

Early Years & Schools Forum

24 February 2022

Agenda Item:3c

CENTRAL SCHOOL SERVICES BLOCK FUNDING 2022-23

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Early Years & Schools Forum (the Forum) approval to centrally retain funding within the Central School Services Block of the 2022-23 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

Information and Advice

- 2. The local authority is required to seek approval from the Forum to centrally retain funding within the Central School Services Block (CSSB) of the DSG. Attached at **Appendix A** to this report is a list of the central budgets the Authority is seeking approval to retain.
- 3. The funding allocation is a combination of historic spend and formula using a per pupil amount for ongoing responsibilities. Those budgets which form part of the historic commitments are restricted to their 2012-13 limit and no new commitments are allowed.
- 4. The ESFA had reduced the funding for historic commitments by 20% for 2022/23 (£403k). Therefore, the Psychology Service allocation has reduced to £683k.
- 5. The balance of the additional funding of £209k has been added to the Admissions budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Forum:

1) Approve the Authority's application to centrally retain funding within the Central School Services Block for the services set out at **Appendix A**.

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Appendix A

2022-23 Centrally Held Funding

			2021/22	2022/23	
Service	Note	Schools Forum	£000	£000	Description of Services
Contribution to combined budgets	1	Agreement	1,202	799	Psychology service
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Termination of Employment Costs	1	Agreement	1,000	1,000	Ongoing pension enhancement costs
Admissions		Agreement	1,118	1,327	Staffing and running costs
Schools Forum		Agreement	3	3	Direct costs and officer time
Responsibilites of LA for all schools	2	Agreement	1,712	1,712	Asset Management Education Welfare
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Central licences negotiated by the Secretary of State		For information	626	649	Copyright Licences
Pensions for Centrally Employed Teachers		Agreement	194	196	
Total Funding Allocation			5,855	5,686	

Note

- 1. The budget cannot exceed the value agreed in the previous funding period and no new commitments can be entered into.
- 2. Former retained element of the Education Services Grant