

Thurrock Schools' Forum

18 January 2022, 10am to midday
Virtual meeting – Microsoft Teams

Agenda

Multi Academy Trusts	Name
Catalyst Academies Trust	Mr T Parfett
Harris Federation	Mrs N Graham
Ormiston Park	To be advised
ORTU Federation	Dr Sophina Asong
Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust	Mr Griffiths
REAch2 Academy Trust	Mr E Samuel
South West Essex Community Education Trust	Mr S Munday
The Gateway Learning Community Trust (GLC)	Mr K Sadler
Vine Schools Trust	Mrs E Wigmore
Christus Catholic Trust	Mrs J Seymour
Secondary Voluntary-Aided School	Name
Grays Convent	Mrs P Johnson
Standalone Academy Trusts	Name
Woodside Academy	Mr E Caines
Giffards Primary	Mrs N Haslam-Davis
Infrastructure Groups	Name
TASS	Mr S Bell
TPHA	Mr R Latham
Alternative Provision	Name
Olive AP	Mr M Vickers
Special Schools	Name
Treetops Academy	Mr J Brewer
Beacon Hill Academy	Mrs Sue Hewitt
Non-school members	Name
Diocese of Chelmsford	Miss S Jones
Diocese of Brentwood	Mrs M Shepherd
0-5 EYFS Representative	Mr A Melbourne
0-11 Representative	Ms Alison Jones
11-19 Representative	Dr J Revell

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Number	Item	Time guide
Introductory items		
1.	Welcome from Chair	10am
2.	Apologies for absence	10:05am
3.	Agreement of agenda, time-guide and notification of 'Any Other Business'	10:10am
Items for decision		
4.	Dedicated Schools Grant 2021/22 and 2022/23 – report presented by David May	10:15am
5.	Growth Fund 2022/23 – report presented by Sarah Williams	10:50am
Items for information		
9.	Outcomes of Disadvantaged Children – oral update presented by Michele Lucas	11:10am
10.	Schools' Forum Forward Plan presented by Sarah Williams	11:30am
Closing items		
11.	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 November 2021	11:35am
12.	Matters arising	11:40am
13.	Any other business	11:50am
14.	Next meeting Thursday 17 March 2022 – hybrid meeting, online and in-person	

THURROCK SCHOOLS FORUM REPORT

DATE: 18 January 2022
SUBJECT: Dedicated Schools Grant 2021/22 and 2022/23
REPORT OF: David May
THE REPORT IS: For Decision

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The DSG 2021/22 current forecast is a deficit of £0.412m.
- 1.2 The DSG reserve outturn position would therefore increase to a deficit of £2.295m.
- 1.3 The High Needs Block remains the area of significant financial risk, especially with the continuous increase in EHCP's and the additional costs of out of borough placements. Officers have produced a High Needs Block Budget for 2022/23 reflecting the most up to date information available.
- 1.4 The report provides details of the settlement information for 2022/23 released by Department for Education on 17/12/2021.
- 1.5 Officers continue to work through the detail. At the meeting a presentation will be made on all key issues and decisions required to finalise the 2022/23 DSG budget

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Schools Forum is recommended to:
 - a) Note the contents of the report and offer support and challenge.
 - b) Consider the 2022/23 information provided on both the Schools and High Needs Block financial position.
 - c) Make decisions at the meeting based on information presented.

3. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2021/22 PROJECTED OUTTURN

3.1 The current projected outturn for 2021/22 is an overspend of £0.412m.

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3.2 Schools Block

The growth fund allows officers to ensure sufficiency of places within Thurrock schools for all children of school age. Based on current commitments and historic level of spend it is currently forecasted an underspend of £0.743m.

3.3 Central Services Block

A projected underspend of £0.020m through a combination of salary slippage and savings in venue hire for Schools Forum meetings.

3.4 High Needs Block

This is the significant area of financial risk and can be broken down into four areas:

- The continued increase in the number of EHCP.
- The Post-16 position reflects 32 new places from September, 13 of which are placed in Independent Schools at a cost of £1m.
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- Increase in supplying tuition packages for pupils not in School, costing £0.450m, a £0.150m overspend.

A review of the local offer and commissioned places available in Thurrock continues. The need to challenge schools on the use of the Notional SEN budget and the requirement to progress to an EHCP remains.

3.5 Early Years Block

A risk remains in Early Years, the impact will not be known until finalisation of Jan-22 Census. In 2021/22 funding is to be based on a termly census whilst Thurrock local formula was developed using pre-Covid annual data. Current projections show an overspend of £0.285m. This reflects 39 weeks paid to providers and SEN support is currently projecting £0.180m overspend.

4. DSG Reserve

- 4.1 The DSG has a projected carried forward deficit of £2.295m into 2022/23, as reflected in the table below:

DSG Deficit - Summary	£m	Deficit % of DSG
Deficit @ 31/03/2020	(1.978)	1.26%
DSG 2020/21	0.095	
Deficit @ 31/03/2021	(1.883)	1.13%
DSG 2021/22	(0.412)	
Projected Deficit @ 31/03/22	(2.295)	1.25%

- 4.2 Thurrock's ongoing problem is how to recover the deficit position whilst continuing to meet increased demand and cost within the High Needs Block. This position reflects that being experienced by a significant number of Local Authorities. Information gathered by the Local Government Association found that 97% of Local Authorities expected there HNB to be in deficit. In June 2021, the County Councils Network and the Society of County Treasurers claimed top-tier councils' Send deficits were set to balloon to an "unmanageable" £1.3bn by 2022-23.

5. DSG Management Plan 2021/22

- 5.1 The DSG conditions of grant requires that any LA with an overall deficit on its DSG account, or whose DSG surplus has substantially reduced during the year, must be able to present a plan to the Department for Education (DfE) for managing their future DSG spend.
- 5.2 The DSG Management Plan 2021/22 was discussed at the November an updated version will be presented to the March Meeting of the Schools Forum.

6. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2022/23

- 6.1 On 17 December, the Secretary of State for Education announced details of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations for 2022/23, as shown in the table below:

Dedicated Schools Grant	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	Increase
			Add Grant		
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
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- 6.2 The key changes made by the ESFA to the National Funding Formula (NFF) in 2022/23 are:
- The core factors in the NFF will increase by 3%.
 - The funding floor will ensure that every school is allocated at least 2% more pupil-led funding per pupil compared to 2021-22 allocation.
 - The minimum per pupil funding levels will increase by 2%. This will mean that, next year, every primary school will receive at least £4,265 per pupil and every secondary school at least £5,525.
- 6.3 The funding allocations are consistent with the national methodology used in 2021/22. No significant additional funding had been allocated to the High Needs Block to address funding gaps being experienced by the majority of Local Authorities. This is necessary if a hard National Funding Formula is to be adopted.
- 6.4 The High Needs Block increase in 2022/23 of £3.189m is welcome and reflects the change in methodology consulted on earlier in the year that was favourable to Thurrock. However, the number and complexity of EHCP's continue to increase and future budgets will need to reflect the associated increase in costs.
- 6.5 The additional high needs funding being allocated following the 2021 spending review, amounting to £325 million nationally, includes funding in respect of the Health and Social Care Levy, but the cost of that for high needs should be less than a 1% pressure on authorities' high needs budgets. The additional funding also takes into account that colleges and other post-school providers offering extra hours of study to 16 to 19 year old students, may require extra high needs top-up funding to support such students with high needs. Thurrock's additional High Needs grant allocation is £1.234m, increasing the High Need allocation to £4.598m.
- 6.6 The decrease to the Early Years Block is based on Jan-21 census that was significantly impacted upon by Census. Since then numbers on census have increased. The funding allocation for 2022/23 will be based on Jan-22 Census (5/12) and Jan-23 Census (7/12). An increase in census will increase the funding to be received.

7. Schools Block

7.1 In 2022/23, each local authority will continue to set a local schools funding formula, in consultation with local schools. Thurrock's funding formula as approved by Cabinet in December 2021 includes the following principles:

- National Funding Formula values to be applied;
- Growth fund to be retained to support sufficiency of school places;
- Any unallocated funding will be applied to the Basic Entitlement values.

7.2 The Schools Forum at its meeting held on the 18th November 2021 agreed to the transfer of up to 0.5% (up to £0.730m), the maximum amount allowed, from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block to support increase demand for Specialist placements and Education, Health and Care Plans. The transfer also reflects, that during the 2020/21 academic year, 76 children who were included in the Schools Block autumn 2020 census moved to be funded from the High Needs Block without any transfer of funds.

7.3 The Growth Fund received by Thurrock is £1.399m, a decrease of £0.359m from that received in 2021/22. Officers have calculated that the following growth fund is required in 2022/23:

Pupil Growth 2022/23	Pupil Growth	Year Group	Growth Sept-22	Total	MPPV	Total Cost
Primary:						
Central Area	60	R	35.0	35.0	£4,265	£149,275
Tilbury Area	90	R	52.5	52.5	£4,265	£223,913
Corringham and Stanford	60	R	35.0	35.0	£4,265	£149,275
Aveley, Ockendon & Purfleet	30	R	17.5	17.5	£4,265	£74,638
Total	240		140.0	140.0		£597,100
Growth fund - Agreed 2021/22 Summer Term						£261,250
Unallocated						£28,789
Growth Fund Retained by LA						£887,139
Available to support HNB deficit - transfer from SB to HNB						£512,262
ESFA Growth Fund Allocation						£1,399,401

7.4 The final APT and Schools budgets 2022/23 are still been compiled. This detailed information will be presented at the meeting.

8. Central School Services Block

8.1 Officers continue to work through the detail of the 2022/23 budget and the impact of the 20% reduction in funding of historic commitments. Detailed information will be presented to the January meeting for School Forum approval.

9. High Needs Block

9.1 In 2022/23 High Needs Block funding has an allocation of £32.689m, an increase of £4.598m. This section of the report identifies the financial implications for the financial year 2022/23.

9.2 The return made to the ESFA increased commissioned numbers for the 2022/23 academic year to 732. The budget information however is based on 806 commissioned places reflecting an increased local offer in primary autism, and secondary SEMH provision as shown in the table below:

Thurrock Commissioned Places	Total	Total	Total	Total
	2021/22 ESFA	2021/22 Updated	2022/23 ESFA	2022/23 Budget
LANSLOWNE PRIMARY ACADEMY	8	10	8	10
STANFORD-LE-HOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL	5	5	5	5
ORTU CORRINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	20	20	20	20
DILKES ACADEMY	10	10	10	10
HARRIS ACADEMY CHAFFORD HUNDRED	20	20	20	20
ST CLERE'S SCHOOL	17	17	17	17
ORMISTON PARK ACADEMY	30	30	30	30
EAST TILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL	10	10	10	10
THAMESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	6	6	6	6
QUARRY HILL	10	10	10	10
WARREN PRIMARY	18	18	18	18
OLIVE AP ACADEMY - THURROCK	85	85	85	85
TREETOPS SCHOOL	309	316	318	318
TREETOPS FREE SCHOOL	0	60	100	100
BEACON HILL ACADEMY	75	75	75	75
ACADEMY - ESFA	623	692	732	734
CHAFFORD HUNDRED PRIMARY	3	3	0	3
STANFORD-LE-HOPE SCHOOL	3	3	0	3
INCREASE TO SPECIAL PROVISION	8	0	0	16
NEW SECONDARY SEMH PROVISION	20	30	0	30
NEW AUTISM PROVISION	0	20	0	20
THURROCK	657	748	732	806

9.3 In 2022/23 the band values to be paid are shown in Appendix A.

9.4 The financial implications of both the increase in commissioned places and band values is shown in the table below:

Thurrock Local Offer	2021/22	2022/23
Resource Bases	£3,994,302	£4,992,959
Special Schools	£9,419,365	£10,614,239
AP Provision	£2,353,013	£2,431,349
Total	£15,766,679	£18,038,546

This is an increase of £2.272m further explained in the table below:

	2022/23	2022/23
Growth		
New Secondary SEMH Provision - Sept 22	£155,995	
New Autism Provision - Apr 22	£600,430	
Increase in Special School Provision	£99,493	
Treetops Free School	£548,904	£1,404,822
Inflation		£867,045
Total		£2,271,867

- 9.5 The cost of the High Needs Block Outreach services for 2021/22 are shown in the table below. A 4.25% uplift is proposed for 2022/23, consistent with the increase in top up values.

Academy		2021/22	2022/23
Osbourne Trust	HI / VI	£350,200	£365,000
Treetops	Portage	£259,200	£270,000
Treetops	Outreach	£309,000	£322,000
Beacon Hill	Outreach	£185,400	£180,000
School Wellbeing Service		£50,000	£50,000
		<u>£1,153,800</u>	<u>£1,187,000</u>

- 9.6 Out of Borough Placements
The following tables consolidates all Out or Area Placements.

FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	4-16 years		Over 16		Totals	
	No.	Cost 2021/22	No.	Cost 2021/22	No.	Cost 2021/22
OLA Maintained Schools and Academies - Day	95	1,067,486	72	538,142	167	1,605,628
OLA Maintained Schools and Academies - Residential	2	163,270	0	0	2	163,270
Other Local Authority Placements	97	1,230,756	72	538,142	169	1,768,898
Residential NMSS and Independent Specialist Placements	16	1,029,985	12	1,063,466	28	2,093,450
Non-Residential NMSS and Independent Specialist Placements	30	1,670,988	8	432,268	38	2,103,256
NMSS and Independent Specialist Placements	46	2,700,973	20	1,495,734	66	4,196,706
Total	143	3,931,728	92	2,033,876	235	5,965,604

This has a significant cost implication and demonstrates that the long term strategy of increasing the local offer will achieve increased value for money and sustainability. The table below shows the change in numbers and cost for the academic year 2021/22:

FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS - Special Schools Only	4-16 years		Over 16		Totals	
	No.	Cost 2021/22	No.	Cost 2021/22	No.	Cost 2021/22
OLA Maintained Schools and Academies - Day	13	411,698	0	8,523	13	420,221
OLA Maintained Schools and Academies - Residential	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Local Authority Placements	13	411,698	0	8,523	13	420,221
Residential NMSS and Independent Specialist Placements	(3)	(712,650)	9	867,164	6	154,513
Non-Residential NMSS and Independent Specialist Placements	0	128,787	3	168,397	3	297,184
NMSS and Independent Specialist Placements	(3)	(583,863)	12	1,035,561	9	451,697
Total	10	(172,166)	12	1,044,084	22	871,918

9.7 Officers continue to work through the detail of the 2022/23 budget. Detailed information will be presented at the meeting of the School Forum for approval.

10. Early Years Block

10.1 The October budget and spending review released the following information:

- Additional funding for the early years entitlements worth £160m in 2022/23, £180m in 2023/24 and £170m in 2024/25. This is for local authorities to increase hourly rates paid to childcare providers for the government's free childcare entitlement offers and reflects the costs of inflation and national living wage increases.

10.2 The following information has been received from the ESFA for 2022/23.

Early Years Block 2022/23	Numbers	(£ / hr)	£m	£m
3 and 4 year old universal entitlement funding	2,641	£4.77	7.181	
3 and 4 year old additional 15 hours entitlement	842	£4.77	2.291	
2 year old entitlement funding	322	£6.03	1.106	10.578
Early Years Pupil Premium			0.088	0.088
Disability Access Fund			0.069	0.069
Total Early Years Block			10.734	10.734

10.3 This reflects an increase in the hourly rate for 2 year olds of 21p per hour and 3 and 4 year olds of 17p per hour. The numbers used to determine the initial indicative budget are significant reduce from previous years. Officers are considering options that will be presented at the meeting.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 The Schools Forum is recommended to:

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12. REFERENCES TO OTHER KEY DOCUMENTS / PREVIOUS REPORTS

ESFA publication: [the national funding formulae for schools and high needs 2022-23](#)

13. CONTACT DETAILS OF LEAD OFFICER / AUTHOR

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Appendix A

Type of Provider	Band Descriptor	Band Value 2021/22	Place Funding	MPPG	Top Up Funding	Band Value 2022/23	
Special Schools & Academies	Special Band 1	£12,720	£10,000	£660	£2,148	£12,808	
	Special Band 2	£14,265	£10,000	£660	£3,758	£14,418	
	Special Band 3	£15,000	£10,000	£660	£4,524	£15,184	
	Special Band 4	£33,320	£10,000	£660	£23,623	£34,283	
	Special Band 5	£35,000	£10,000	£660	£25,374	£36,034	
AP	AP Band 1	£28,170	£10,000	£660	£18,254	£28,914	
Mainstream Schools & Academies with Specialist / Resource Provisions	Mainstream - Primary Band 1	£14,558	£6,000	£4,265	£4,564	£14,829	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 2	£18,935	£6,000	£4,265	£9,127	£19,392	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 3	£25,888	£6,000	£4,265	£16,375	£26,640	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 4	£27,948	£6,000	£4,265	£18,523	£28,788	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 5	£29,493	£6,000	£4,265	£20,133	£30,398	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 6	£31,038	£6,000	£4,265	£21,744	£32,009	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 7	£37,218	£6,000	£4,265	£28,187	£38,452	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 8	£41,338	£6,000	£4,265	£32,482	£42,747	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 1	£14,505	£6,000	£5,525	£3,221	£14,746	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 2	£18,935	£6,000	£5,525	£7,840	£18,935	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 3	£25,835	£6,000	£5,525	£15,033	£26,558	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 4	£27,895	£6,000	£5,525	£17,180	£28,705	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 5	£29,440	£6,000	£5,525	£18,791	£30,316	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 6	£30,985	£6,000	£5,525	£20,402	£31,927	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 7	£37,165	£6,000	£5,525	£26,844	£38,369	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 8	£41,285	£6,000	£5,525	£31,139	£42,664	
	Mainstream - Nursery	£32,960	£0	£0	£34,360	£34,360	
Education Health and Care Plans Hourly Rate		£10					£10

Schools January 2021

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Dedicated Schools Grant 2022/23

Aims of Presentation

- Dedicated Schools Grant 2021/22
- Dedicated Schools Grant 2022/23
- Schools Block & Thurrock Funding Formula
- Central Services Block
- High Needs Block
- Early Years
- Next Steps

Schools Funding - Background

- Education / Schools funding is provided through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). This is a ring fenced grant governed by the Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations.
- Each of the 4 funding blocks has a separate formula to determine the funding allocation
 - Schools Block
 - Central Schools Services Block
 - High Needs Block
 - Early Years Block
- Brings together all responsibilities the Local Authority has for all Schools and Academies.
- Decision making is between the LA and its Schools Forum.

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DSG Deficit 2021/22 – Significant Progress has been made in the control and reduction of the Deficit

DSG Deficit - Historic Detail	£m	Deficit % of DSG
DSG unfunded 31-03-17	(1.343)	
DSG 2017/18	(2.703)	
Deficit unfunded 31-03-2018	(4.046)	2.78%
DSG 2018/19	1.389	
Historic Deficit 2018/19	(2.656)	1.74%
DSG 2019/20	0.678	
Deficit @ 31/03/2020	(1.978)	1.26%
DSG 2020/21	0.095	
Deficit @ 31/03/2021	(1.883)	1.13%
DSG 2021/22	(0.412)	
Projected Deficit @ 31/03/22	(2.295)	1.25%

DSG Projected Outturn 2021/22

- **DECISION**
- The Schools Forum is recommended to:
 - a) Note the improved position and offer support and challenge.
 - b) Agree the financial position for 2021/22.
 - c) Agree to receive regular updates on the 2021/22 projected outturn position.

DSG 2022/23

DSG Funding 2022/23

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Schools Block

Schools Block Funding Change 2022/23

Schools Block			£m	£m	£m
				2022/23	2021/22
Schools Block (Previous Year)				140.936	127.474
Protected funding for the pay and pensions grants				0.000	6.269
Increase in Funding			3.727		
Increase in Premises value			<u>0.000</u>	3.727	4.192
Increase in Pupil Numbers	2022/23	28,224			
	2021/22	<u>27,835</u>			
			<u>389</u>	2.216	2.629
Decrease in Growth Fund	2022/23	1.399			
	2021/22	<u>1.758</u>	(0.359)	5.584	0.372
Schools Block				146.520	140.936

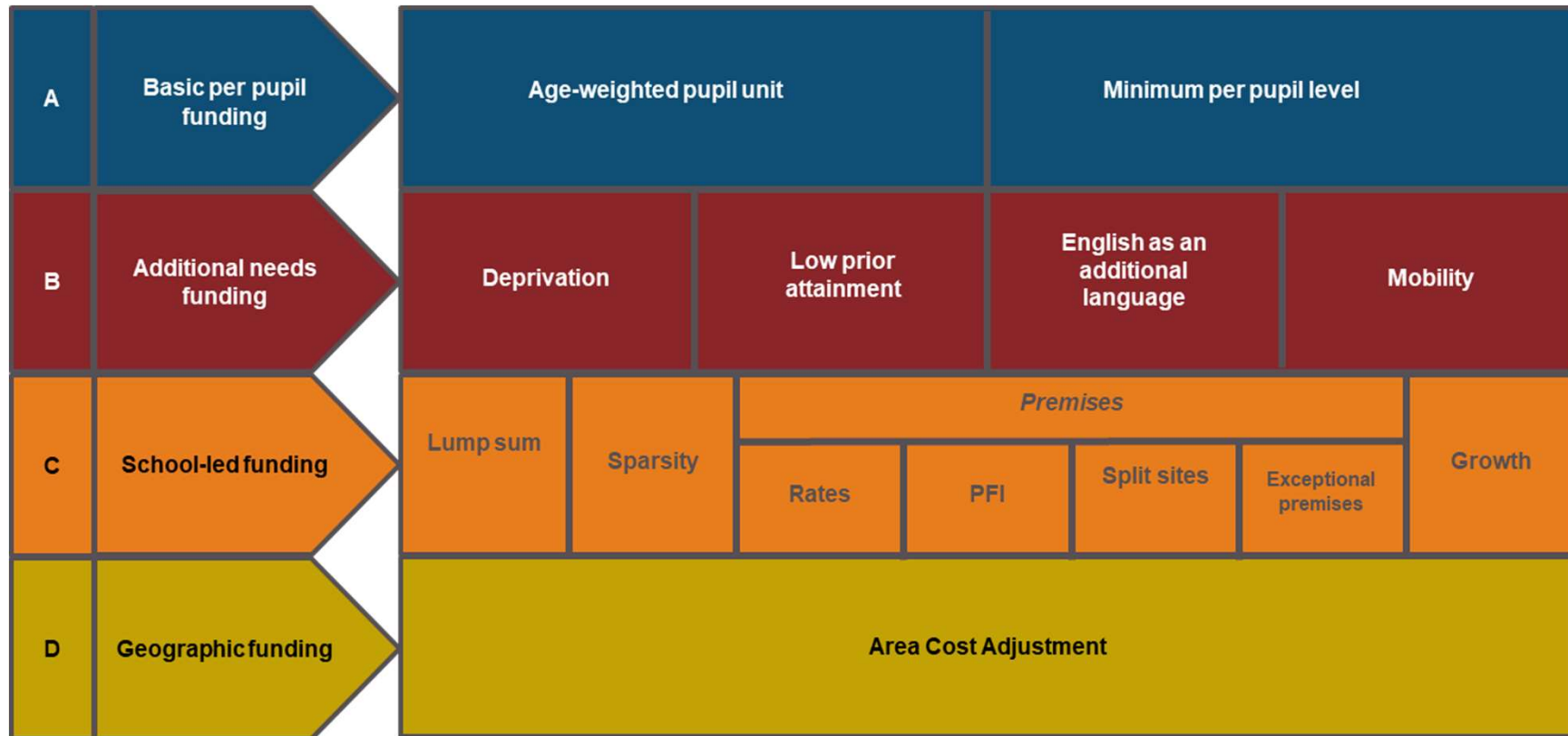
Key changes in 2022/23

- NFF factor values have increased by:
 - Core factors have increased by 3%
 - 2% to the floor, the minimum per pupil levels and free schools meals (FSM)
 - The minimum per pupil funding levels will be set at £4,265 for primary schools and £5,525 for secondary schools.
 - 0% on the premises factors
- Low prior attainment proportions, data from the 2019 tests is used as a proxy for the 2020 tests, cancelled due to Covid-19;
- Free School meals ever 6(FSM6) eligibility is now calculated from the October 2021 census in line with the pupil premium;
- From 2022/23 national non-domestic rates (NNDR) will be paid by ESFA directly to billing authorities.

It remains the government's intention to move to a 'hard' NFF, where budgets will be set on the basis of a single, national formula

The schools national funding formula

- The schools NFF comprises of 14 factors



Formula Factor Values

	Thurrock 2021/22		NFF 2022/23		Thurrock 2022/23	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
Minimum Per Pupil	£4,180	£5,415	£4,265	£5,525	£4,265	£5,525
Minimum Per Pupil - KS 3		£5,215		£5,321		£5,321
Minimum Per Pupil - KS 4		£5,715		£5,831		£5,831
Primary *	£3,225		£3,217		£3,326.38	
KS 3*		£4,547		£4,536		£4,690.22
KS 4*		£5,125		£5,112		£5,285.81
FSM	£460	£460	£470	£470	£470	£470
FSM6	£575	£840	£590	£865	£590	£865
IDACI Band F	£215	£310	£220	£320	£220	£320
IDACI Band E	£260	£415	£270	£425	£270	£425
IDACI Band D	£410	£580	£420	£595	£420	£595
IDACI Band C	£445	£630	£460	£650	£460	£650
IDACI Band B	£475	£680	£490	£700	£490	£700
IDACI Band A	£620	£865	£640	£890	£640	£890
EAL	£550	£1,485	£565	£1,530	£565	£1,530
Mobility	£900	£1,290	£925	£1,330	£925	£1,330
Prior Attainment	£1,095	£1,660	£1,130	£1,710	£1,130	£1,710
Lump Sum	£117,800	£117,800	£121,300	£121,300	£121,300	£121,300
Area Cost Adjustment	1.03257		1.03799		1.03400	

Schools Funding Formula 2022/23

Thurrock Funding Formula	2021/22 £m	2021/22 %	2022/23 £m	2022/23 %
Basic Entitlement	107.285	76%	111.966	76%
FSM	6.935	5%	7.836	5%
IDACI	5.966	4%	6.231	4%
EAL	1.470	1%	1.552	1%
Mobility	0.066	0%	0.218	0%
Prior Attainment	8.592	6%	8.822	6%
Lump Sum	6.126	4%	6.308	4%
Premises	0.736	1%	0.736	1%
Add funding minimum per pupil level	1.620	1%	1.172	1%
MFG	0.253	0%	0.092	0%
Schools Block Formula	139.049	98.7%	144.933	98.9%
Growth / Falling Rolls	1.213	0.9%	0.887	0.6%
Total funding for Schools Block Formula	140.262	99.5%	145.820	99.5%
Transfer to High Needs	0.673	0.5%	0.700	0.5%
Schools Block Funding Allocation	140.935	100%	146.520	100%
Notional SEN incl in SB Formula	18.928	13.6%	19.392	13.4%

Confirmed Growth included in the funding formula

School Name	Pupil Growth	Year Group	Growth c/fwd 2021/22	Growth New 2022/23	Total 2022/23	Total Cost 2022/23
Abbotts Hall	30	R	12.5	17.5	30.0	£130,978
Benyon Primary School	30	R	12.5	17.5	30.0	£141,279
Orsett Heath Academy	120	Yr7	50.0	70.0	120.0	£725,658
Thames Park	120	Yr7	50.0	70.0	120.0	£739,102
	300		125	175	300	£1,737,017

Growth Fund 2022/23 - Retained

Pupil Growth 2022/23	Pupil Growth	Year Group	Growth Sept-22	Total	MPPV	Total Cost
Primary:						
Central Area	60	R	35.0	35.0	£4,265	£149,275
Tilbury Area	90	R	52.5	52.5	£4,265	£223,913
Corringham and Stanford	60	R	35.0	35.0	£4,265	£149,275
Aveley, Ockendon & Purfleet	30	R	17.5	17.5	£4,265	£74,638
Total	240		140.0	140.0		£597,100
					Growth fund - Agreed 2021/22 Summer Term	£261,250
					Unallocated	£28,789
					Growth Fund Retained by LA	£887,139
					Available to support HNB deficit - transfer from SB to HNB	£512,262
					ESFA Growth Fund Allocation	£1,399,401

Transfer from Schools to High Need Block

- SF Nov-21 Meeting approved transfer to HNB of £0.700m; 0.48% of Schools Block allocation.
- Used to support increased demand for specialist placements and Education, Health and Care Plans.
- Ongoing discussions required on both the level of funding required to support the HNB and actions that can be taken to reduce demand.
- Annual discussion held with ESFA - March 22

Thurrock - Schools Funding Formula 2022/23

- NFF values have been applied
- Unallocated funding has allowed an inflationary increase of 1.034 to be applied to Basic Entitlement values (ACA = 1.03799).
- Confirmed growth included in formula
- Retained growth £0.887m
- HNB contribution of £0.700m (0.48%)
- Notional SEN %ages as shown on next slide, consistent with 2021/22

Schools Block – Notional SEN 2022/23

	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
Basic Entitlement	2.5%	2.5%
FSM	0%	0%
FSM6	100%	100%
IDACI Band A - F	25%	25%
EAL	0%	0%
Mobility	0%	0%
Low Attainment - Primary	100%	100%
Low Attainment - Secondary	100%	100%
Additional to meet minimum per pupil funding	100%	100%
Notional SEN Value	£18,928,214	£19,392,395
Schools Block Formula	£139,049,817	£144,932,539
% Notional SEN / Schools Block Formula	13.61%	13.38%

Thurrock Funding Formula - Summary

- Hand-out A – School Level detail
- Provisional 2022/23 funding allocations
- Funding Formula to be returned to ESFA by 21st January
- ESFA approval need to confirm funding allocations

Distribute and discuss

- Schools will need to consider careful known change in pupil numbers and impact on funding to be received.
- Key principle is that funding follows the child with no protection afforded to reduction in pupil numbers.

Schools supplementary grant 2022/23

- The autumn 2021 spending review confirmed £1.6 billion additional funding for schools and high needs, for the 2022/23 financial year, to provide support for the costs of the Health and Social Care Levy and wider costs. This funding will be allocated through the schools supplementary grant 2022/23.
- The schools supplementary grant will fund the following providers:
 - maintained nursery schools
 - maintained schools, academies and free schools
 - 16 to 19 maintained schools, academies and city technology colleges
- The schools supplementary grant will only be payable to public sector employers. This means that further education colleges, sixth form colleges, independent learning providers, as well as private and voluntary sector early years providers will not be eligible to receive this funding.

Schools supplementary grant 2022/23

- School-level allocations will be published in spring 2022.
- Local authorities and academies will receive their payments from spring 2022.
- In 2022/23 this additional funding will be a separate grant, intention that funding will be incorporated into core budget allocations for 2023/24 where possible.

Thurrock Indicative Supplementary Grant 2022/23	
2022-23 School supplementary grant: indicative allocations	£4.313m
2022-23 High needs additional DSG funding	£1.234m
The following funding rates will be paid:	
Primary: Basic per-pupil rate	£97
KS3: Basic per-pupil rate	£137
KS4: Basic per-pupil rate	£155
Lump Sum	£3,680
Primary - FSM6	£85
Secondary - FSM6	£124
Post 16 Provision: student rate	£35
Early years provision in schools per-pupil rate	£24

Grants 2022/23

- Pupil Premium
 - No changes to the Rates in 2022/23
 - Eligible Pupils determined by October 21 Census

Pupil Premium Rates	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Primary	£1,345	£1,345	£1,345
Secondary	£955	£955	£955
Looked after Children	£2,345	£2,345	£2,345
Service Children	£310	£310	£310

- No announcements on any other specific grants for 2022/23

School Block – Decision Required

- To confirm agreement to the transfer of 0.5% £0.700m from the Schools Block to High Need Block to support increase demand for Specialist placements and EHCP's in 2022/23.
- To confirm agreement to the retention of £0.887m to fund in year growth in 2022/23.

Central Schools Services Block

Central School Services Block

- The central school services block (CSSB) was created from the DSG funding that was held centrally by the local authority.
- Statutory and Regulatory duties include: Planning for the education service, S151 Officer's responsibilities, Formulation and review of schools funding formula, Admissions, and Schools Forum.
- Historic Commitments relate to Historic Pension Costs and contribution to combined budgets. A 20% year on year reduction is to be applied from 2020/21 – a reduction of £0.164m.

Central school services block (CSSB)	2022/23
CSSB unit of funding	£36.61
CSSB pupil count	28,223.50
Funding for historic commitments	£654,336
Total central school services block	£1,687,599

Central School Services Block

	Budget 2021/22 £m	Budget 2022/23 £m
Statutory and Regulatory Duties - Education <i>Including: Director of children's services; Planning for the education service as a whole; Function in relation to the exclusion of pupils from schools; School Attendance; Excluded Pupils; Responsibilities regarding the employment of children</i>	£0.379	£0.373
Statutory and Regulatory Duties - Finance <i>Including: Revenue budget preparation, information and external audit relating to education; Formulation and review of local authority schools funding formula; Administration of grants; Task related to LA Section 151 responsibilities under LGA 1972</i>	£0.130	£0.140
School Place Planning	£0.029	£0.027
School Admissions	£0.280	£0.280
Servicing of Schools forum	£0.010	£0.010
SACRE	£0.010	£0.010
School Licences	£0.000	£0.137
Contribution to High Needs Block	£0.200	£0.000
Contribution to Combined budgets	£0.745	£0.711
Total DSG - Central Services Block	£1.783	£1.688

Central School Services Block Decision Required

- To agree the use of the Central School Services Block budget of £1.688m in 2022/23.

High Needs Block

High Needs Block 2022/23

High Needs Block	2022/23 £m
National Funding Formula 2022/23	29.916
Import / Export Adjustments	(0.672)
	<hr/> 29.244
Basic Entitlement (437Pupils @ £4,877.30)	2.131
Teachers pay/pension and supplementary	0.062
Additional funding Special Free School	0.018
Funding Settlement 2022/23	31.455
Transfer from Schools Block	0.700
Transfer from Central Schools Services Block	0.000
High Needs Block Budget 2022/23	32.155
Less Academy Recoupment	(6.214)
HNB Retained Budget 2022/23	25.941
2022-23 High needs additional funding	1.234
Total High Needs Funding 2022/23	27.175

High Needs Block 2022/23

- Thurrock has received an increase of £4.598m, which includes £1.234m of additional funding.
- Key areas:
 - Projected Outturn 2021/22 is a deficit of £0.890m.
 - Continued Year on Year Increase in EHCP's +10% against a population growth of +2%
 - Significant increase in Commissioned Numbers
 - Significant increase in Band Values from Sept-22
- Need to consider National Insurance / Health and Social Care Levy Supplementary Grant Apr-22 to Aug-22
- DSG Management Plan 2021/22 – Discussed Nov-21 and to be updated for Mar-22 meeting
- SF Mar-22 - Need to review the Schools Exclusion policy, to update the 2022/23 funding values, consider the date the recoupment starts from and funding of the travel implications.

HNB Projected Outturn 2021/22

Dedicated Schools Grant	2021/22 Revised Budget £m	2021/22 Projected Outturn £m	2021/22 Variance £m
High Needs Block	28.764	28.764	0.000
Import / export adjustments	(0.672)	(0.672)	0.000
	28.092	28.092	0.000
Schools Block transfer	0.673	0.673	0.000
Central Schools Services Block	0.200	0.200	0.000
High Needs Additional Funding	0.000	0.000	0.000
Funding Settlement	28.965	28.965	0.000
Place Funding	0.078	0.000	(0.078)
Place Funding Academies to be recouped	5.606	5.606	0.000
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Schools & Academies	2.900	3.198	0.298
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Resource Provisions	3.143	3.070	(0.073)
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Special Schools	5.457	5.070	(0.387)
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Alternative Provision	1.503	1.503	0.000
Top Up Funding - Other Local Authorities (4-16)	1.150	1.244	0.094
Top Up Funding - Post 16	2.000	2.833	0.833
Pupils not in School	0.300	0.441	0.141
Residential - Non Maintained and Independent	1.400	1.249	(0.151)
Non Residential - Non Maintained and Independent	1.879	2.010	0.131
Commissioned Services	1.129	1.135	0.006
Additional High Needs Targeted	0.100	0.146	0.046
Home Hospital Education Services	0.000	0.027	0.027
Travellers Team	0.045	0.043	(0.002)
Home to School Transport	1.600	1.600	0.000
High Needs Central Team	0.675	0.681	0.006
Contribution to DSG Deficit	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dedicated Schools Grant	28.965	29.855	0.890

Current and Projected Data

Number of EHCP's by Placement Type

ALL	Jan-20	Jan-21	Jan-22	Jan-23	Jan-24	Jan-25
Mainstream	844	771	837	911	1,073	1,234
Resource Bases	148	160	212	212	212	212
Special Schools	375	373	451	509	509	509
Hospital or AP	11	9	9	9	9	9
NMSS or Independent	49	49	66	71	79	84
Post 16 or FE	215	256	279	302	341	374
Other	0	143	96	93	93	93
Total	1,642	1,761	1,950	2,107	2,316	2,515
% Annual Increase		7%	11%	8%	10%	9%

Current and Projected Data Number of EHCPs by Primary Need

Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	435	477	544	588	646	702	47%
Hearing Impairment	33	36	40	43	47	51	42%
Moderate Learning Difficulty	298	323	333	360	396	430	33%
Multi- Sensory Impairment	3	3	4	5	5	5	67%
Physical Disability	105	106	113	122	135	145	37%
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	13	14	18	19	21	23	64%
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	325	332	371	401	440	478	44%
Speech, Language and Communications needs	323	358	418	450	496	539	51%
Severe Learning Difficulty	26	34	33	36	40	43	26%
Specific Learning Difficulty	22	23	23	25	27	30	30%
Visual Impairment	22	21	21	23	25	27	29%
Other Difficulty/Disability	34	34	32	35	38	42	24%
SEN support but no specialist assessment of need	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Total number of EHCPs by primary need	1,642	1,761	1,950	2,107	2,316	2,515	43%

DSG HNB – Commissioned Places 2022/23

- The long term strategy is to:
 - increase the local offer and reduce the number of out of area placements.
 - deliver improved outcome for young people
 - deliver improved value for money
- In 2021/22 Thurrock commissioned 623 places for pupils in special schools and specialist settings.
- In 2022/23 the commissioned numbers with the ESFA will increase to 732, this reflects the opened and planned expansion at Treetops Free School.
- The 2022/23 budget figure is higher at 806 reflecting the further development of Primary Autism and Secondary SEMH provision.

Thurrock Commissioned Places 2021-22 to 2022/23

Thurrock Commissioned Places	Total	Total	Total	Total
	2021/22 ESFA	2021/22 Updated	2022/23 ESFA	2022/23 Budget
LANSDOWNNE PRIMARY ACADEMY	8	10	8	10
STANFORD-LE-HOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL	5	5	5	5
ORTU CORRINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	20	20	20	20
DILKES ACADEMY	10	10	10	10
HARRIS ACADEMY CHAFFORD HUNDRED	20	20	20	20
ST CLERE'S SCHOOL	17	17	17	17
ORMISTON PARK ACADEMY	30	30	30	30
EAST TILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL	10	10	10	10
THAMESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	6	6	6	6
QUARRY HILL	10	10	10	10
WARREN PRIMARY	18	18	18	18
OLIVE AP ACADEMY - THURROCK	85	85	85	85
TREETOPS SCHOOL	309	316	318	318
TREETOPS FREE SCHOOL	0	60	100	100
BEACON HILL ACADEMY	75	75	75	75
ACADEMY - ESFA	623	692	732	734
CHAFFORD HUNDRED PRIMARY	3	3	0	3
STANFORD-LE-HOPE SCHOOL	3	3	0	3
INCREASE TO SPECIAL PROVISION	8	0	0	16
NEW SECONDARY SEMH PROVISION	20	30	0	30
NEW AUTISM PROVISION	0	20	0	20
THURROCK	657	748	732	806

Thurrock Band Values 2022/23 – Sept-22

A 4.25% uplift has been applied to Top Up funding, reflecting a 3% inflationary increase and 1.25% for the National Insurance increase.

Type of Provider	Band Descriptor	Band Value 2021/22	Place Funding	MPPG	Top Up Funding	Band Value 2022/23	
Special Schools & Academies	Special Band 1	£12,720	£10,000	£660	£2,148	£12,808	
	Special Band 2	£14,265	£10,000	£660	£3,758	£14,418	
	Special Band 3	£15,000	£10,000	£660	£4,524	£15,184	
	Special Band 4	£33,320	£10,000	£660	£23,623	£34,283	
	Special Band 5	£35,000	£10,000	£660	£25,374	£36,034	
AP	AP Band 1	£28,170	£10,000	£660	£18,254	£28,914	
Mainstream Schools & Academies with Specialist / Resource Provisions	Mainstream - Primary Band 1	£14,558	£6,000	£4,265	£4,564	£14,829	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 2	£18,935	£6,000	£4,265	£9,127	£19,392	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 3	£25,888	£6,000	£4,265	£16,375	£26,640	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 4	£27,948	£6,000	£4,265	£18,523	£28,788	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 5	£29,493	£6,000	£4,265	£20,133	£30,398	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 6	£31,038	£6,000	£4,265	£21,744	£32,009	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 7	£37,218	£6,000	£4,265	£28,187	£38,452	
	Mainstream - Primary Band 8	£41,338	£6,000	£4,265	£32,482	£42,747	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 1	£14,505	£6,000	£5,525	£3,221	£14,746	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 2	£18,935	£6,000	£5,525	£7,840	£18,935	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 3	£25,835	£6,000	£5,525	£15,033	£26,558	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 4	£27,895	£6,000	£5,525	£17,180	£28,705	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 5	£29,440	£6,000	£5,525	£18,791	£30,316	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 6	£30,985	£6,000	£5,525	£20,402	£31,927	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 7	£37,165	£6,000	£5,525	£26,844	£38,369	
	Mainstream - Secondary Band 8	£41,285	£6,000	£5,525	£31,139	£42,664	
	Mainstream - Nursery	£32,960	£0	£0	£34,360	£34,360	
	Education Health and Care Plans Hourly Rate		£10	£10			

Projected increase in cost of Resource Bases, Special Schools and AP Provision 2022/23

		Increase from 2021/22
2021/22 Cost of Resource Bases, Special Schools and AP Provision	£15,766,679	
2022/23 Cost of Resource Bases, Special Schools and AP Provision	£18,038,546	£2,271,867
<u>Growth</u>		
New Secondary SEMH - Sept 2022	£155,995	
New Primary Autism Provision - April 2022	£600,430	
Increase in Special School Provision	£99,493	
Treetops Free School Phased Opening +40	£548,904	£1,404,822
Inflation		£867,045
		<u>£2,271,867</u>

Draft High Needs Block Budget 2022/23

(A realistic budget that reflects increased demand)

Dedicated Schools Grant	2021/22 Revised Budget £m	2021/22 Projected Outturn £m	2022/23 Budget £m
High Needs Block	28.764	28.764	32.128
Import / export adjustments	(0.672)	(0.672)	(0.672)
	28.092	28.092	31.456
Schools Block transfer	0.673	0.673	0.700
Central Schools Services Block	0.200	0.200	0.000
High Needs Additional Funding	0.000	0.000	1.234
Funding Settlement	28.965	28.965	33.390
Place Funding	0.078	0.000	0.314
Place Funding Academies to be recouped	5.606	5.606	6.214
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Schools & Academies	2.900	3.198	3.502
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Resource Provisions	3.143	3.070	4.069
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Special Schools	5.457	5.070	5.859
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Alternative Provision	1.503	1.503	1.581
Top Up Funding - Other Local Authorities (4-16)	1.150	1.244	1.300
Top Up Funding - Post 16	2.000	2.833	3.000
Pupils not in School	0.300	0.441	0.450
Residential - Non Maintained and Independent	1.400	1.249	1.250
Non Residential - Non Maintained and Independent	1.879	2.010	2.050
Commissioned Services	1.129	1.135	1.175
Additional High Needs Targeted	0.100	0.146	0.100
Home Hospital Education Services	0.000	0.027	0.000
Travellers Team	0.045	0.043	0.050
Home to School Transport	1.600	1.600	1.600
High Needs Central Team	0.675	0.681	0.675
Contribution to DSG Deficit	0.000	0.000	0.200
Dedicated Schools Grant	28.965	29.855	33.390

High Needs Supplementary Grant Apr-22 to Aug-22

- Band Values Sept-22 but NI increase Apr-22
- Supplementary Grant Apr-22 to Mar-23
- One off Payment to providers for period Apr-22 to Aug-22

HN Supplementary Grant April 21 to August 2021	No. of Places	£155 (Pro Rata)	Calculated
LANSDOWNE PRIMARY ACADEMY	10	£65	£650
STANFORD-LE-HOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL	5	£65	£325
ORTU CORRINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	20	£65	£1,300
DILKES ACADEMY	10	£65	£650
HARRIS ACADEMY CHAFFORD HUNDRED	20	£65	£1,300
ST CLERE'S SCHOOL	17	£65	£1,105
ORMISTON PARK ACADEMY	30	£65	£1,950
EAST TILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL	10	£65	£650
THAMESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	6	£65	£390
QUARRY HILL	10	£65	£650
WARREN PRIMARY	18	£65	£1,170
CHAFFORD HUNDRED PRIMARY	3	£65	£195
STANFORD-LE-HOPE SCHOOL	3	£65	£195
OLIVE AP ACADEMY - THURROCK	85	£65	£5,525
TREETOPS SCHOOL	316	£65	£20,540
TREETOPS FREE SCHOOL	60	£65	£3,900
BEACON HILL ACADEMY	75	£65	£4,875
THURROCK	698		£45,370

DSG Management Plan

HNB Projected Outturn 2022/23 to 2024/25

Jan-22 Updated to reflect 2022-23 funding settlement	Outturn	Outturn	Total Projected Mitigated Expenditure			
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Total Expenditure	£	£	£	£	£	£
Mainstream	5,657,340	6,585,525	6,619,653	7,252,000	7,505,820	7,730,995
Resources	3,575,487	3,448,105	3,985,969	4,993,000	5,404,298	5,566,427
Special Schools	7,428,309	8,015,401	9,427,365	10,613,161	11,550,667	11,897,187
NMSS or Independent	3,321,260	2,844,849	3,238,000	3,300,000	3,300,000	3,300,000
Hospital School or AP	2,271,488	2,391,674	2,353,013	2,431,000	2,457,705	2,531,436
Post-16 or FE	1,368,431	1,266,314	2,883,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Other H2S Transport	1,787,000	1,787,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
Total	25,409,315	26,338,868	30,107,000	33,189,161	34,818,490	35,626,045
DSG HNB 2022-23				31,455,270	33,028,034	34,018,875
Transfer from SB				700,000	0	0
Actual Growth to be received in 2022/23 then 5% and 3%				1,233,891	1,295,586	1,334,453
DSG Assumed				33,389,161	34,323,619	35,353,328
DSG Deficit	678,000	95,000	(412,000)	200,000	(494,871)	(272,717)
Accumulated Deficit	(1,978,000)	(1,883,000)	(2,295,000)	(2,095,000)	(2,589,871)	(2,862,588)
Deficit Nov-21	(1,978,000)	(1,883,000)	(2,418,000)	(3,892,045)	(5,368,331)	(6,074,906)

High Needs Block Decision Required

- To agree the High Needs Block Budget of £33.390m in 2022/23.
- To agree to one-off Payments to providers to reflect increased grant to contribute to increase costs from the National Insurance / Health and Social Care Levy for the period April 2022 to August 2022

Early Years Block

Early Years

- 2020/21 - Deficit £0.455m
 - Significant Covid Support Provided
 - Guaranteed payments to providers based on historic census data £1m
 - Additional One off Payment for Covid related costs £0.235m
- 2021/22 – Projected deficit of £0.285m
 - Maximum support, full hourly increase, passported to providers
 - 39 weeks in financial year, only 38 weeks received from ESFA.
 - Increased demand for SEN Support
- 2022/23 - Additional funding: £160m 22/23, £180m 23/24 £170m 24/25
 - Thurrock's hourly funding rates have increase by 21p for 2 Year olds and 17p for 3 and 4 year olds, to reflect the costs of inflation and national living wage increases
- Thurrock will need to consider this information, the ongoing impact of Covid on Census numbers in 2022 and the Early Years Financial position for the 3 year period 2020/23, to understand options available.

DSG 2022/23 – Reduction in EY funding;

Return to the use of Jan-22 and Jan-23 census for EY funding in 2022/23

DSG Funding Blocks	Funding Settlement 2021/22	Funding Settlement 2022/23	Increase 2022/23
	£m	£m	£m
Schools Block	140.936	146.520	5.584
Central Services Block	1.783	1.688	(0.096)
High Needs Block	28.266	31.455	3.189
Early Years Block	12.877	10.734	(2.143)
Total	183.862	190.397	6.535

Early Years 2022/23

(Central Team to be funded from 3&4 YO funding allocation up to a maximum of 5%)

Early Years Block 2022/23	Numbers	(£ / hr)	£m	£m
3 and 4 year old universal entitlement funding	2,641	£4.77	7.181	
3 and 4 year old additional 15 hours entitlement	842	£4.77	2.291	
2 year old entitlement funding	322	£6.03	1.106	10.578
Early Years Pupil Premium			0.088	0.088
Disability Access Fund			0.069	0.069
Total Early Years Block			10.734	10.734
Early Years Budget 2022/23	£m	£m	£m	£m
3 and 4 year old universal entitlement funding	6.822			6.822
3 and 4 year old additional 15 hours entitlement	2.176			2.176
2 year old entitlement funding	1.106	10.104		1.106
Early Years Pupil Premium	0.088		0.088	0.088
Disability Access Fund	0.069		0.069	0.069
Early Years Central Team	0.474	0.474		0.474
Total Early Years Block	10.734	10.578	0.157	10.734

Deprivation – Increase to funding allocated

DEPRIVATION ANALYSIS FOR 3&4 YO	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23
	Annual Rate	Rate Per Hour	Annual Rate	Rate Per Hour
Band G - IDACI SCORE < 0.20	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Band F - IDACI SCORE 0.20 - 0.25	£75.00	£0.13	£125.00	£0.22
Band E - IDACI SCORE 0.25 - 0.30	£75.00	£0.13	£125.00	£0.22
Band D - IDACI SCORE 0.30 - 0.35	£150.00	£0.26	£175.00	£0.31
Band C - IDACI SCORE 0.35 - 0.40	£250.00	£0.44	£275.00	£0.48
Band B - IDACI SCORE 0.40 - 0.50	£350.00	£0.61	£375.00	£0.66
Band A - IDACI SCORE > 0.50	£500.00	£0.88	£500.00	£0.88
Budget	£163,793.20		£224,695.50	
Increase to Budget	£60,902.30			
EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM	£302.10	£0.53	£342.00	£0.60
DISABILITY ACCESS FUND	£615.00		£800.00	

SEN Support – Increased demand

SEN Support	3&4 YO	2YO	Total
Budget 2021/22	£130,000	£70,000	£200,000
Summer	£108,190	£19,290	£127,480
Autumn	£100,760	£27,260	£128,020
Spring	£100,000	£25,000	£125,000
Total 2021/22	£308,950	£71,550	£380,500
Projected Overspend 2021/22	(£178,950)	(£1,550)	(£180,500)
Budget 2022/23	£107,870	£92,130	£200,000
Cost to HNB	£201,080	(£20,580)	£180,500

3&4 Year Old Funding

ESFA Information	2021-22	2021-22	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23
	ESFA	Thurrock	ESFA	Thurrock	Comments
Budget Available	3,483.46		£9,628,021	£11,032,442	
3 & 4 Year Olds	£4.60	£4.36	£4.77	£4.48	Maximum hourly increase affordable
2022-23 Hourly Increase			£0.17	£0.12	
Percentage Increase			4%	3%	
Thurrock 3&4 YO Funding	2021-22	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23
	Thurrock	Estimated	ESFA	Thurrock	Comments
ESFA Entitlement		4,000.00	£10,875,600		Termly Census-21 data used
Summer 21	4,683.63	4,800.00		£3,870,720	
Autumn 21	3,121.01	3,200.00		£3,010,560	
Spring 21	3,929.30	4,000.00		£3,225,600	
Deprivation	£163,793			£224,696	Increased funding = 3p Per hour
SEN Support	£130,000			£107,870	Reduction in funding
Early Years Pupil Premium			£88,042	£88,042	Funding Allocation
Disability Access Fund			£68,800	£68,800	Funding Allocation
Early Years Central Team	£518,000			£436,155	Reduction in funding 5% = £0.474m
Cost Implication			£11,032,442	£11,032,442	

2 Year old funding

ESFA Information	2021-22	2021-22	2022-23	2022-23
	ESFA	Thurrock	ESFA	Thurrock
Budget Available	321.92		£1,106,471	£1,805,784
2 Year Olds	£5.82	£5.23	£6.03	£5.44
2022-23 Hourly Increase			£0.21	£0.21
Thurrock 2YO Funding	2021-22	2021-22	2022-23	2022-23
	Thurrock	Estimated	ESFA	Thurrock
ESFA Entitlement	550	£6.03	£1,890,405	
Summer 21	549.20	£6.03		£537,773
Autumn 21	578.98	£6.03		£661,425
Spring 21	525.38	£6.03		£514,455
SEN Support		£70,000		£92,130
Cost Implication			£1,890,405	£1,805,784

East of England - Funding Context

East Of England	2021-22 EYNFF rate	2021-22 EYNFF rate without protections	17p uplifted applied	Minimum funding of £4.61 applied	2022-23 EYNFF rate
Hertfordshire	£5.52	£5.52	£5.69	£5.69	£5.69
Peterborough	£5.05	£5.05	£5.22	£5.22	£5.22
Luton	£4.94	£4.94	£5.11	£5.11	£5.11
Bedford	£4.70	£4.70	£4.87	£4.87	£4.87
Essex	£4.61	£4.61	£4.78	£4.78	£4.78
Thurrock	£4.60	£4.60	£4.77	£4.77	£4.77
Cambridgeshire	£4.56	£4.56	£4.73	£4.73	£4.73
Southend-on-Sea	£4.54	£4.54	£4.71	£4.71	£4.71
Central Bedfordshire	£4.44	£4.35	£4.52	£4.61	£4.61
Norfolk	£4.44	£4.32	£4.49	£4.61	£4.61
Suffolk	£4.44	£4.18	£4.35	£4.61	£4.61

Summary

The hourly rates to be paid to all providers from April 2022 will be:

2 Year Olds	£5.44	An increase of 21p hour
3 and 4 Year Olds	£4.48	An increase of 12p per hour

DEPRIVATION ANALYSIS FOR 3&4	Annual Rate	Rate Per Hour
Band G - IDACI SCORE < 0.20	£0.00	£0.00
Band F - IDACI SCORE 0.20 - 0.25	£125.00	£0.22
Band E - IDACI SCORE 0.25 - 0.30	£125.00	£0.22
Band D - IDACI SCORE 0.30 - 0.35	£175.00	£0.31
Band C - IDACI SCORE 0.35 - 0.40	£275.00	£0.48
Band B - IDACI SCORE 0.40 - 0.50	£375.00	£0.66
Band A - IDACI SCORE > 0.50	£500.00	£0.88
IDACI Postcode Score can be download from:		
http://imd-by-postcode.opendatacommunities.org/imd/2019		
EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM	£342.00	£0.60
DISABILITY ACCESS FUND	£800.00	
EYPP + £39.90 and DAF + £185		

Early Years Block Decision Required

- Agree to the increase in hourly rates with the following rates to be applied in 2022/23
 - 2 Year Old = £5.44
 - 3&4 Year Olds = £4.48
- Agree increase in deprivation rates in 2022/23, equal to a 3p per hour increase.
- Agree the Early Years Central Team budget of £0.436m, a reduction of £0.082m from 2021/22.

Next Steps

- Schools Funding Formula to be submitted to ESFA by 21st January
- ESFA approval to the formula is required before the budgets can be confirmed as final.
- Headteachers Briefing 27th January
- Schools Forum meeting Thursday 17th March:
 - DSG Management Plan 2021/22
- ESFA Meeting – March 2022 ?

- Teams Meeting for School Finance staff can be arranged if required ?



Any Questions ?

<u>Dedicated Schools Grant</u>		<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
		<u>Revised</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Budget</u>
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Outturn</u>		
		<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>
SB	Schools Block	140.263	139.520	(0.743)	145.820
CSSB	Central Services Block	1.583	1.563	(0.020)	1.688
HNB	High Needs Block	28.965	29.855	0.890	33.390
EYB	Early Years Block	12.877	13.162	0.285	10.735
Dedicated Schools Grant Funding Settlement		183.688	184.100	0.412	191.632
Less Academy Recoupment		(140.680)	(140.680)	0.000	0.000
Dedicated Schools Grant Received		(43.008)	(43.008)	0.000	0.000
(Under) / Overspend		0.000	0.412	0.412	191.632
SB	Maintained Schools Budgets	3.787	3.787	0.000	144.920
SB	Business Rates	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
SB	School Licences	0.131	0.131	0.000	0.000
SB	Growth Fund	1.271	0.528	(0.743)	0.899
CSSB	Statutory and Regulatory duties - Education	0.379	0.379	0.000	0.373
CSSB	Statutory and Regulatory duties - Finance	0.130	0.180	0.050	0.140
CSSB	School Place planning	0.029	0.029	0.000	0.027
CSSB	Admissions	0.280	0.206	(0.074)	0.280
CSSB	Schools Forum	0.010	0.007	(0.003)	0.010
CSSB	SACRE	0.010	0.017	0.007	0.010
CSSB	School Licences	0.000	0	0.000	0.137
CSSB	Contribution to Combined budgets	0.745	0.745	0.000	0.711
HNB	Place Funding	0.078	0.000	(0.078)	6.528
HNB	Top Up Funding - Thurrock Academies	2.900	3.198	0.298	3.502
HNB	Top Up Funding - Thurrock Resource Provisions	3.143	3.070	(0.073)	4.069
HNB	Top Up Funding - Thurrock Special Schools	5.457	5.070	(0.387)	5.859
HNB	Top Up Funding - Thurrock Alternative Provision	1.503	1.503	0.000	1.581
HNB	Top Up Funding - Other Local Authorities (4-16)	1.150	1.244	0.094	1.300
HNB	Top Up Funding - Post 16	2.000	2.833	0.833	3.000
HNB	Pupils not in School	0.300	0.441	0.141	0.450
HNB	Residential - Non Maintained and Independent	1.400	1.249	(0.151)	1.250
HNB	Non Residential - Non Maintained and Independent	1.879	2.010	0.131	2.050
HNB	Commissioned Services	1.129	1.135	0.006	1.175
HNB	Additional High Needs Targeted	0.100	0.146	0.046	0.100
HNB	Home Hospital Education Services	0.000	0.027	0.027	0.000
HNB	Travellers Team	0.045	0.043	(0.002)	0.050
HNB	Home to School Transport	1.600	1.600	0.000	1.600
HNB	High Needs Central Team	0.675	0.681	0.006	0.675
HNB	Contribution to DSG Deficit	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.200
EYB	3&4 Year old	10.572	10.951	0.379	9.192
EYB	2 year olds	1.787	1.674	(0.113)	1.106
EYB	Early Years Central Team	0.518	0.536	0.018	0.436
Dedicated Schools Grant		43.008	43.420	0.412	191.632

Local Authority Funding Reform Proforma

LA Name:	Thurrock
LA Number:	883

Primary minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS3 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS4 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary minimum per pupil funding level	Disapplication number where alternative MPFF values are used
£4,265	£5,321.00	£5,831.00	£5,525.00	

Pupil Led Factors

1) Basic Entitlement Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	Reception uplift	Pupil Units				0.00				
	Description	Amount per pupil	Pupil Units		Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)		
	Primary (Years R-6)	£3,326.38	17,451.00		£58,048,657	£111,965,890	40.08%	2.50%		
	Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£4,690.22	6,857.00		£32,160,839		22.20%	2.50%		
	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£5,285.81	4,116.00		£21,756,394		15.02%	2.50%		
2) Deprivation	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
	FSM	£470.00	£470.00	3,660.11	2,285.87	£2,794,611	£14,067,214	9.71%	0.00%	0.00%
	FSM6	£590.00	£865.00	4,163.78	2,988.20	£5,041,422			100.00%	100.00%
	IDACI Band F	£220.00	£320.00	3,618.19	2,274.25	£1,523,763			25.00%	25.00%
	IDACI Band E	£270.00	£425.00	2,566.39	1,507.95	£1,333,803			25.00%	25.00%
	IDACI Band D	£420.00	£595.00	1,732.44	1,043.78	£1,348,675			25.00%	25.00%
	IDACI Band C	£460.00	£650.00	914.53	495.39	£742,689			25.00%	25.00%
	IDACI Band B	£490.00	£700.00	942.06	640.89	£910,232			25.00%	25.00%
IDACI Band A	£640.00	£890.00	318.33	189.09	£372,019	25.00%			25.00%	
3) Looked After Children (LAC)	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
	LAC March 19		£0.00		137.10	£0	£0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
4) English as an Additional Language (EAL)	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
	EAL 3 Primary	£565.00		2,233.68		£1,262,031	£1,769,958	1.07%	0.00%	0.00%
EAL 3 Secondary		£1,530.00			189.78	£290,360		0.15%	0.00%	0.00%
5) Mobility	Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£925.00	£1,330.00	137.49	67.96	£217,567				
6) Low prior attainment	Description	Weighting	Amount per pupil (primary or secondary respectively)	Percentage of eligible pupils	Eligible proportion of primary and secondary NOR respectively	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
	Primary low prior attainment		£1,130.00	25.23%	4,402.33	£4,974,628	£8,822,275	6.09%	100.00%	100.00%
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 7)	64.53%		20.00%						
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 8)	64.53%		19.98%						
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 9)	64.53%		19.01%						
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 10)	63.59%	£1,710.00	22.04%	2,250.09	£3,847,646				
Secondary low prior attainment (year 11)	58.05%		21.81%							

Other Factors

Factor	Lump Sum per Primary School (£)	Lump Sum per Secondary School (£)	Lump Sum per Middle School (£)	Lump Sum per All-through School (£)	Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)
7) Lump Sum	£121,300.00	£121,300.00			£6,307,600	4.35%	0.00% 0.00%
8) Sparsity factor	£0.00	£0.00			£0	0.00%	0.00% 0.00%
Rows 46 to 49 are populated with the NFF methodology, please leave this as is if you wish to follow the NFF. As per the Operational Guidance, the distance thresholds can be increased or the year group size thresholds decreased and the distance threshold taper is optional. An alternative method of allocation to the NFF's average year group size taper can be chosen: the continuous taper (Tapered) or fixed sum (Fixed). Examples of each are provided in the Operational Guidance.							
Primary distance threshold (miles)	2.00	Primary pupil number average year group threshold	21.40	Apply primary distance taper	Yes	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity primary lump sum?	NFF
Secondary distance threshold (miles)	3.00	Secondary pupil number average year group threshold	120.00	Apply secondary distance taper	Yes	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity secondary lump sum?	NFF
Middle schools distance threshold (miles)	2.00	Middle school pupil number average year group threshold	69.20	Apply middle school distance taper	Yes	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity middle school lump sum?	NFF
All-through schools distance threshold (miles)	2.00	All-through pupil number average year group threshold	62.50	Apply all-through distance taper	Yes	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity all-through lump sum?	NFF
9) Fringe Payments					£0	0.00%	
10) Split Sites					£0	0.00%	0.00%
11) Rates					£736,286	0.51%	0.00%
12) PFI funding					£0	0.00%	0.00%
13) Exceptional circumstances (can only be used with prior agreement of ESFA)							
Circumstance					Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)
Additional lump sum for schools amalgamated during FY21-22					£0	0.00%	0.00% 0.00%
Additional sparsity lump sum for small schools					£0	0.00%	0.00%
Exceptional Circumstance3					£0	0.00%	0.00%

Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG Funding Total)	£143,669,222	99.19%	
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14) Additional funding to meet minimum per pupil funding level	£1,171,756	0.81%	100.00%
Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding MFG Funding Total)	£144,840,978	100.00%	

15) Minimum Funding Guarantee	2.00%	£91,561	
Where a value less than 0.5% or greater than 2% has been entered please provide the disapplication reference number authorising the value			
Apply capping and scaling factors? (gains may be capped above a specific ceiling and/or scaled)			
Capping Factor (%)		Scaling Factor (%)	No
Total deduction if capping and scaling factors are applied			
£0			
MFG Net Total Funding (MFG + deduction from capping and scaling)		Total (£)	Proportion of Total funding(%)
		£91,561	0.06%
Total Funding for Schools Block Formula		£144,932,539	£19,392,395

High Needs threshold (only fill in if, exceptionally, a high needs threshold different from £6,000 has been approved)	
Additional funding from the high needs budget	£0.00
Growth fund (if applicable)	£887,138.74
Falling rolls fund (if applicable)	£0.00

Other Adjustment to 21-22 Budget Shares	£0
Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding)	£145,819,678
% Distributed through Basic Entitlement	77.30%
% Pupil Led Funding	94.33%
Primary: Secondary Ratio	1 : 1.36

22-23 NFF NNDR allocation	£736,286
Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding) after deduction of 22-23 NFF NNDR allocation	£145,083,392

Thurrock Schools Budgets 2022/23

URN	LAESTAB	School Name	NOR 2021/22 (Adjusted) A	NOR (Census Oct-21)	Sept-22 Growth	NOR (Adjusted Sept-22 Growth) B	Change in Pupil Numbers B - A	Budget after deduction of NNDR allocation 2021/22	Budget after deduction of 22-23 NFF NNDR allocation	Change in Budget	Notional SEN Budget	Minimum per pupil funding; additional to meet minimum funding level	22-23 MFG Adjustment	22-23 Post MFG per pupil Budget	Per Pupil Value 2021/22
Total			28,137	28,124	300	28,424	288	£138,313,531	£144,196,253	£5,882,723	£19,392,395	£1,171,756	£91,561		
139605	8833822	Abbots Hall Primary School	270	276	30	306	37	£1,144,292	£1,320,827	£176,535	£140,592	£0	£0	£4,316	£4,261
143378	8832439	Arthur Bugler Primary School	424	421		421	(3)	£1,772,320	£1,795,565	£23,245	£253,539	£95,456	£0	£4,265	£4,192
146818	8832014	Aveley Primary School	446	430		430	(16)	£1,957,727	£1,991,537	£33,810	£311,334	£0	£0	£4,631	£4,407
139105	8832542	Belmont Castle Academy	647	648		648	1	£2,704,460	£2,777,092	£72,632	£351,454	£0	£0	£4,286	£4,200
139382	8832003	Benyon Primary School	268	297	30	327	59	£1,236,253	£1,525,589	£289,336	£207,221	£0	£0	£4,665	£4,626
148209	8832722	Bonnygate Primary School	402	408		408	6	£1,762,478	£1,837,099	£74,621	£223,124	£0	£0	£4,503	£4,404
144603	8832013	Bulphan Church of England Academy	78	76		76	(2)	£422,907	£421,051	(£1,856)	£31,799	£0	£9,771	£5,540	£5,447
143149	8832011	Chadwell St Mary Primary School	208	209		209	1	£1,041,785	£1,064,709	£22,924	£153,243	£0	£20,564	£5,094	£5,025
141897	8832462	Deneholm Primary School	409	414		414	5	£1,709,620	£1,801,199	£91,579	£228,387	£0	£0	£4,351	£4,194
139104	8832622	Dilkes Academy	451	449		449	(2)	£1,947,522	£1,994,036	£46,514	£262,162	£0	£0	£4,441	£4,337
138065	8832824	East Tilbury Primary School	657	666		666	9	£2,754,925	£2,878,245	£123,320	£352,051	£0	£0	£4,322	£4,217
140720	8832942	Giffards Primary School	438	438		438	0	£1,832,975	£1,904,231	£71,256	£266,871	£0	£0	£4,348	£4,200
139613	8832137	Graham James Primary Academy	419	415		415	(4)	£1,751,420	£1,769,975	£18,555	£227,639	£22,756	£0	£4,265	£4,197
138349	8832987	Harris Primary Academy Chafford Hundred	621	628		628	7	£2,595,780	£2,678,420	£82,640	£398,556	£199,761	£0	£4,265	£4,225
140938	8832008	Harris Primary Academy Mayflower	906	926		926	20	£3,787,080	£3,949,390	£162,310	£567,991	£230,544	£0	£4,265	£4,197
138962	8832644	Herringham Primary Academy	413	402		402	(11)	£1,873,368	£1,912,296	£38,928	£288,677	£0	£0	£4,757	£4,552
146296	8833605	Holy Cross Catholic Primary School	208	204		204	(4)	£946,901	£954,518	£7,617	£101,555	£0	£0	£4,679	£4,580
146708	8835281	Horndon-On-the-Hill CoFE Primary School	198	200		200	2	£843,517	£872,149	£28,632	£84,343	£0	£0	£4,361	£4,277
138735	8835266	Kenningtons Primary Academy	415	399		399	(16)	£1,781,055	£1,768,784	(£12,271)	£229,030	£0	£0	£4,433	£4,311
138048	8832000	Lansdowne Primary Academy	613	610		610	(3)	£2,912,796	£3,015,254	£102,457	£528,614	£0	£0	£4,943	£4,773
147215	8832015	Little Thurrock Primary School	614	618		618	4	£2,566,520	£2,635,770	£69,250	£370,506	£123,235	£0	£4,265	£4,200
144587	8833502	Orsett Church of England Primary School	208	205		205	(3)	£881,556	£900,505	£18,949	£89,423	£0	£0	£4,393	£4,258
140013	8832006	Ortu Corringham Primary School	408	420		420	12	£1,705,440	£1,791,300	£85,860	£255,750	£60,396	£0	£4,265	£4,199
139380	8832002	Purfleet Primary Academy	561	552		552	(9)	£2,459,396	£2,551,198	£91,802	£367,322	£0	£0	£4,622	£4,407
139576	8832005	Quarry Hill Academy	421	420		420	(1)	£1,850,311	£1,900,973	£50,662	£273,153	£0	£0	£4,526	£4,424
139166	8832985	Shaw Primary Academy	409	406		406	(3)	£1,798,539	£1,844,050	£45,512	£231,156	£0	£0	£4,542	£4,415
144448	8832429	Somers Heath Primary School	380	416		416	36	£1,689,118	£1,906,976	£217,858	£280,171	£0	£0	£4,584	£4,465
146300	8833512	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	210	203		203	(7)	£923,107	£923,069	(£38)	£101,843	£0	£0	£4,547	£4,424
146867	8833522	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	210	210		210	0	£1,018,497	£1,049,079	£30,582	£120,379	£0	£0	£4,996	£4,880
146299	8833603	St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School	606	615		615	9	£2,533,080	£2,622,975	£89,895	£356,858	£71,557	£0	£4,265	£4,199
139566	8832004	Stanford-Le-Hope Primary School	394	396		396	2	£1,668,528	£1,723,342	£54,814	£214,341	£0	£0	£4,352	£4,257
141877	8832009	Stifford Clays Primary School	606	598		598	(8)	£2,533,080	£2,550,470	£17,390	£377,313	£31,084	£0	£4,265	£4,197
138581	8832001	Thameside Primary School	773	789		789	16	£3,492,971	£3,689,127	£196,157	£622,183	£0	£0	£4,676	£4,541
138334	8832024	The Gateway Primary Free School	408	414		414	6	£1,952,833	£2,058,823	£105,989	£357,581	£0	£0	£4,973	£4,821
140832	8832007	Tilbury Pioneer Academy	432	432		432	0	£2,029,603	£2,101,559	£71,956	£315,192	£0	£0	£4,865	£4,709
141070	8832984	Tudor Court Primary School	777	738		738	(39)	£3,247,860	£3,150,321	(£97,539)	£510,954	£196,501	£2,751	£4,269	£4,205
148172	8832078	Warren Primary School	412	411		411	(1)	£1,722,160	£1,752,915	£30,755	£249,461	£80,048	£0	£4,265	£4,207
139991	8832592	West Thurrock Academy	397	401		401	4	£1,708,460	£1,756,514	£48,055	£198,276	£0	£4,646	£4,380	£4,341
139106	8832472	Woodside Academy	630	631		631	1	£2,633,400	£2,691,215	£57,815	£379,837	£60,418	£0	£4,265	£4,196
115239	8834733	Grays Convent High School	660	641		641	(19)	£3,779,535	£3,814,422	£34,888	£408,951	£0	£0	£5,951	£5,739
137549	8834394	Harris Academy Chafford Hundred	992	994		994	2	£5,371,680	£5,494,960	£123,280	£503,797	£0	£0	£5,528	£5,465
147537	8834003	Harris Academy Ockendon	1,182	1,181		1,181	(1)	£6,982,829	£7,193,108	£210,279	£938,017	£0	£0	£6,091	£5,939
144750	8834002	Harris Academy Riverside	739	801		801	62	£4,239,890	£4,796,702	£556,812	£597,047	£0	£0	£5,988	£5,780
135960	8836906	Ormiston Park Academy	660	656		656	(4)	£4,141,657	£4,263,659	£122,002	£663,203	£0	£0	£6,499	£6,316
147847	8834004	Orsett Heath Academy	191	189	120	309	118	£1,180,150	£1,868,568	£688,419	£201,440	£0	£53,829	£6,047	£6,179
136854	8835439	Ortu Gable Hall School	1,194	1,130		1,130	(64)	£6,783,767	£6,646,287	(£137,481)	£805,493	£0	£0	£5,882	£5,716
143424	8834001	Ortu Hassenbrook Academy	531	573		573	42	£3,267,774	£3,606,995	£339,221	£528,837	£0	£0	£6,295	£6,188
137456	8835440	St Clere's School	1,355	1,361		1,361	6	£7,752,245	£8,083,509	£331,264	£1,018,452	£0	£0	£5,939	£5,745
147853	8834005	Thames Park Secondary School	181	186	120	306	125	£1,124,529	£1,881,931	£757,402	£235,394	£0	£0	£6,150	£6,213
133114	8836905	The Gateway Academy	1,054	1,072		1,072	18	£6,759,104	£7,131,523	£372,420	£1,190,950	£0	£0	£6,653	£6,480
139578	8834000	The Hathaway Academy	782	705		705	(77)	£4,757,670	£4,472,212	(£285,458)	£625,900	£0	£0	£6,344	£6,108
137214	8835438	William Edwards School	1,269	1,244		1,244	(25)	£6,979,061	£7,110,228	£131,167	£795,036	£0	£0	£5,716	£5,525

THURROCK SCHOOLS FORUM REPORT

DATE:	18 January 2022
SUBJECT:	Growth and Falling Rolls Fund 2022/23
REPORT OF:	Sarah Williams
THE REPORT IS:	For Decision

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks for the Schools Forum to agree to the process for the allocation of growth funding for schools and academies who take bulge classes or expanding schools and academies whereby schools and academies increase their published admission number at the request of the Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To agree the proposed criteria for schools and academies accessing funding allocated for growth for the academic year 2022/23
- 2.2 To agree a Growth Fund budget for the financial year 2022/23 of £887,139
- 2.3 To keep under review the need to establish a Falling Rolls Policy

3. GROWTH FUND

- 3.1 Following the annual review of Pupil Place Plan and school places across Thurrock the Strategic Leads for Education Support Services and Finance Children Services and DSG have worked together to present the forecasted growth budget for 2022/23
- 3.2 The local authority continues to work with schools and academies to ensure that there is a sufficiency of school places to meet local demand across the borough. In certain circumstances this may involve increasing the published admission number (PANS) in those schools and academies where existing places are deemed insufficient to meet projected local demand. Currently the local authority, through basic need funding, supports the capital cost of any required expansion and bulge classes, if that expansion or bulge class has been agreed as part of the pupil place planning process.

Growth Criteria

- 3.3 The Schools Revenue Funding 2022/23 Operational Guide Arrangements published by the ESFA outlines the principles for a growth fund. Local authorities may centrally retain funding within the schools block in order to create a growth fund to support schools and academies which are required to provide extra places in order to meet basic need within the authority, including pre-opening.

3.4 The growth fund may not be used to support schools and academies in financial difficulty. Growth funding in Thurrock will be applied in the following circumstances:

- where a school or academy has agreed with the authority to provide additional places (30 places) to meet basic need in the area (either as a bulge class or on-going commitment).
- support where a schools and academy has increased its PAN in agreement with the local authority to meet basic need in the area.
- Funding will be for a full class of 30 children, funded for one year only. For example from September to the following August. There will then be an annual review of the numbers in the bulge class using the summer census. Funding in the second year will be based on the difference in actual numbers of children on roll between the summer and October census. No funding will be provided in year 3.

3.5 Growth funding will not apply in the following circumstances:

- For any PAN increases which are not agreed with the local authority as part of the place planning process to meet basic need in the area.
- Where pupils are admitted above a schools and academies PAN as a consequence of appeal, infant class size regulation exceptions or error in the school admissions process.
- The fund will not be applied retrospectively and will only apply to increases in class size agreed with the council.
- Funding will not be provided following the October census whereby the class is not full to capacity.

Funding Requirements 2022/23

3.6 The local authority is required to publish the methodology used to provide additional growth funding to schools and academies and it must be applied in the same way regardless of the type of school.

3.7 The Minimum per pupil value for Primary £4,265 and Secondary KS3 £5,321 will be applied to the number of additional pupils not funded within the budget share up to the agreed PAN, which has been derived as a consequence of basic need in the area.

- 3.8 The Local Authority has received within the DSG Schools Block funding allocation the following growth fund:

Table 1: Thurrock DSG Schools Block Growth Fund Allocation 2022/23

Thurrock Growth Fund Allocation 2022/23	Eligible Pupil Growth	Eligible Pupil Value	Area Cost Adjustment	Total
Primary	197.5	£1,485	1.038	£304,429
Secondary	479.5	£2,200	1.038	£1,094,972
Number of new schools	0	£70,800	1.038	£0
Total growth allocation	677.0			£1,399,401
2021/22 growth allocation	717.5			£1,758,167
2022/23 schools block				£146,519,678
Change in growth funding as % of 2022/23 SB DSG				0.24%

- 3.9 Thurrock has experienced significant growth in the area for a number of years. The table below shows existing commitments for summer 2022 and the areas currently identified within the Primary sector where additional places will be required from September 2022:

Table 2: Thurrock Growth Fund 2022/23

Pupil Growth 2022/23	Pupil Growth	Year Group	Growth Sept-22	Total	MPPV	Total Cost
Primary:						
Central Area	60	R	35.0	35.0	£4,265	£149,275
Tilbury Area	90	R	52.5	52.5	£4,265	£223,913
Corringham and Stanford	60	R	35.0	35.0	£4,265	£149,275
Aveley, Ockendon & Purfleet	30	R	17.5	17.5	£4,265	£74,638
Total	240		140.0	140.0		£597,100
Growth fund - Agreed 2021/22 Summer Term						£261,250
Unallocated						£28,789
Growth Fund Retained by LA						£887,139
Available to support HNB deficit - transfer from SB to HNB						£512,262
ESFA Growth Fund Allocation						£1,399,401

- 3.10 To support existing commitments and an additional 270 primary places from September 2021, a retained growth fund of £0.887m in 2022/23 is proposed. This is less than the funding allocation provided; the difference between the growth allocation and the amount required of £0.512m will be allocated to schools through the funding formula.

4. FALLING ROLLS FUND

- 4.1 The guidance issued allows local authorities to top-slice from the schools block to create a small fund to support good or outstanding schools and academies with falling rolls where growth in pupil numbers is expected within three years.
- 4.2 The guidance requires such funds to set out clear criteria containing objective trigger points for eligibility or qualification and a clear formula for calculating allocations.
- 4.3 The only mandatory requirement is that financial support provided via the falling rolls fund is available only to schools and academies judged good or outstanding at their last Ofsted inspection.
- 4.4 The key principles that drive the need to maintain a falling rolls fund are to ensure that places are secured that will be required in the following two to three years (based on the latest demographic information available) and that neither the local authority, or schools/academies incur unnecessary costs in relation to short-term temporary losses in pupil numbers.
- 4.5 In consideration of the data available it is not considered that this would be appropriate as the conditions outline above would not be met within Thurrock in 2022/23. Officers will annually consider if circumstances require the development of a policy.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Schools Forum Report 19 January 2021 - Growth and Falling Rolls Fund

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Thurrock School Forum Forward Plan for 2021-2022

Date of meeting	Agenda item / Focus
17 March 2022	Thurrock Budget – Children’s Services
	Outcomes of disadvantaged children
	Dedicated Schools Grant 2021/22 – Projected Outturn
	Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan 2021/22
	ESFA Consultations – Standing
	Pupil Place Planning Review
	SEND success stories
	Education offer for SEND pupils
	19-25 growth data linked to cost increase
	Free Schools Update – Standing
23 June 2022	Dedicated Schools Grant 2021/22 – Outturn
	Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan 2021/22
	ESFA Consultations – Standing
	Union Facility Time Annual Review – Standing
	Review of Forward Plan 2022/23
	Meeting dates for academic year 2022/23
	Free Schools Update – Standing

Schools Forum
Draft Minutes of Meeting held 18 November 2021 at 10am
Microsoft Teams

In Attendance:

Multi Academy Trusts

Catalyst Academies Trust
ORTU Federation
Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust
South West Essex Community Education Trust
The Gateway Learning Community Trust (GLC)
Vines Schools Trust

Name

Mr T Parfett (Chair)
Dr S Asong
Mrs L Coates
Mr S Munday
Mr K Sadler
Mr S Santhaguru

Secondary Voluntary Aided School

Grays Convent

Name

Mrs P Johnson

Standalone Academy Trusts

Woodside Academy
Giffards Primary

Name

Mr E Caines
Mrs N Haslam-Davis

Infrastructure Groups

TASS
TPHA

Name

Mr S Bell
Mr R Latham

Alternative Provision

Olive AP

Name

Mr M Vickers

Special Schools

Treetops Academy
Beacon Hill Academy

Name

Mr J Brewer
Mrs S Hewitt

Non-school members

Diocese of Brentwood
0-11 Representative
11-19 Representative
0-5 EYFS Representative

Name

+Mrs M Shepherd
Ms Alison Jones
Dr J Revell
Mr A Melbourne

Also in Attendance

Mrs Michelle Lucas
Mr Malcolm Taylor
Mr David May
Miss Sarah Williams
Ms Andrea Winstone

Miss Teresa Lydon

Assistant Director, Education Skills
Strategic Lead – Specialist Provision/PEP
Strategic Lead – DSG and Schools
Service Manager, Education Support Service
Strategic Lead for School Effectiveness and
SEND Children's Services
Clerk

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone back.

2. Apologies for Absence:

No apologies were received. Mr M Taylor advised he would need to leave the meeting at 10.45am to attend another meeting.

3. Agreement of Agenda, Time-Guide and Notification of Any Other Business

- i) The Forum agreed the agenda and time guide. The Chair advised that Mr D May would share a presentation to present Items 5, 6, and 7.
- ii) Any Other Business – no other items was put forward before the meeting. The Chair asked if any nominations had been received for the Vice Chair position. Mrs P Johnson advised that Dr S Asong had been nominated by TASS. This will be discuss further in any other business.

4. Dedicated Schools Grant 2021/22 - Report

Mr D May went through his presentation. He advised that the DSG 2021/22 was currently forecasting a £0.535m overspend. The DSG deficit would therefore increase to £2.148m.

Schools Block(SB) – Based on currently commitments and historic level of spend it is currently forecasted an under spend of £0.594m.

Central Services Block(CSB) – this has a projected under spend of £0.025m due to a combination of salary slippage and savings in venue hire for the School Forum meetings.

High Needs Block(HNB) - This is the significant area of financial risk and can be broken down into four areas:

- The continued increase in the number of EHCP. The budget has been increased / realigned to reflect the expected cost in 2021/22 as quantified within the DSG Management Plan.
- The Post-16 position reflects 32 new places from September, 13 of which are placed in Independent Schools at a cost of £1m.
- Residential and Non-Residential Non-Maintained and Independent placements continuing to increase but can be contained within the funding allocation.
- Increase in supplying tuition packages for pupils not in School, costing £0.450m, a £0.150m overspend.

He advised that a review of the local offer and commissioned places available is Thurrock continues. There is a continued need to challenge schools on the use of the Notional SEN budget and the requirement to progress to an EHCP.

Early Years Block(EYB) – A risk remains in Early Years with funding allocations awaited for the 3 year period 2020/2023. In 2021/22 funding is to be based on a termly census whilst Thurrock local formula was developed using historic, pre Covid, full year data and recognised the change in numbers each term.

There were no questions from members at this stage.

AGREED

- a) 16 Forum members noted contents of the report and offered support and challenge.
- b) 16 Forum members agreed the financial position for 2021/22.
- c) 16 Forum members agree to receive regular updates on the 2021/22 projected outturn position.

5. High Needs Block Commissioned Placements - Report

Mr D May advised that the long-term strategy is to:

- Increase the local offer and reduce the number of out of area placements.
- Deliver improved outcomes for young people.
- Deliver improved value for money.

In 2021/22 the local authority commissioned 623 pupils in special schools or specialist settings. In 2022/23 the local authority is to increase commissioned numbers with the EFSA to 732 places which reflects the opening and planned expansion of Treetops Free School. Mr D May presented the proposed commissioned place for 2022/23 in Thurrock. This also reflected an additional 74 places reflecting the further development of Primary Autism and Secondary SEMH provision which will bring the total to 806.

Mr M Vickers asked why SEMH provision in 2022/23 is zero. Mr D May advised they do not have an establishment to assign it to as yet and don't know the potential start date. This will be included in the EFSA return when this provision is established. Mr M Taylor advised that the SEMH might take a different form and discussions are taking place at the moment.

Mr E Caines commented that he totally agrees we need to increase the number of places locally. He doubts however that this will meet the expanding need. He suggested that they look at children currently in specialist provisions who could be effectively taught in mainstream also making the initial decision more rigorous. He advised that the number of children coming into the borough is increasing. However he also feels that increasing places in the borough will attract more children out of borough. He asked if the places will cater for the current children with severe needs. Mr M Taylor advised that there is a lot of work taking place to share learning resources with mainstream schools to offer a broader range of activities. Mrs A Winstone advised they have successfully got some funding to give more training to the main stream schools. Mr M Taylor advised that some of the children with very complex needs may still need to be placed in residential placements out of borough.

Mrs S Hewitt asked about growth from 657 in 2021/22 to 806 in 2022/23, how many of those spaces are new or were they being used to move children from out of borough to in borough. Mr D May advised they are all new placements to prevent children going out of borough in the future. Data for 2022/23 will be presented under the Management Plan in this meeting. Mrs S Hewitt asked if they had a graph to show what this would look like. Mr D May advised that 100 of the places relate to Treetops Free School. Mr M Taylor advised it is a combination of both. Some children in primary

schools with very complex needs will move to Treetops. The long-term plan is to prevent having to move children out of borough in the future.

Mrs L Coates commented that the two primary provisions in the Osborne Trust which has 16 commissioned places was not increasing. She advised they have two spaces left for the rest of the academic year. She asked what the LA's position on the growth was. This limited the outreach capability. Mr M Taylor advised that they have been able to offer more turn around places as exclusions have been low.

Children who have gone through the SEN system and have an EHCP in the longer term would be moved to the Quarry hill or Dilkes Academy provision or may be able to attend another mainstream school if possible.

Mr D May spoke about the Band values. In 2022/23 it is proposed the following changes would be implemented

Resource Bases - Increase to Basic per Pupil Values

- Primary 2021/22 = £4,180 2022/23 = £4,265
- Secondary 2021/22 = £5,415 2022/23 = £5,525

Top up funding would receive a 4.25% uplift. This is consistent with the 3% inflationary increase applied through the National Funding Formula and includes 1.25% for the National Insurance increase.

Mr M Vickers would like to place on record his thanks to Thurrock for taking this proactive approach in challenging financial times and the ongoing commitment to working to meet local needs of a wide range of vulnerable pupils needs to be acknowledged.

Mr D May advised that they are looking to give a 4.25% uplift to the High Needs Block outreach services in 2022/23.

Mr R Latham asked if they have reviewed the Outreach service to see the impact. Mr M Taylor advised that this has happened at TASS but not THPA as yet.

AGREED

- a) All Forum members considered and commented on the information provided in the report.
- b) 17 Forum members support the commissioned numbers for 2022/23 that were required to be submitted to the ESFA on 12th November 2021. 1 abstained.
- c) 17 Forum members approved the increase in band values to be applied from September 2022, as shown in Appendix 1. 1 abstained
- d) 13 Forum members approved the increase in the funding to support the Outreach services from September 2022. 5 abstained.

6. DSG Management Plan - Presentation

Mr D May advised that conditions of grant require that any LA with an overall deficit on its DSG account at the end of the financial year, must be able to present a plan to the Department of Education (DfE) for managing their future DSG spend. His presentation shows the DSG management plan for 2021 to inform the budget settings for 2022/23.

He advised there are 3 Key areas.

1. Education Health & Care Plans – Mr D May commented we need to know the data. He went through the current and projected data. He advised we need to increase the local offer – SEMH and Autism are required. Early Years and Post 16 are areas of significant growth. A deep dive report 2021 explained Thurrock context and stated that reducing health inequalities would have an impact in the long term on the need for SEND provision.

Schools need to continue to be fully inclusive and to admit children with EHCPs by making reasonable adjustments. They must use their notional SEND budget before making requests for additional funding. They must ensure the graduated Assess-plan-do review processes are undertaken and the Provision guidance is used to inform next steps before requests for EHCPs take place.

He advised that there is continued demand for under 5s and Post 16 and there is a higher proportion of EHCPs than our neighbouring Local Authorities.

2. Increased demand of specialist places – Mr D May advised that there is an increased demand in specialist places.

3. SEND review – Mr D May advised this is a national problem. There are insufficient funds to meet current demand. The High Needs block National Funding Formula is not responsive to local circumstances and needs to be reviewed and updated. Mr D May advised there is a lot of anticipation on the outcome of the SEND review and the publication of the SEND green paper which is expected in the first three months of 2022.

Mr A Melborne asked why some years are going up and some are coming down. Mr D May advised they are using pupil data linking with EHCP data to do the analysis. Some years may have a smaller group of children in the whole year group. Mr A Melborne asked why it is higher in Thurrock than neighbouring LAs. Mr D May advised it is linked to deprivation as the EFSA do not use the number of EHCPs to release funding. Mrs A Winstone advised that a deep dive into EHCPs shows that the threshold for issuing EHCPs was very rigorous. It is also about a number of families moving into the area for specialist places and also deprivation. Mrs S Hewitt would like to get more background on Post 16. Is the increase because they can now continue with an EHCP until they are 25 or is it families moving to Thurrock. She would like a breakdown. Do we know why it is growing so much? Mr D May advised that children Post 16 with EHCPs are choosing to stay in education. She would like some data on the age groups 19 to 25. Mrs A Winstone advised that post 16 team also work with all young people in the borough to determine whether they need their plans ceased as they are now working or have asked to have their plan ceased. Mrs M Lucas advised they are very clear in what they need to do to close plans for those not in education employment or training but these children are very vulnerable. A small number of plans are left open while they try to get these young people to re-engage. Mrs S Hewitt advised that the offer extended from 19 to 25 with no extra money in the pot is an issue.

Mr E Caines commented that some children are very difficult to teach and sometimes would be quite happy doing appropriate work they had the skills for in a safe environment. He feels that they would benefit more from things that are practical. Do they need to be in school? What can we teach them that is useful? What are they doing that they need the education support for at that

age of 19-25. Mrs M Lucas advised they need to bring back a report about the breadth of offer they have for Post 16. Inspire work closely with USP and SEC with a whole range of activities in places. There is also a range of support internship programmes. Mrs M Lucas is happy to bring back to the next meeting.

Mr E Caines thinks a café, farm or bicycle repair shop should be setup as an enterprise to support the children who could be in these settings and would not be exploited and get all the support and monitoring they need.

Mrs S Hewitt advised that a lot of this is already taking place. It is about finding things that match their interests. Mrs S Hewitt would like more information and data and the cost implications. Andrea advised they have 68 children who are post 16 and will bring back breakdown of data.

Action: A report on Post 16 and 19 to 25 data, the breadth of offer and some success stories would be brought to a future meeting of the schools forum.

AGREED

a) All Forum members noted contents of the presentation

4. Dedicated Schools Grant 2022/23 – Report & Presentation

Mr D May advised as a result of the current forecast of a deficit of £0.535m the outturn position would therefore increase to a deficit of £2.418m.

The High Needs Block remains the area of significant high risk, especially with the continued increase in EHCP's and the additional cost of out of borough placements

There is also a risk in Early Years with funding allocations awaiting for the 3 year period 2020/2023.

The key changes made by the ESFA to the National Funding Formula (NFF) in 2022/23 are:

- The core factors in the NFF will increase by 3%.
- The funding floor will ensure that every school is allocated at least 2% more pupil-led funding per pupil compared to 2021-22 allocation.
- The minimum per pupil funding levels will increase by 2%. This will mean that, next year, every primary school will receive at least £4,265 per pupil and every secondary school at least £5,525.

He advised that the High Needs Block increase in 2022/23 of £3.116m is welcome and reflects the change in methodology consulted on earlier in the year that was favourable to Thurrock. However, the number and complexity of EHCP's continue to increase and future budgets will need to reflect the associated increase in costs.

Mr A Melborne asked if we will definitely get an update on Early Years in December. Mr D May is confident this will happen as part of the funding announcement. He advised we need clarity on what the financial position is for all 3 years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2021/22. Mr A Melborne commented other pressures include rises in national minimum wage, national insurance and staff

shortages. He asked what happens if the Early Years funding does not break even. The Early Years block will need to breakeven in 2021/22, if not this would impact on funding available in 2022/23. Mr D May advised that as part of the January meeting we will consider all options and seek to maximise funding to providers.

Mr A Melborne advised that when staff payroll costs go up by 8% the settings would not be able to drive their fees up to match this rate increase. How can we protect this area? Mr D May advised we need more details and will passport as much funds as they can but will need to wait for facts and figures. Mr A Melborne asked if there was an under spend. Mr D May advised there was an overspend in 2020/21. If there was a surplus in 2021/22 this would be ring fenced to early years.

Mr D May spoke about Home to School Transport & Children Social Care placements. He advised that the home to school transport projected cost 2021/22 is £5.1m. This is an overspend of £0.8m against a budget of £4.3m. He advised that DSG makes a fixed contribution of £1.6m.

He advised that provisional allocation shows investment in Schools Block and High Needs Block. The High Needs Block shows projected pressure of £1.474m. He advised that the School Forum must decide whether to transfer 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block to support increase demand for Specialist placements and EHCPs. He also advised there is an in-year movement from Schools Block to High Needs Block during the 2020/21 academic year of £0.317m as pupils have moved to the High Needs Block.

Mrs S Hewitt asked if all LA's contribute to the DSG for transport. Mr D May advised this is dependent on decisions which were made in 2005/06. Up and down the country is different. The value transferred is a fixed amount.

Mr D May went through a number of scenarios to show the impact of a 0.5% transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block. Mr D May gave all members a breakdown by school for each option. He then focused on one school from this report to clarify why each school would be different.

Mr D May summarised that there was significant pressures in the whole system with no current long term solution to pressures in High Needs Block. They are awaiting the outcome of the SEND Review.

Mr D May advised that the maximum transfer is 0.5% which equals £0.706m.

Mr D May asked if there were any questions.

Mrs S Hewitt asked at what point they would not be able to move funds between blocks. Mr D May advised that this is likely to be when the Hard National Funding Formula is implemented. No date is fixed at this stage and further information should be received as part of the outcome of the consultation that ended September 2021.

Mr A Melborne asked if there is a parallel growth fund for early years. Mr D May advised not as early years funding is paid based on the termly census whereas schools are funded on the previous October count.

AGREED

- a) All Forum members notes the content of the report and offered support and challenge.
- b) All Forum members considered the 2022/23 information provided on both the Schools and High Needs Block financial position.
- c) 17 Forum members considered and approved the transfer of 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block 2022/23.
- d) All Forum members agreed to receive finalised information based on decisions made today at the January School Forum meeting
- e) All Forum members agreed the principles to be applied to updated 2022/23 data and finance to be received in December.

5. Childcare Sufficiency

Mrs A Winstone advised that the report outlined Thurrock's Annual Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2021. This report is part of a statutory duty as set out in the Childcare Act 2006. It recognises the regeneration opportunities locally and will look to support some of the national drivers around early year's education.

Thurrock Council will continue to support further early years & childcare development across the borough where re-generation and new housing is taking place.

Mrs A Winstone asked if there were any questions.

Mrs S Hewitt asked about provision of children with SEND in terms of childcare. She would like to know if The Sunshine centre was part of this report.

Action: Mrs A Winstone to find out if The Sunshine centre was part of the report.

Mr A Melborne advised staffing is an issue for all settings. There is an ever increasing need for places and this is a long term challenge. Mrs A Winstone advised they are helping new providers where they can. A big part of the problem is suitable premises that are available. Mr A Melborne asked what happens in the Wards that need additional places. Mrs A Winstone advised that as part of Miss S William's role in Pupil Place Planning all new builds would be asked to provide S106 money for nursery places. They are also looking for new providers to come forward and they will help with the setting up.

AGREED

All forum members noted the contents of the Annual Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2021.

6. Outcomes of Disadvantaged Children – Oral Update

Mrs M Lucas advised that they met as a working party and Mr J Revell in partnership with Dr S Asong were going through the latest dataset. They will be able to report back to the next school forum.

Dr S Asong advised there is an urgency for change management. Mr R Latham advised this should be presented at TASS and THPA to get wider engagement.

Action: Mrs M Lucas to report datasets at next school forums and present the dataset at TASS and THPA

AGREED

a) All forum members noted the contents of the report.

7. School's Forum Forward Plan

Miss S Williams shared with members the forward plan for the next meetings in this academic year. Mrs M Lucas commented that there is an emphasis on early years and there is an increase in EHCPs from this area. She advised has emailed health to see if there is any support we could put in early years to help. This needs to be added to the forward plan.

Action 3: Miss S Williams to add Early Years to January agenda. Miss S Williams to add the following items to the forward plan:

- 1.1 19-25 growth data linked to cost increase
- 1.2 SEND success stories
- 1.3 Education offer for SEND pupils

8. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 16 September 2021

The Chair went through the Minutes of the previous meeting for accuracy.

All members were happy with the content.

9. Matters Arising

None.

10. Any Other Business

Mr T Parfett advised that Dr Asong has had her name put forward for Vice Chair by TASS. Dr S Asong advised that she thought she would be a place holder until TASS agreed a new placement. Mr S Bell advised they all agreed that Dr S Asong should be Vice Chair. All members agreed.

Mr Tony Parfett thanked Mr D May for the clarity he always provides in his reports.

11. Date of next meeting

Thursday 13 January 2022 – Virtual meeting MS Teams