencies offer a pooled risk against potential costs, charges for licences are identifiable for individual schools. As some schools have moved away from SIMS, schools may have wanted to consider a direct charging arrangement for licences (SIMS and CLEAPPS) in 2020-2021. This would ensure that schools that do not use the licences are not charged for them.
7. A summary of the responses to the consultation are shown below. There is clear support for the continuation of de-delegation for all items, including licence costs. Some comments were received that suggested that there was concern of an increase in prices from moving to direct charging for licences. This would not be an immediate risk as prices are confirmed for the current contract but would be a consideration when the SIMS licence is re-tendered in the future.

De-delegation responses to consultation

Do you agree to continue with de-delegation in 2020-2021?	Yes	No	Move to direct charging	TOTAL
Q5a Contingencies - Primary	28	3		31
Q5a FSM eligibility assessment - Primary	27	4		31
Q5a Staff Costs maternity - Primary	26	5		31
Q5a Staff costs trade union - Primary	25	6		31
Q5b Licences - Primary	25		5	30
Q5a Contingencies - Secondary	7	0		7
Q5a FSM eligibility assessment - Secondary	7	0		7
Q5a Staff costs trade union - Secondary	7	0		7
Q5b Licences - Secondary	6		1	7

Forecast Financial Position for 2019-2020

8. For 2019-2020, schools de-delegated a total of £832k (£741k primary, £91k secondary) and carried forward net underspends of £4k from 2018-2019 to give £836k in total de-delegated funds. At October 2019, a small net underspend is forecast at £14k (£4k overspend in primary, £18k underspend in secondary contingencies) against these budgets..

Principles for managing de-delegated fund

9. The principles for managing de-delegated funds as agreed with Schools Forum in 2014-2015 will continue so that:
- (i) The 2019-2020 underspend is carried forward as allowed by the School Finance Regulations to offset further de-delegation in 2020-2021.
 - (ii) Primary and Secondary de-delegation to be managed separately to ensure the de-delegation rates reflect expenditure within each sector.
 - (iii) Total de-delegation to reduce as schools transfer to Academy in line with reduced pupil numbers and number of schools as the level of expenditure will reduce accordingly with fewer schools.

Proposed amounts for de-delegation 2020-2021

10. The forecast outturn for these budgets will be reviewed again at the end of December 2019 to determine whether any surplus funds remain. Subject to any further revisions to the current forecast, the proposed level of de-delegation for 2020-2021 will remain broadly in line with 2019-2020 plus an uplift of 2% for staff pay awards. In summary the proposed rates for de-delegation are:

- Primary - £2,057 per school, £21.56 per pupil and £4.90 per FSM Ever 6 pupil
- Secondary - £9.10 per pupil and £4.14 per FSM Ever 6 pupil

Next Steps

11. The agreed rates for de-delegation to be included in the School Funding Formula submission to be tabled to Schools Forum in January 2020 and to the ESFA for 21 January deadline. De-delegated funds will be deducted from schools opening budgets and details included in the budget letter issued to individual schools before the statutory deadline of 28 February 2020.

**Cheshire West and Chester
Schools Forum
10 December 2019**

Agenda Item 6

Schedule of meetings 2019-2020

Schools Forum – all meetings 4.30pm – 6.30pm (refreshments at 4pm) unless otherwise stated.

Date	Venue	Provisional agenda
Tuesday 14 January 2020	Queen's Park High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Budgets and Miscellaneous Expenditure • DSG Allocations for 2020-2021 and Budget Setting • Draft of 2020-2021 School Funding Formula for January submission • De-delegation – Proposals for 2020-2021 • DSG 2019-2020 Forecast Outturn at Third Review • SEND High Needs Consultation outcome • Basic needs capital programme • DSG 2019-2020 Forecast Outturn at Mid Year Review • 0-25 Inclusion Framework - Post 16 Banding
Tuesday 11 February 2020	Queen's Park High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years funding formula for February submission • Special Educational Needs (SEN) Funding for Mainstream and Special Schools – Funding from the High Needs Block 2020-2021 • Central Spend budgets 2020-2021
Tuesday 7 July 2020	Queen's Park High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School funding arrangements –national data comparison 2020-2021 • School funding arrangements for 2021-2022 • Directed revisions to schemes for financing schools • DSG 2019-2020 outturn • Financial year 2019-2020 analysis of schools balances (including Academies) • Annual review of Schools Forum membership, constitution and terms of reference

Schools Forum finance sub group – all meetings 2pm – 4pm unless otherwise stated

Date	Venue
Tuesday 17 December 2019	Nicholas House G2
Tuesday 21 January 2020	Nicholas House G2
Tuesday 16 June 2020	Nicholas House G2