

THURROCK SCHOOLS' FORUM

16 January 2020 at 8:30am
Orsett Hall, Jaguar Bar
Prince Charles Avenue
Orsett, RM16 3HS
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AGENDA

Primary Academies

Head teacher – Kenningtons	Ms J Sawtell-Haynes
Head teacher – Abbotts Primary	Mrs L James
Principal – Woodside Academy	Mr E Caines – Vice Chair
Headteacher – Giffards Primary	Mrs N Haslam-Davis
CEO – Catalyst Academies Trust	Mr T Parfett
Head teacher- East Tilbury Primary and Nursery	Mrs L Coates

Primary Maintained Schools

Head teacher – Aveley Primary	Mrs N Shadbolt
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Secondary Academies

CEO – Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust	Mr P Griffiths – Chair
Principal – Harris Academy Chafford Hundred	Mrs N Graham
CEO – South West Essex Community Education Trust	Mr S Munday
CEO – ORTU Federation Ltd	Dr S Asong
Governor – Hathaway Academy	Mr S Sweeting

Secondary Maintained Schools

Head teacher – Grays Convent	Mrs P Johnson
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Special Academy

Head teacher – Treetops School	Mr J Brewer
Head teacher-Beacon Hill Academy	Ms S Hewitt

Olive AP Academy

Executive Head teacher	Ms C Hunnisett
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Non School Members

Diocese of Brentwood	Mrs M Shepherd
Diocese of Chelmsford	Miss S Jones
0-11 Representative	Ms A Jones
11-19 Representative	Dr J Revill

Introductory Items		
Item	Item	Time Guide
1.	Welcome from Chair	1 min
2.	Apologies for Absence	2 mins
3.	Agreement of agenda, time-guide and notification of 'Any Other Business'	2 mins
Items for Decision		
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presented by Sarah Williams 	10 mins
Items for Information		
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated Schools Grant 2020/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presented by David May 	60 mins
Closing Items		
7.	Matters Arising	5 mins
8.	Any Other Business	5 mins
9.	Date of next meeting 12 th March 2020 4.00p.m Orsett Hall, Gold Room	

THURROCK SCHOOLS FORUM REPORT

DATE:	16 January 2020
SUBJECT:	Growth Fund
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 who take bulge classes or expanding schools whereby schools 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. This includes the change from the Basic per pupil Entitlement to the Minimum per Pupil Values.
- 2.2 To agree a Growth Fund budget for 2020/21 of £1,385,429.

3. MAIN BODY OF REPORT

- 3.2 Following the annual review of Pupil Place Plan and school places across Thurrock the Specialist Education Service Manager and Strategic Lead DSG and Schools have worked together to present the forecasted growth budget for 2020/21
- 3.3 The local authority continues to work with schools 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 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

- 3.4 The Schools Revenue Funding 2020/21 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 which are required to provide extra places in order to meet basic need within the authority, including pre-opening.

- 3.5 The growth fund may not be used to support schools 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 school 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.
- 3.6 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 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 2020/21

- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 The Minimum per pupil value for Primary £3,750 and Secondary KS3 £4,800 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. This is a change from the previous policy where the Basic per Pupil Entitlement was used. This change reflects the ESFA change in policy and the requirement for each school to receive the minimum per pupil value.

- 3.9 The Local Authority have received in the schools funding block the following growth fund allocation:

Table 1: Thurrock DSG Schools Block Growth Fund Allocation 2020/21

	Pupil Growth	Values	ACA	Total £m
Primary	273.5	£1,425	1.038	0.404
Secondary	444.0	£2,130	1.038	0.981
Number of new schools	0	£67,000	1.038	0.000
Total growth allocation	717.5			1.386
2019/20 growth allocation	806.0			1.748
Change in growth funding as % of 2019/20 SB DSG				(0.30%)

- 3.10 Thurrock has experienced significant growth in the area for a number of years. The table below provides justification for the retention of the £1.386m to support in year growth movement:

Table 2: Thurrock Growth Fund 2020/21

<u>Growth Fund Allocation</u>				
	Numbers	Budget	Outturn	Variance
2017/18	391	1,250,000	1,199,025	50,975
2018/19	480	1,471,506	1,307,153	164,353
2019/20	195	1,626,597	917,031	709,566
2020/21		1,385,429		
Primary		180	£3,750	675,000
Secondary		140	£5,000	700,000
Potential Cost 2020/21		320		1,375,000

- 3.11 In 2020/21 it is already known that additional primary provision of 60 is required in both the Tilbury and Aveley/Ockendon Areas.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Schools Forum Report 15th November 2018 - Growth Funding Arrangements

5. CONTACT DETAILS OF LEAD OFFICER / AUTHOR

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THURROCK SCHOOLS FORUM REPORT

DATE: 16 January 2020
SUBJECT: Dedicated Schools Grant 2020/21
REPORT OF: David May
THE REPORT IS: For Information

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 On 19 December, the Secretary of State for Education announced the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations for 2020/21, updated to reflect the October 2019 census data. The funding to be received has increased from £7.071m to £10.109m. The reason for the change, to that discussed in November, is the increase in pupil numbers of 584 from October 2018 to October 2019.
- 1.2 Thurrock Cabinet at its meeting on 12 December 2018 approved that the National Funding Formula would be implemented in full in 2020/21. This paper provides an update to the formula to be submitted to the ESFA by 21st January. The final formula and the detailed school funding allocations to be implemented in 2019/20 will be distributed at the meeting.
- 1.3 The High Needs Block continues to experience significant increase in demand and costs. It is proposed to transfer funding from the Schools Block £0.635m and the Central Services School Block £0.023m, subject to Schools Forum approval, to support the HNB budget.
- 1.4 The report contains proposed changes to the Early Years Funding Formula including increasing the hourly rates and changes to the deprivation quantum.
- 1.5 At the Schools Forum meeting on the 16 January a detail presentation will be made with key decisions required. This will build on the information discussed at the meeting in November.
- 1.6 School briefing sessions are scheduled for January 23 to inform schools and academies of their provisional funding allocation. An update will also be made at the Headteachers briefing on January 29.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 This report provides the overall context and background information to 2020/21 Dedicated Schools Grant. Schools' Forum members are asked to consider the attached report prior to the meeting.
- 2.2 Decisions required will be included within the presentation to be made at the meeting.

3. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2020/21

- 3.1 In September 2019, the government announced schools and high needs funding for the 3 year period 2020/21 to 2020/23. Additional investment will allow for cash increases of £2.6 billion next year, £2.2 billion in 2021/22 and £2.3 billion in 2022/23. On top of this, £1.5 billion will be provided each year to fund additional pension's costs for teachers, bringing the total schools budget to £52.2 billion in 2022/23.
- 3.2 The Government have confirmed, following the outcome of the consultation, that the minimum per pupil funding levels will be implemented and set at £3,750 for primary schools and £5,000 for secondary schools. In 2021/22, the primary value will rise to £4,000.
- 3.3 The High Needs NFF for 2020/21 will also have the same factors as at present. With over £700 million of additional funding, the formula will ensure that every local authority will receive an increase of at least 8% per head of 2 to 18 population through the funding floor.
- 3.4 The teachers' pay grant and teachers' pension employer contributions grant will both continue to be paid separately from the NFF in 2020/21.
- 3.5 On 19 December, the Secretary of State for Education announced details of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations for 2020/21. The tables below show the funding to be received in 2020/21. The reason for the change, to that discussed in November, is the increase in pupil numbers from October 2018 to October 2019:

Table 1: Funding Settlement – December 2019

	2019/20	2020/21	2020/21	Change	Change
	Nov-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Schools	119.434	124.531	127.474	5.097	8.040
Central Services	2.073	1.833	1.850	(0.240)	(0.223)
High Needs	23.253	25.468	25.464	2.215	2.211
Early Years	12.332	12.332	12.413	(0.000)	0.081
Total	157.093	164.164	167.201	7.071	10.109

4. SCHOOLS BLOCK

- 4.1 As announced in October planned increase in funding of £5.512m was expected to reflect the increase in funding values within the national funding formula for 2020/21.

Table 2: Impact of increase in funding values to be received:

Schools	2019/20 Pupil Nos.	GUF 2020/21	GUF 2019/20	Increase £m
Primary	17,035	£4,048	£3,869	3.053
Secondary	9,748	£5,478	£5,226	2.459
Total	26,783			5.512

- 4.2 As part of the new data release in December, that reflects the October 2019 census data, an additional 584 pupils are now being educated in Thurrock schools when compared to the October 2018 census. These additional pupils attract a guaranteed unit of funding (GUF) and an overall increase in funding of £2.968m.

Table 3: Change in pupil numbers and funding to be received:

Schools	2020/21 Pupil Nos.	2019/20 Pupil Nos.	Change Pupil Nos.	GUF 2020/21	Increase £m
Primary	17,195	17,035	160	£4,048	0.648
Secondary	10,172	9,748	424	£5,478	2.320
Total	27,367	26,783	584		2.968

- 4.3 In 2019/20 a formulaic approach was introduced for the allocation of growth funding to the LA. Growth is measured at the middle layer super output area to capture growth in small geographical areas within local authorities. The growth allocation is based on an amount per new primary pupil (£1,425) and an amount per new secondary pupil (£2,130), plus a lump sum (£67,000) for each brand new school. In 2019/20 Thurrock received protection of £0.212m. The decrease in growth funding reflects the movement to the new formula. The funding is line with what was expected.

Table 4: Growth Fund allocation 2020/21

	Pupil Growth	Values	ACA	Total £m
Primary	273.5	£1,425	1.038	0.404
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Number of new schools	0	£67,000	1.038	0.000
Total growth allocation	717.5			1.386
2019/20 growth allocation	806.0			1.748
Change in growth funding as % of 2019/20 SB DSG				(0.30%)

- 4.4 The total funding increase for the schools block is £8.040m that is shown in the table below:

Table 5: Schools Block Funding Change

Schools Block	£m	£m
2019/20		119.434
Increase in Funding	5.515	
Increase in Pupil Numbers	2.968	
Less change in Premises value	(0.080)	
Less Growth Fund 2019/20	(1.748)	
Add Growth Fund 2020/21	1.386	8.040
Schools Block 2020/21		127.474

5. THURROCK SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA

- 5.1 In considering the local formula for schools in 2020/21, officers engaged with Thurrock's Schools Forum and held briefing sessions with schools and academies during the autumn term.
- 5.2 Following discussions with Thurrock's Schools Forum and Schools in November the following approach has been agreed:
- National Funding Formula values, without the Area Cost Adjustment to be applied in full.
 - Confirmed pupil growth commitments for the 2020/21 to be included and funded through the local funding formula.
 - A transfer of up to 0.5% to be made from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block to support increase demand for Specialist placements and Education, Health and Care Plans.
 - Any unallocated funds once the funding formula has been implemented will be used to reduce the Minimum Funding Guarantee to the lowest possible figure to afford more protection to schools.
- This is consistent with the decision made by Thurrock Cabinet on 12 December 2018 that approved the National Funding Formula would be implemented in full in 2020/21.
- 5.3 The transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2020/21 of £0.635m (0.0498%) has been actioned.
- 5.4 The funding formula will be updated to reflect change in pupil numbers and funding allocations and the finalisation of 2020/21 rateable values.
- 5.5 The final formula and the detailed school funding allocations to be implemented in 2020/21 and submitted to the ESFA by 21st January will be distributed at the meeting.
- 5.6 Schools will need to consider carefully the change in pupil numbers and funding to be received. The key principle with the schools funding system is that the funding follows the child, with no protection afforded to reduction in pupil numbers.

6. CENTRAL SERVICES SCHOOLS BLOCK

6.1 The table below shows the confirmed funding allocation for 2020/21.

Table 6: Central Services Schools Block

			Funding £m
Actual CSSB unit of funding for ongoing functions			
Pupil Numbers	27,367		
Unit Value	£30.25		0.828
Actual funding for historic commitments			1.022
NFF 2020/21 CSSB funding			1.850

6.2 Historic Commitment funding in 2020/21 has reduced by 20%, with a protection so that no LA loses more than the equivalent of 0.5% of its 2019-20 schools block allocation. For Thurrock this is a £0.256m reduction and will be incurred for the next 5 years until the historic commitments is removed. This has been included in the Medium Term Financial Plan, as it is not possible to reduce the service provided.

6.3 The Central Services School Block budget allocation is shown in the table below. The majority of budget allocations for 2020/21 are a fixed contribution to statutory regulatory duties. An unallocated budget of £0.023m has been identified and it is proposed that this is transferred to the High Needs Block. The local authority is required to seek approval from the Schools Forum to the funding to be allocated within the Central School Services Block of the DSG.

Table 7: Central Services Schools Block Budget 2020/21

	Budget 2019/20 £m	Budget 2020/21 £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>	£0.352	£0.352
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>	£0.140	£0.140
School Place Planning	£0.053	£0.053
School Admissions	£0.230	£0.236
Servicing of Schools forum	£0.010	£0.014
SACRE	£0.010	£0.010
Contribution to High Needs Block	£0.000	£0.023
Contribution to Combined budgets	£1.278	£1.022
Total DSG - Central Services Schools Block	£2.073	£1.850

7. HIGH NEEDS BLOCK

- 7.1 Thurrock's allocation for 2020/21 has been confirmed as £25.464m, an increase from the 2019/20 allocation of £2.211m or 9.51%. The value of the increase nationally was a minimum increase of 8% with a maximum value set at 17%.
- 7.2 The table below includes the proposed transfers from other funding blocks that increases the budget available to £26.122m.

Table 7: High Needs Block Funding Change

High Needs Block	2020/21 £m
National Funding Formula 2020/21	24.222
Import / Export Adjustments	(0.444)
	23.778
Basic Entitlement (390Pupils @ £4,183.21)	1.631
Additional funding Special Free School	0.054
Funding Settlement 2020/21	25.464
Transfer from Schools Block	0.635
Transfer from Central School Services Block	0.023
High Needs Block Budget 2020/21	26.122
Less Academy Recoupment	(5.334)
HNB Retained Budget 2020/21	20.788

- 7.3 A very challenging and stretching balanced budget is proposed but the following key risks needs to be acknowledged and closely monitored throughout the year:

- Top Up Funding - Thurrock Schools & Academies - Budget to equal the 2019/20 forecasted outturn. Potential financial Risk £351,980;
- Top Up Funding - Other Local Authorities (4-16) - Budget to equal the 2019/20 forecasted outturn. Potential financial Risk £57,338;
- Top Up Funding - Post 16 - Budget to equal the 2019/20 forecasted outturn. Potential financial Risk £173,114;
- Pupils not in School - A 27% decrease in cost compared to 2019/20 forecasted outturn. Potential financial Risk £60,000;
- Residential - Non Maintained and Independent - A 16% decrease in cost compared to 2019/20 forecasted outturn to reflect increase in local offer. Potential financial Risk £300,000;
- Non Residential - Non Maintained and Independent - A 20% decrease in cost compared to 2019/20 forecasted outturn to reflect increase in local offer. Potential financial Risk £300,000;
- Additional High Needs Targeted - A 36% decrease in cost compared to 2019/20 forecasted outturn. Potential financial Risk £100,000;
- High Needs Central Team - An increase on projected outturn but less than 2019/20 budget. . Potential financial Risk £79,000.
- Total Potential Financial Risk £1,421,432.

Table 8: High Needs Block Budget 2020/21

High Needs Block	2019/20	2019/20	2020/21
	£m	£m	£m
High Needs Block	23.642	23.642	25.854
Import / export adjustments	(0.444)	(0.444)	(0.444)
HNB Free School Adjustment	0.054	0.054	0.054
	23.252	23.252	25.464
Schools Block transfer	0.595	0.595	0.635
Transfer from Central Services Schools Block	0.000	0.000	0.023
Funding Settlement	23.847	23.847	26.122
	Budget	Outturn	Budget
	£m	£m	£m
Place Funding	0.108	0.133	0.397
Place Funding Academies to be recouped	5.226	5.226	5.334
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Schools & Academies	1.667	2.848	2.848
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Resource Provisions	2.272	2.750	2.642
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Special Schools	3.614	3.680	4.156
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Alternative Provision	1.258	1.268	1.445
Top Up Funding - Other Local Authorities (4-16)	1.011	1.043	1.043
Top Up Funding - Post 16	1.166	1.727	1.727
Pupils not in School	0.000	0.204	0.150
Residential - Non Maintained and Independent	1.500	1.315	1.100
Non Residential - Non Maintained and Independent	1.800	1.373	1.100
Commissioned Services	1.158	1.233	1.170
Additional High Needs Targeted	0.200	0.308	0.200
Travellers Team	0.051	0.051	0.052
Home to School Transport	1.787	1.787	1.787
High Needs Central Team	1.030	0.880	0.971
High Needs Block Budget / Projected Outturn	23.847	25.827	26.122
Surplus / Deficit	0.000	1.979	0.000

7.4 Further detailed information will be included in the presentation to be made at the meeting

7.5 At the Headteachers Briefing on Wednesday 29th January it is proposed that High Needs Block is a key discussion item. Schools prior to the meeting are asked to consider creative solutions on how to manage the HNB.

7.6 The budget includes the following High Needs Block commissioned places for 2020/21:

Table 9: High Needs Block Commissioned places 2020/21

	Apr-20 To Aug-20	Sept-20 To Mar-21	Place Funding £m
Mainstream - Pre-16 SEN places funded at £6,000	112	112	0.672
Special - Pre-16 SEN places funded at £10,000	300	300	3.000
Special - Post-16 SEN Places funded at £10,000	68	68	0.680
AP - Pre-16 AP Places funded at £10,000	74	74	0.740
	554	554	5.092
<u>Additional Places from September 2020 to be updated by ESFA</u>			
Mainstream - Pre-16 SEN places funded at £6,000	0	24	0.084
Special - Pre-16 SEN places funded at £10,000	0	16	0.093
Special - Post-16 SEN Places funded at £10,000	0	0	0.000
AP - Pre-16 AP Places funded at £10,000	0	11	0.064
	0	51	0.242
<u>Thurrock to fund direct</u>			
Warren Primary - Pre-16 SEN places funded at £6,000	18	18	0.108
Mainstream - Pre-16 SEN places funded at £6,000	24	20	0.130
Special - Pre-16 SEN places funded at £10,000	16	8	0.113
AP - Pre-16 AP Places funded at £10,000	11	0	0.046
	69	46	0.397
Total	623	651	5.731

7.7 At the November Schools Forum meeting, Members agreed to receive a further report in January on band values and Service Level Agreements for 2020/21. This work remains ongoing, a verbal update will be provided at the meeting. It is expected that final band values and Service Level Agreements will now be presented to the March meeting with band values to change from September 2020.

8. EARLY YEARS BLOCK

8.1 The early years block comprises funding for the free early education entitlements for 3 and 4-year-olds and disadvantaged 2-year-olds. The figures are initial allocations as early years funding is based on the January census data.

8.2 The updated funding rates have been reflected in the latest release of information. The final confirmed allocation will not be received until July 2020 to reflect the outcome of the January 2020 census return.

Table 9: Provisional Early Years Block Funding 2020/21

	Numbers	(£ / hr)	£m
3 and 4 year old universal entitlement funding	3,165	£4.54	8.191
3 and 4 year old additional 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents	836	£4.54	2.164
2 year old entitlement funding	591	£5.74	1.933
Early Years Pupil Premium			0.081
Disability Access Fund			0.044
Total Early Years Block			12.413

- 8.3 In 2018/19 the final reported outturn position was a deficit of £0.011m. This sum was after an accrual was raised for £0.250m, reflecting increase in payments made to providers and projected increase in DSG to be received, once updated for the Early Years January 2019 count. The final value received was an increase of £0.373m. After taking account of the accrual this realised an unallocated sum of £0.123m to be received in 2019/20.
- 8.4 In 2019/20 the updated allocation is an increase of £0.639m. This has been allocated to payment to providers reflecting the increase in early years take up. The projected outturn for 2019/20 is £0.167m, including the £0.123m above.
- 8.5 At the June 2019 meeting of the Schools Forum it was agreed that the sum to be carried forward would be considered as part of the 2020/21 budget planning framework. A priority for Thurrock, subject to additional funding being available, is to review the deprivation quantum and formula that targets funds to providers.
- 8.6 Included within the funding announcement is an additional £66 million investment in early years. A recent announcement confirms that the hourly rate paid to Thurrock will increase by 8p. This is the first increase in the hourly rate that Thurrock has received since 2016/17.
- 8.7 In addition the use of the carry forward has been considered and the final option for consideration is to:
- passport in full the 8p increase in hourly rates to providers;
 - increase the hourly rate paid to 3 and 4 year old providers by an additional 2p per hour, with a cost implication of £45,000;
 - increase the deprivation quantum and change the formula to be based on the postcode of the child, not the setting. Deprivation funding would increase from £220,000 to £285,000, a cost implication of £65,000.
 - The total cost implication of £110,000 to be funded from the available carried forward allocation of £167,000.

8.8 Thurrock will receive the following increase in the hourly rate paid:

	2019/20	2020/21
2 Year Old	£5.66	£5.74
3 & 4 Year Old	£4.46	£4.54

The rates to be paid to providers from April 2020 as shown below:

	2019/20	2020/21
2 Year Old	£5.07	£5.15
3 & 4 Year Old	£4.18	£4.28

This proposal has been discussed with both the Early Years managers Forum and the Childminders forum. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

8.9 The Schools forum is ask to support the change to early year's formula. However, Members are asked to delay a final decision until the March meeting, pending the outcome of the January 20 census return. This will minimise the risk and ensure the proposal can be funded on an ongoing basis.

9. ADDITIONAL GRANTS

9.1 The ESFA have not confirmed funding amounts and rates for any additional grants for 2020/21. Updated information will be included in future presentation / reports once available.

Pupil Premium

9.2 The ESFA have not confirmed Pupil premium funding rates for 2020/21.

9.3 The current rates paid in 2019/20 are shown below:

- Ever 6 Free School Meals (Primary £1,320; Secondary £935)
The pupil premium for 2019/20 will include pupils recorded in the Jan-19 school census who are known to have been eligible for FSM since May-13, as well as those first known to be eligible at Jan-19.
- Children adopted from care or who have left care (£2,300)
The pupil premium for 2019/20 will include pupils recorded in the Jan-19 school census and alternative provision census
- Looked-after children (LAC) (£2,300)
Number of children looked after for at least one day during the year ending Mar-19, as recorded in the Mar-19 children looked-after data return (SSDA903)
- Ever 6 service child (£300)
Pupil recorded in the Jan-19 school census who was eligible for the service child premium since the Jan-14 census as well as those recorded as a service child for the first time on the Jan-19 school census

10. HIGH NEEDS BLOCK AND DEFICIT RECOVERY PLAN 2020/21

- 10.1 In June 2019 the LA and Schools Forum agreed a DSG Deficit Recovery plan to return the historic deficit to a balance position by the end of the financial year 2021/22.
- 10.2 On 30th October ESFA feedback was received. A meeting is to be held with the ESFA on 11th March 2020, with representatives from the Funding and Special Educational Needs teams to support Thurrock in developing the recovery plan further.
- 10.3 Increased demand for specialist placements, Education Health and Care Plans and increase in costs in 2019/20 and 2020/21 makes the existing plan to return to a balance position by March 2022 as unachievable.
- 10.4 The ESFA, with the increase in High Needs funding, expect that the need to transfer funding from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block will not be required. A key focus of the Headteacher meeting on 29th January will be High Needs and solutions available to Thurrock.
- 10.5 In 2020/21 Thurrock is faced with the following key Issues, that will be considered in a meeting with the ESFA but require discussion and action at the Schools Forum to consider and agree solutions for 2020/21 budget and the historic deficit position:
 - Projected DSG deficit in 2019/20 of £0.741m, with a forecasted High Needs Block overspend of £1.2m, this is after the in-year transfer of £0.595m from Schools Block to High Needs Block.
 - Demand is forecasted to outstrip the £1.4m included in the deficit recovery plan. A continuation of demand as shown in 2019/20, with increased demand for commissioned places, would produce a more realistic figure of £3m for 2020/21.
 - Need to review the funding rates paid to Special Academies, Resource and Alternative Provisions to ensure they remain financially viable.
 - Changes to schools funding regulations in 2020/21 and feedback from the ESFA may restrict any transfer of funds from the SB to the HNB. The schools forum is able to authorise the transfer of £0.635m from the SB to the HNB in 2020/21.
 - HNB information released is only for 2020/21, the ESFA from feedback received expect the long term strategic plan to provide the solution.
 - The historic deficit position is forecasted to be £2.150m. As shown in the report the focus is on balancing the 2020/21 position. No plans in place to reduce the deficit further in 2020/21.

10.6 At the November meeting additional data was requested to show Thurrock and school specific data relating to EHCP's. This will be presented and discussed at the meeting.

11. REFERENCES TO OTHER KEY DOCUMENTS / PREVIOUS REPORTS

- School Forum meeting 21 November 2019 – Dedicated Schools Grant 2019/20 and 2020/21
- Thurrock Cabinet Report 15 January 2020 – Schools Funding Formula 2019/20

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**Dedicated Schools Grant 2019/20
and 2020/21**

Aims of Presentation

- Dedicated Schools Grant 2020/21
- Schools Block & Thurrock Funding Formula
- Central Services Block
- High Needs Block
- Early Years
- DSG Deficit
- 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.

Funding Announcements 2020/21

- Funding for schools and high needs will increase by
 - £2.6 billion for 2020/21
 - £4.8 billion for 2021/22 (+£2.2bn from 2020/21)
 - £7.1 billion for 2022-23 (+£2.3bn from 2021/22)
- + £1.5 billion p.a. for Teachers Pensions
- Provisional Settlement was released in October.
- Final Settlement was released on 19th December, updated to reflect the October 2019 Census Data

DSG Funding 2020/21

	2019/20	2020/21	2020/21	Increase	Increase
	Nov-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Schools	119.434	124.531	127.474	5.097	8.040
Central Services	2.073	1.833	1.850	(0.240)	(0.223)
High Needs	23.253	25.468	25.464	2.215	2.211
Early Years	12.332	12.332	12.413	(0.000)	0.081
Total	157.092	164.164	167.201	7.071	10.109

Schools Block

Schools Block

- National Funding Formula (NFF) was introduced in 2018/19 for allocation of schools funding to LA's;
- Soft formula remains in 2020/21
- Long-term intention that schools' budgets should be set on the basis of a single, national formula (a 'hard' formula), completed centrally by ESFA
- Local budget flexibility arrangements allows for the Schools forums to agree transferring up to 0.5% of their SB funding to the HNB
- Thurrock Council agreed in December 2018 to implement in full the NFF in 2020/21

Schools Block Funding Change 2020/21

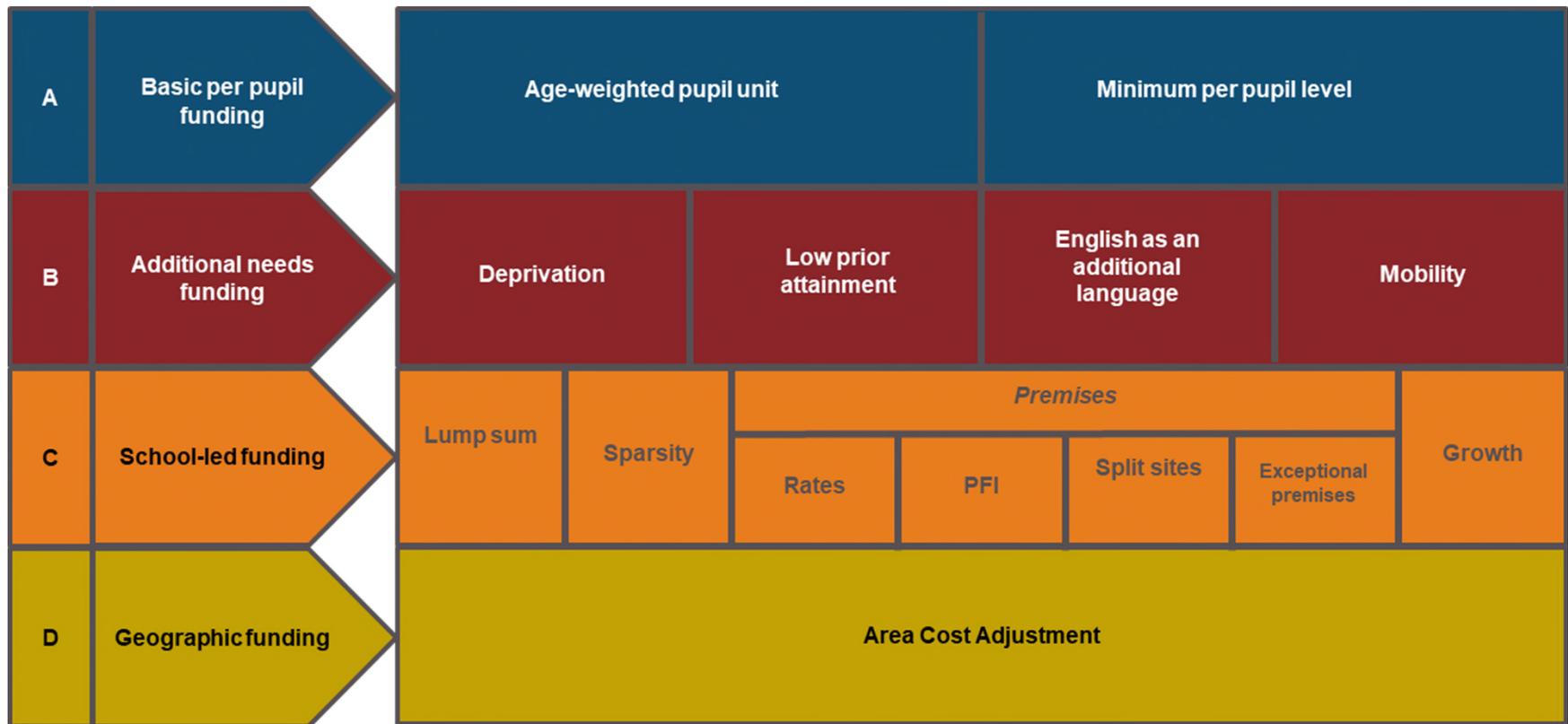
Schools Block	Year	Pupil Nos	£m	£m
2019/20				119.434
Increase in Funding			5.515	
Increase in Pupil Numbers	2019/20	26,783		
	2020/21	<u>27,367</u>		
		<u>584</u>	2.968	
Change in Premises value			(0.080)	
Change in Growth Fund	2019/20	1.748		
	2020/21	<u>1.386</u>	(0.362)	8.041
Schools Block 2020/21				127.475

Key aspects of the NFF for 2020/21

- The minimum per pupil funding levels will be set at £3,750 for primary schools and £5,000 for secondary schools. In 2021/22, the primary minimum level will increase to £4,000.
- The funding floor will be set at 1.84% per pupil to protect per pupil allocations for all schools in real terms.
- There will be no gains cap in the NFF, unlike the previous two years, so that all schools attract their full core allocations under the formula.
- A technical change will be made to the mobility factor so that it allocates this funding using a formulaic approach, rather than on the basis of historic spend.
- Growth funding will be based on the same methodology as this year, with the same transitional protection ensuring that no authority whose growth funding is unwinding will lose more than 0.5% of its 2019/20 schools block allocation.

The schools national funding formula

- The schools NFF comprises of 14 factors



Formula Factor Values

	Thurrock 2019/20		NFF 2020/21		Thurrock 2020/21	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
Primary *	£2,747		£2,857		£2,905	
KS 3*		£3,863		£4,018		£4,086
KS 4*		£4,386		£4,561		£4,638
Minimum Per Pupil	£3,500	£4,800	£3,750	£5,000	£3,750	£5,000
FSM	£0	£0	£450	£450	£450	£450
FSM6	£540	£785	£560	£815	£560	£815
IDACI Band F	£200	£200	£210	£300	£210	£300
IDACI Band E	£240	£240	£250	£405	£250	£405
IDACI Band D	£360	£515	£375	£535	£375	£535
IDACI Band C	£390	£560	£405	£580	£405	£580
IDACI Band B	£420	£600	£435	£625	£435	£625
IDACI Band A	£575	£810	£600	£840	£600	£840
Looked after Children	£2,300	£2,300	£0	£0	£0	£0
EAL	£300	£450	£535	£1,440	£535	£1,440
Mobility			£875	£1,250	£875	£1,250
Prior Attainment	£300	£700	£1,065	£1,610	£1,065	£1,610
Lump Sum	£125,000	£175,000	£114,400	£114,400	£114,400	£114,400

* Thurrock Area Cost Adjustment = 1.03757. This is not affordable from the funding provided. However an inflationary increase of 1.01680 has been applied to Basic Entitlement factors

Schools Funding Formula 2020/21

Thurrock	2019/20	2020/21	2020/21
	£m	£m	£m
Basic Entitlement	£87.180	£93.466	£95.036
FSM	£4.264	£6.398	£6.398
IDACI	£5.242	£5.658	£5.658
EAL	£1.406	£1.439	£1.439
Mobility	£0.000	£0.259	£0.259
Prior Attainment	£8.650	£8.554	£8.554
Lump Sum	£5.500	£5.949	£5.949
Premises	£0.762	£0.791	£0.791
Add funding minimum per pupil level	£0.991	£1.665	£1.179
MFG	£1.848	£0.342	£0.190
Schools Block Formula	£115.843	£124.522	£125.454
Growth/Falling Rolls	£1.748	£1.385	£1.385
Total Funding for Schools Block Formula	£117.591	£125.907	£126.839
Transfer to High Needs	£1.843	£0.635	£0.635
Schools Block Funding Allocation	£119.434	£126.542	£127.474

Confirmed growth included in the formula

Pupil Growth 2020/21 School Name	Pupil Growth	Year Group	Growth c/fwd 2019/20	Growth New 2020/21	Total 2020/21	20-21 MFG Per pupil	Total Cost 2020/21
Purfleet Primary Academy	30	R	12.5		12.5	£4,092	51,155
St. Clere's School	30	Yr7	12.5		12.5	£5,197	64,959
Harris Academy Ockendon	30	Yr7	12.5		12.5	£5,431	67,892
Harris Primary Academy Mayflower	150	R	62.5	87.5	150.0	£3,750	562,500
Harris Academy Riverside	180	Yr7	75.0	105.0	180.0	£5,281	950,567
Orsett Heath Academy	120	Yr7	0.0	70.0	70.0	£6,630	464,107
Thames Park	120	Yr7	0.0	70.0	70.0	£6,630	464,107
			175	333	508		1,697,073

Growth Fund 2020/21 - Retained

<u>Growth Fund Allocation</u>				
		Budget	Outturn	Variance
2017/18		1,250,000	1,199,025	50,975
2018/19		1,471,506	1,307,153	164,353
2019/20		1,626,597	917,031	709,566
2020/21		1,385,429		
	Primary	180	£3,750	675,000
	Secondary	140	£5,000	700,000
	Potential Cost 2020/21	320		1,375,000

Transfer from Schools to High Need Block

- Transfer to HNB of £0.635m; 0.498% 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.
- Meeting arrange with the ESFA 11th March 2020

Thurrock - Schools Funding Formula 2020/21

- NFF values have been applied
- Unallocated funding has allowed an inflationary increase of 1.01680 to be applied to Basic Entitlement values (ACA = 1.03757).
- Confirmed growth included in formula
- Retained growth £1.385m
- HNB contribution of £0.635m (0.498%)
- Notional SEN %ages as shown on next slide, the FSM factor is reintroduced in Thurrock in 2020/21 no notional SEN % has been applied

Schools Block – Notional SEN 2020/21

	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>
Basic Entitlement	2.5%	2.5%
FSM	n/a	0%
FSM6	100%	100%
IDACI Band A - F	25%	25%
LAC X March 17	0%	0%
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	£17,394,727	£18,020,904
Schools Block Formula	£115,842,940	£125,453,644
% Notional SEN / Schools Block Formula	15.02%	14.36%

Thurrock Funding Formula - Summary

- Hand-out A – School Level detail
- Provisional 2020/21 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.

Grants 2020/21

- The teachers pay grant and teachers pension employer contributions grant will both continue to be paid separately from the National Funding Formula in 2020/21.
- Other grants now total £4.5bn 10% of core Education funding
- No announcements on any other specific grants for 2020/21

Schools Block 2020/21 – Decisions Required

- The Schools Forum approval is required:
 - HNB contribution of £0.635m (0.498%)
 - Growth Commitments included in LFF
 - Retained Growth budget of £1.385m
- Thurrock Council
 - The information presented is consistent with Cabinet decision on 12th December 2018 to implement the NFF in full in 2021/22
 - Cabinet will ratify the 2020/21 formula at its meeting on 12 February 2020

Central Schools Services Block

Central School Services Block

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- The central school services block (CSSB) was created from the DSG funding that was held centrally by the local authority for central services.
- 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% reduction is to be applied from 2020/21 – a reduction of £0.256m.

			<u>Funding £m</u>
Actual CSSB unit of funding for ongoing functions			
	Pupil Numbers	27,367	
	Unit Value	<u>£30.25</u>	0.828
Actual funding for historic commitments			<u>1.022</u>
NFF 2020/21 CSSB funding			1.850

Central School Services Block

	Budget 2019/20 £m	Budget 2020/21 £m
Statutory and Regulatory Duties - Education	£0.352	£0.352
<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>		
Statutory and Regulatory Duties - Finance	£0.140	£0.140
<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>		
School Place Planning	£0.053	£0.053
School Admissions	£0.230	£0.236
Servicing of Schools forum	£0.010	£0.014
SACRE	£0.010	£0.010
Contribution to High Needs Block	£0.000	£0.023
Contribution to Combined budgets	£1.278	£1.022
Total DSG - Central Services Block	£2.073	£1.850

Central Schools Services Block 2020/21 – Decisions Required

- The Schools Forum approval is required:
 - Statutory and Regulatory duties budget of
 - Education Services £0.352m
 - Finance Services £0.140m
 - School Place Planning £0.053m
 - School Admissions £0.236m
 - Servicing of Schools Forum £0.014m
 - SACRE £0.010m
 - Contribution to HNB £0.023m
 - Contribution to Combined Budgets £1.022m

High Needs Block

High Needs Block 2020/21

High Needs National Funding Formula - Thurrock

	2019/20	2020/21
	£m	£m
(A) Basic entitlement factor (6%)	1.635	1.631
(B) Historic spend factor (40%)	10.295	10.295
(C) Population factor (26%)	5.034	6.827
(D) FSM factor (5%)	0.861	1.206
(E) IDACI factor (6%)	1.101	1.523
(F) Bad health factor (3%)	0.661	0.889
(G) Disability factor (4%)	0.767	1.000
(H) KS2 low attainment factor (4%)	0.808	1.127
(I) KS4 low attainment factor (4%)	0.682	0.930
(J) Funding floor factor (2%)	1.346	0.426
(K) Hospital education funding (0%)	0.000	0.000
Additional Funding for Special Free Schools	0.054	0.054
2019-20 Additional high needs funding	0.452	0.000
NFF allocation before provisional import/export adjustment (100%)	23.697	25.908
(L) Import/export adjustment (provisional) (-1.5%)	(0.444)	(0.444)
2020-21 high needs NFF provisional allocation	23.253	25.464

An Increase of £2.211m or 9.51%

High Needs Block 2020/21

High Needs Block	2020/21 £m
National Funding Formula 2020/21	24.222
Import / Export Adjustments	(0.444)
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	23.778
Basic Entitlement (390Pupils @ £4,183.21)	1.631
Additional funding Special Free School	0.054
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Funding Settlement 2020/21	25.464
Transfer from Schools Block	0.635
Transfer from Central School Services Block	0.023
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High Needs Block Budget 2020/21	26.122
Less Academy Recoupment	(5.334)
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HNB Retained Budget 2020/21	20.788

High Needs Block 2020/21

- Thurrock has received an increase of £2.211m or 9.51%.
- Key areas:
 - Projected Outturn 2019/20 is a deficit of £1.979m.
 - Commissioned Numbers 2020/21 + 51 places (Next Slide)
 - Review of Band Values, with changes to be introduced from September 2020. Discussion are ongoing with providers and a final report will be presented to the Schools Forum at its meeting on 12th March 2020.
 - At November meeting 2020/21 funding pressures of £1.4m were identified

High Needs Block 2020/21 – Commissioned Places +51places

Institution Name	Institution Type	Total	Total	Total
		2019/20 ESFA Places	2019/20 Updated Places	2020/21 ESFA Places
LANSDOWNE PRIMARY ACADEMY	LD & SLCN	8	8	8
STANFORD-LE-HOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL	VI	5	5	5
ORTU CORRINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	Speech & Language	20	20	20
DILKES ACADEMY	SEMH	10	10	10
HARRIS ACADEMY CHAFFORD HUNDRED	SLCN & Autism	20	20	20
ST CLERE'S SCHOOL	HI/VI	17	17	17
ORMISTON PARK ACADEMY	SEMH	20	20	30
EAST TILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL	Inclusion Base	6	10	10
THAMESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Inclusion Base	6	6	6
QUARRY HILL	SEMH	0	6	10
OLIVE AP ACADEMY - THURROCK	Alternative Provison	74	74	85
TREETOPS SCHOOL	Special Academy	293	309	309
BEACON HILL ACADEMY	Special Academy	75	75	75
ACADEMY	TOTAL	554	580	605
WARREN PRIMARY	HI	18	18	18
CHAFFORD HUNDRED PRIMARY	ICAN	5	5	5
STANFORD-LE-HOPE SCHOOL	Nursery	3	3	3
THURROCK	TOTAL	580	606	631

High Needs Block 2020/21

- Continued increase in demand for EHCP

<u>Number of EHCP's</u>		
Apr-18	1,352	
Oct-18	1,511	12%
Apr-19	1,582	17%
Oct-19	1,625	20%

- Budget 2020/21 – What does this mean?

High Needs Block Budget 2020/21

<u>High Needs Block</u>	2019/20 Budget £m	2019/20 Outturn £m	2020/21 Budget £m
High Needs Block	23.642	23.642	25.854
Import / export adjustments	(0.444)	(0.444)	(0.444)
HNB Free School Adjustment	0.054	0.054	0.054
	23.252	23.252	25.464
Schools Block transfer	0.595	0.595	0.635
Transfer from Central Services Schools Block	0.000	0.000	0.023
Funding Settlement	23.847	23.847	26.122
Place Funding	0.108	0.133	0.397
Place Funding Academies to be recouped	5.226	5.226	5.334
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Schools & Academies	1.667	2.848	2.848
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Resource Provisions	2.272	2.750	2.642
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Special Schools	3.614	3.680	4.156
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Alternative Provision	1.258	1.268	1.445
Top Up Funding - Other Local Authorities (4-16)	1.011	1.043	1.043
Top Up Funding - Post 16	1.166	1.727	1.727
Pupils not in School	0.000	0.204	0.150
Residential - Non Maintained and Independent	1.500	1.315	1.100
Non Residential - Non Maintained and Independent	1.800	1.373	1.100
Commissioned Services	1.158	1.233	1.170
Additional High Needs Targeted	0.200	0.308	0.200
Travellers Team	0.051	0.051	0.052
Home to School Transport	1.787	1.787	1.787
High Needs Central Team	1.030	0.880	0.971
High Needs Block Budget / Projected Outturn	23.847	25.826	26.122
Surplus / Deficit	0.000	1.979	0.000

High Needs Block Budget 2020/21 – Key Risks

- Top Up Funding - Thurrock Schools & Academies
 - Budget to equal the 2019/20 forecasted outturn.
 - Potential financial Risk £351,980.
- Top Up Funding - Other Local Authorities (4-16)
 - Budget to equal the 2019/20 forecasted outturn.
 - Potential financial Risk £57,338.
- Top Up Funding - Post 16
 - Budget to equal the 2019/20 forecasted outturn.
 - Potential financial Risk £173,114.
- Pupils not in School
 - A 27% decrease in cost compared to 2019/20 forecasted outturn.
 - Potential financial Risk £60,000.

High Needs Block Budget 2020/21 – Key Risks

- Residential - Non Maintained and Independent
 - A 16% decrease in cost compared to 2019/20 forecasted outturn to reflect increase in local offer.
 - Potential financial Risk £300,000;
- Non Residential - Non Maintained and Independent
 - A 20% decrease in cost compared to 2019/20 forecasted outturn to reflect increase in local offer.
 - Potential financial Risk £300,000;
- Additional High Needs Targeted
 - A 36% decrease in cost compared to 2019/20 forecasted outturn.
 - Potential financial Risk £100,000;
- High Needs Central Team
 - An increase on projected outturn but less than 2019/20 budget.
 - Potential financial Risk £79,000.
- **Total Potential Financial Risks £1,421,432.**

High Needs Block 2020/21

Key Questions

- What can we change to reduce demand and contain actual expenditure within the funding envelope provided?
- ESFA feedback 30/10/19:
 - “Consider how can you work much more closely with your schools to address high needs pressures and to devise strategies to address them, particularly in reference to feedback highlighting high birth rates and growth within the local authority”
 - “Within your plan you have forecast increasing estimates of EHCP numbers. We would be very interested to understand how you are planning to reduce the growth in EHCPs”
- What is the expectation of the Notional SEN sum, within the Schools funding formula of £18.021m?

High Needs Block 2020/21

Decisions Required

- The Schools Forum approval is required for the High Needs Budget 2020/21 and associated risks
- A report will be presented to the Schools Forum, in March, on the outcome of discussions with Special Schools, Resource and Alternative providers, on the band values to be implemented from September 2020 and progress on the individual service level agreements.

Early Years Block

Early Years Funding Formula (EYFF) 2020/21

- The funding announcement included investment of £66m in early years. This will be realised through an increase in the hourly rate to be paid of 8p. This is the first increase in the hourly rate that Thurrock has received since 2016/17.
- EYFF for 2020/21 is based on Jan20 census for 5/12 of the funding and the Jan21 census for 7/12 of the funding.
- Current funding allocation, reflects updated hourly rates and is based on the Jan19 census only.
- In Jul21, the ESFA will confirm the final 2020/21 funding allocation.
- The budget for early years is shown in the table below:

Early Years Block 2020/21	Numbers	(£ / hr)	£m
3 and 4 year old universal entitlement funding	3,165	£4.54	8.191
3 and 4 year old additional 15 hours entitlement	836	£4.54	2.164
2 year old entitlement funding	591	£5.74	1.933
Early Years Pupil Premium			0.081
Disability Access Fund			0.044
Total Early Years Block			12.413

Early Years

- The priorities for Thurrock are to:
 - review the deprivation quantum and formula that targets funds to providers
 - increase the hourly rates to be paid to providers.
Both of which are dependent upon additional funding being available.
- The Early Years 2019/20 projected outturn is a surplus £0.167m.
- Following discussion with providers the final option for consideration is to:
 - passport in full the 8p increase in hourly rates to providers;
 - increase the deprivation quantum and change the formula to be based on the postcode of the child, not the setting. Deprivation funding would increase from £220,000 to £285,000, a cost Implication of £65,000.
 - increase the hourly rate paid to 3 and 4 year old providers by an additional 2p per hour, with a cost implication of £45,000;
- The total cost implication of £110,000 to be funded from the available carried forward allocation of £167,000.

Early Years 2020/21

- The table below shows both the rates Thurrock will receive from the ESFA and the rates it will pay to providers:

	ESFA 2019/20	Thurrock 2019/20	ESFA 2020/21	Thurrock 2020/21
2 Year Old	£5.66	£5.07	£5.74	£5.15
3 & 4 Year Old	£4.46	£4.18	£4.54	£4.28

- The proposals have been discussed with both the Early Years managers and the childminders forum. With the following outcome:
 - A shared understanding that Thurrock can only increase rates on receipt of funding from ESFA.
 - Significant risk due to the use of the January headcount for Early Years funding but providers paid on a termly basis with change in take up throughout the year.
 - It was acknowledged that the funding rates paid present a significant challenge to providers.

Early Years 2020/21 - Decisions Required

- Approval of Early Years 2020/21 Budget:

Early Years Budget 2020/21	£m
3 and 4 year old universal entitlement funding	7.781
3 and 4 year old additional 15 hours entitlement	2.056
2 year old entitlement funding	1.836
Early Years Pupil Premium	0.081
Disability Access Fund	0.044
Early Years Central Team	0.614
Total Early Years Block	12.413

- The Schools forum is ask to support the change to early year's formula. However, Members are asked to delay a final decision until the March meeting, pending the outcome of the January 20 census return. This will minimise the risk and ensure the proposal can be funded on an ongoing basis.

DSG Deficit Recovery Plan

DSG 2018/19 Deficit Recovery Plan

- In June 2019 the LA and Schools Forum agreed a DSG Deficit Recovery plan to return the historic deficit to a balance position by the end of 2021/22.
- On 30th October ESFA feedback was received. A meeting is to be held with the ESFA on 11th March 2020, with representatives from the Funding and Special Educational Needs teams to support Thurrock in developing the recovery plan further.
- Increased demand for specialist placements, Education Health and Care Plans and increase in costs in 2019/20 and 2020/21 makes the existing plan to return to a balance position by March 2022 as unachievable.
- For 2020/21 the focus has been on setting a balanced budget.
- The historic deficit position is forecasted to be £2.150m, as shown in the next slide.

DSG Deficit

DSG Deficit	£m
Historic Deficit 2018/19	(2.657)
DSG 2019/20 - SB Contribution	1.248
DSG Deficit Plan	(1.409)
DSG 2019/20	(0.741)
DSG Deficit to be C/fwd into 2020/21	(2.150)

Next Steps

- Schools Funding Formula will be submitted to ESFA by 21st January
- School Briefings will be held on Thursday 23rd January 8.30 to 9.15 before the SEND conference
- Headteachers Conference Wednesday 29th January key discussion item High Needs
- Schools Forum meeting Thursday 12th March:
 - High Needs Band Values and SLA
 - High Needs – Feedback from meeting with ESFA
 - Early Years Funding Formula



Any Questions ?

URN	LAESTAB	School Name	NOR 2019/20	NOR 2020/21	Change	Schools Budget 2019/20	Rates 2019/20	School Budget 2019/20 Excluding Rates	Schools Budget 2020/21	Total Rates 2020/21	School Budget 2020/21 Excluding Rates	Change from 2019/20 to 2020/21	Per Pupil Value 2019/20	Per Pupil Value 2020/21	% Change	Notional SEN Budget 2020/21	Minimum per pupil funding 2020/21	MFG Adjustment 2020/21	Total Protection 2020/21
Total			27,031	27,739	708	£115,842,940	£762,119	£115,080,821	£125,453,644	£791,079	£124,662,565	£9,581,744				£18,020,904	£1,179,401	£189,665	£1,369,066
131226	8832078	Warren Primary School	410.00	422.00	12.00	1,452,809.12	(37,089.49)	1,489,898.61	1,637,796.00	55,296.00	1,582,500.00	92,601.39	£3,633.90	£3,750.00	3.19%	£236,070	£59,713.75	£0.00	£59,713.75
114968	8832722	Bonnygate Primary School	416.00	412.00	(4.00)	1,676,890.75	45,577.69	1,631,313.06	1,662,921.94	8,038.00	1,654,883.94	23,570.88	£3,921.43	£4,016.71	2.43%	£231,628	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
115181	8833605	Holy Cross Catholic Primary School	233.00	220.00	(13.00)	948,477.01	6,350.54	942,126.47	932,919.19	5,786.00	927,133.19	(£14,993.28)	£4,043.46	£4,214.24	4.22%	£116,566	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
115239	8834733	Grays Convent High School	617.00	645.00	28.00	3,122,210.01	9,331.66	3,112,878.35	3,418,909.27	8,294.00	3,410,615.27	297,736.92	£5,045.18	£5,287.78	4.81%	£397,648	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
138048	8832000	Lansdowne Primary Academy	585.00	619.00	34.00	2,398,165.65	12,017.60	2,386,148.05	2,724,912.69	13,028.00	2,711,884.69	325,736.63	£4,078.89	£4,381.07	7.41%	£504,041	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
138581	8832001	Thameside Primary School	693.00	743.00	50.00	2,735,445.11	17,663.40	2,717,781.71	3,168,319.29	17,101.00	3,151,218.29	433,436.58	£3,921.76	£4,241.21	8.15%	£568,347	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
139380	8832002	Purfleet Primary Academy	565.50	571.50	6.00	2,218,183.04	13,381.20	2,204,801.84	2,351,697.83	12,902.00	2,338,795.83	133,993.99	£3,898.85	£4,092.38	4.96%	£346,132	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
139382	8832003	Benyon Primary School	203.00	230.00	27.00	865,610.13	3,686.50	861,923.63	1,001,479.06	3,643.00	997,836.06	135,912.44	£4,245.93	£4,338.42	2.18%	£148,863	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
139566	8832004	Stanford-Le-Hope Primary School	401.00	403.00	2.00	1,551,701.42	9,173.30	1,542,528.12	1,584,814.57	8,755.00	1,576,059.57	33,531.45	£3,846.70	£3,910.82	1.67%	£214,406	£0.00	£10,217.33	£10,217.33
139576	8832005	Quarry Hill Academy	469.00	438.00	(31.00)	1,798,887.89	15,899.48	1,782,988.41	1,801,531.39	14,372.00	1,787,159.39	4,170.98	£3,801.68	£4,080.27	7.33%	£268,210	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
140013	8832006	Ortu Corringham Primary School	420.00	430.00	10.00	1,551,854.74	8,933.23	1,542,921.51	1,620,385.00	7,885.00	1,612,500.00	69,578.49	£3,673.62	£3,750.00	2.08%	£236,394	£53,354.05	£0.00	£53,354.05
140832	8832007	Tilbury Pioneer Academy	448.00	429.00	(19.00)	1,857,418.87	3,838.54	1,853,580.33	1,877,072.08	4,817.00	1,872,255.08	18,674.75	£4,137.46	£4,364.23	5.48%	£306,864	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
140938	8832008	Harris Primary Academy Mayflower	644.50	799.50	155.00	2,353,919.81	13,538.58	2,340,381.23	3,025,773.00	27,648.00	2,998,125.00	657,743.77	£3,631.31	£3,750.00	3.27%	£401,832	£140,209.52	£0.00	£140,209.52
141877	8832009	Stifford Clays Primary School	680.00	630.00	(50.00)	2,451,985.64	9,790.20	2,442,195.44	2,371,580.00	9,080.00	2,362,500.00	(£79,695.44)	£3,591.46	£3,750.00	4.41%	£368,943	£94,125.68	£0.00	£94,125.68
143149	8832011	Chadwell St Mary Primary School	210.00	208.00	(2.00)	980,935.76	3,329.16	977,606.60	988,598.32	3,481.00	985,117.32	7,510.72	£4,655.27	£4,736.14	1.74%	£151,189	£0.00	£50,122.59	£50,122.59
144603	8832013	Bulphan Church of England Academy	80.00	82.00	2.00	415,580.16	14,426.96	401,153.20	415,651.20	1,921.00	413,730.20	12,577.00	£5,014.42	£5,045.49	0.62%	£35,608	£0.00	£19,835.31	£19,835.31
146818	8832014	Aveley Primary School	437.00	436.00	(1.00)	1,736,640.67	38,332.00	1,698,308.67	1,780,082.00	7,578.00	1,772,504.00	74,195.33	£3,886.29	£4,065.38	4.61%	£288,895	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
147215	8832015	Little Thurrock Primary School	630.00	618.00	(12.00)	2,288,008.26	58,947.45	2,229,060.81	2,329,686.00	12,186.00	2,317,500.00	88,439.19	£3,538.19	£3,750.00	5.99%	£354,185	£92,400.85	£0.00	£92,400.85
138334	8832024	The Gateway Primary Free School	393.00	401.00	8.00	1,613,197.86	13,747.89	1,599,449.97	1,785,358.64	14,915.00	1,770,443.64	170,993.67	£4,069.85	£4,415.07	8.48%	£322,988	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
139613	8832137	Graham James Primary Academy	419.00	417.00	(2.00)	1,567,535.18	7,056.58	1,560,478.60	1,587,070.91	7,014.00	1,580,056.91	19,578.32	£3,724.29	£3,789.11	1.74%	£209,808	£13,072.92	£16,306.91	£29,379.83
144448	8832429	Somers Heath Primary School	382.00	384.00	2.00	1,537,528.24	9,489.70	1,528,038.54	1,575,826.65	7,680.00	1,568,146.65	40,108.11	£4,000.10	£4,083.72	2.09%	£240,158	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
143378	8832439	Arthur Bugler Primary School	408.00	418.00	10.00	1,506,901.20	5,024.75	1,501,876.45	1,572,675.00	5,175.00	1,567,500.00	65,623.55	£3,681.07	£3,750.00	1.87%	£228,649	£79,668.75	£0.00	£79,668.75
141897	8832462	Deneholm Primary School	410.00	406.00	(4.00)	1,519,243.34	6,756.77	1,512,486.57	1,531,951.52	7,631.00	1,524,320.52	11,833.95	£3,688.99	£3,754.48	1.78%	£184,088	£0.00	£848.65	£848.65
139106	8832472	Woodside Academy	621.00	631.00	10.00	2,263,647.32	9,767.90	2,253,879.42	2,376,183.00	9,933.00	2,366,250.00	112,370.58	£3,629.44	£3,750.00	3.32%	£321,113	£10,902.01	£0.00	£10,902.01
139105	8832542	Belmont Castle Academy	658.00	632.00	(26.00)	2,427,185.15	13,260.80	2,413,924.35	2,456,017.26	13,107.00	2,442,910.26	28,985.91	£3,668.58	£3,865.36	5.36%	£333,857	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
139991	8832592	West Thurrock Academy	458.00	432.00	(26.00)	1,747,091.29	8,064.47	1,739,026.82	1,744,850.42	15,653.00	1,729,197.42	(£9,829.40)	£3,797.00	£4,002.77	5.42%	£228,087	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

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Total			27,031	27,739	708	£115,842,940	£762,119	£115,080,821	£125,453,644	£791,079	£124,662,565	£9,581,744				£18,020,904	£1,179,401	£189,665	£1,369,066
139104	8832622	Dilkes Academy	419.00	421.00	2.00	1,570,151.27	9,101.13	1,561,050.14	1,663,938.48	8,346.00	1,655,592.48	94,542.34	£3,725.66	£3,932.52	5.55%	£224,064	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
138962	8832644	Herringham Primary Academy	411.00	411.00	0.00	1,650,060.43	7,062.30	1,642,998.13	1,706,966.80	6,810.00	1,700,156.80	57,158.67	£3,997.56	£4,136.63	3.48%	£255,749	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
138065	8832824	East Tilbury Primary School	643.00	664.00	21.00	2,437,709.06	11,151.00	2,426,558.06	2,561,671.94	15,667.00	2,546,004.94	119,446.88	£3,773.81	£3,834.34	1.60%	£330,382	£0.00	£21,418.05	£21,418.05
140720	8832942	Giffards Primary School	444.00	441.00	(3.00)	1,662,589.73	6,785.80	1,655,803.93	1,683,025.93	6,707.00	1,676,318.93	20,515.00	£3,729.29	£3,801.18	1.93%	£236,650	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
141070	8832984	Tudor Court Primary School	804.00	799.00	(5.00)	2,833,003.07	19,003.07	2,814,000.00	3,016,134.00	19,884.00	2,996,250.00	182,250.00	£3,500.00	£3,750.00	7.14%	£529,804	£230,683.98	£0.00	£230,683.98
139166	8832985	Shaw Primary Academy	406.00	405.00	(1.00)	1,622,259.53	5,778.98	1,616,480.55	1,674,073.25	7,270.00	1,666,803.25	50,322.70	£3,981.48	£4,115.56	3.37%	£251,555	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
138349	8832987	Harris Primary Academy Chafford Hundred	618.00	618.00	0.00	2,178,048.42	15,048.42	2,163,000.00	2,330,730.00	13,230.00	2,317,500.00	154,500.00	£3,500.00	£3,750.00	7.14%	£359,513	£192,474.37	£0.00	£192,474.37
144587	8833502	Orsett Church of England Primary School	207.00	215.00	8.00	806,591.35	4,143.99	802,447.36	846,334.91	4,147.00	842,187.91	39,740.55	£3,876.56	£3,917.15	1.05%	£84,865	£0.00	£12,393.61	£12,393.61
146300	8833512	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	239.00	225.00	(14.00)	954,476.72	6,234.18	948,242.54	919,730.18	5,888.00	913,842.18	(£34,400.37)	£3,967.54	£4,061.52	2.37%	£112,078	£0.00	£12,961.95	£12,961.95
146867	8833522	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	215.00	211.00	(4.00)	910,064.93	6,183.47	903,881.46	927,979.43	6,349.00	921,630.43	17,748.98	£4,204.10	£4,367.92	3.90%	£114,394	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
146299	8833603	St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School	612.00	612.00	0.00	2,177,613.28	11,603.20	2,166,010.08	2,306,571.00	11,571.00	2,295,000.00	128,989.92	£3,539.23	£3,750.00	5.96%	£309,717	£48,675.49	£0.00	£48,675.49
139605	8833822	Abbots Hall Primary School	230.00	248.00	18.00	920,798.69	4,216.75	916,581.94	999,551.68	4,275.00	995,276.68	78,694.75	£3,985.14	£4,013.21	0.70%	£115,161	£0.00	£22,278.30	£22,278.30
138735	8835266	Kenningtons Primary Academy	422.00	421.00	(1.00)	1,601,692.69	8,377.84	1,593,314.85	1,640,772.02	8,192.00	1,632,580.02	39,265.16	£3,775.63	£3,877.86	2.71%	£243,926	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
146708	8835281	Horndon-On-the-Hill CofE Primary School	198.00	193.00	(5.00)	784,341.31	3,918.01	780,423.30	779,342.90	3,793.00	775,549.90	(£4,873.41)	£3,941.53	£4,018.39	1.95%	£79,456	£0.00	£23,282.22	£23,282.22
139578	8834000	The Hathaway Academy	826.00	873.00	47.00	4,374,508.18	18,227.94	4,356,280.24	4,948,856.40	18,842.00	4,930,014.40	573,734.16	£5,273.95	£5,647.21	7.08%	£749,074	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
143424	8834001	Ortu Hassenbrook Academy	484.00	515.00	31.00	2,641,497.44	16,612.44	2,624,885.00	2,970,931.82	8,222.00	2,962,709.82	337,824.82	£5,423.32	£5,752.83	6.08%	£475,894	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
144750	8834002	Harris Academy Riverside	358.00	549.00	191.00	1,779,496.86	5,000.00	1,774,496.86	2,930,460.00	31,232.00	2,899,228.00	1,124,731.14	£4,956.70	£5,280.93	6.54%	£351,433	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
147537	8834003	Harris Academy Ockendon	1,145.50	1,168.50	23.00	5,872,740.42	35,394.19	5,837,346.23	6,384,135.85	37,632.00	6,346,503.85	509,157.62	£5,095.89	£5,431.33	6.58%	£933,216	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
137549	8834394	Harris Academy Chafford Hundred	946.00	989.00	43.00	4,588,514.50	47,714.50	4,540,800.00	4,999,152.00	54,152.00	4,945,000.00	404,200.00	£4,800.00	£5,000.00	4.17%	£587,188	£101,912.61	£0.00	£101,912.61
137214	8835438	William Edwards School	1,254.00	1,268.00	14.00	6,052,093.00	32,893.00	6,019,200.00	6,372,512.00	32,512.00	6,340,000.00	320,800.00	£4,800.00	£5,000.00	4.17%	£765,895	£62,207.15	£0.00	£62,207.15
136854	8835439	Ortu Gable Hall School	1,300.00	1,279.00	(21.00)	6,297,018.86	42,175.00	6,254,843.86	6,625,993.62	41,728.00	6,584,265.62	329,421.75	£4,811.42	£5,147.98	7.00%	£854,908	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
137456	8835440	St Clere's School	1,314.50	1,333.50	19.00	6,455,013.98	30,821.00	6,424,192.98	6,964,739.25	34,922.00	6,929,817.25	505,624.27	£4,887.18	£5,196.71	6.33%	£943,657	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
133114	8836905	The Gateway Academy	1,027.00	1,048.00	21.00	5,671,153.32	68,161.41	5,602,991.91	6,250,565.10	78,582.00	6,171,983.10	568,991.18	£5,455.69	£5,889.30	7.95%	£1,154,673	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
135960	8836906	Ormiston Park Academy	617.00	635.00	18.00	3,414,449.27	26,214.18	3,388,235.09	3,697,199.63	28,207.00	3,668,992.63	280,757.54	£5,491.47	£5,777.94	5.22%	£610,260	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
883998	8839998	Orsett Heath Academy	0.00	70.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	464,106.77	0.00	464,106.77	464,106.77		£6,630.10		£51,412	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
883999	8839999	Thames Park Secondary School	0.00	70.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	464,106.77	0.00	464,106.77	464,106.77		£6,630.10		£51,412	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

<u>Dedicated Schools Grant 2019/20 and 2020/21</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Outturn</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>
Schools Block	119.434	119.434	127.474
Central Services Block	2.073	2.073	1.850
High Needs Block	23.253	23.253	25.464
Early Years Block	12.332	12.332	12.413
Dedicated Schools Grant	157.092	157.092	167.201

Detailed Budget

SB	Maintained Schools Budgets	115.843	115.843	125.454
SB	School Licences	0.122	0.122	0.126
SB	Growth Fund	1.627	1.200	1.259
SB	Deficit Recovery	1.248	1.248	0.000
CSSB	Statutory and Regulatory duties - Education	0.352	0.352	0.352
CSSB	Statutory and Regulatory duties - Finance	0.140	0.140	0.140
CSSB	School Place planning	0.053	0.053	0.053
CSSB	Admissions	0.230	0.200	0.236
CSSB	Schools Forum	0.010	0.012	0.014
CSSB	SACRE	0.010	0.010	0.010
CSSB	Contribution to Combined budgets	1.278	1.278	1.022
HNB	Place Funding	0.108	0.133	0.397
HNB	Place Funding Academies to be recouped	5.226	5.226	5.334
HNB	Top Up Funding - Thurrock Academies	1.667	2.848	2.848
HNB	Top Up Funding - Thurrock Resource Provisions	2.272	2.750	2.642
HNB	Top Up Funding - Thurrock Special Schools	3.614	3.680	4.156
HNB	Top Up Funding - Thurrock Alternative Provision	1.258	1.268	1.445
HNB	Top Up Funding - Other Local Authorities (4-16)	1.011	1.043	1.043
HNB	Top Up Funding - Post 16	1.166	1.727	1.727
HNB	Pupils not in School	0.000	0.204	0.150
HNB	Residential - Non Maintained and Independent	1.500	1.315	1.100
HNB	Non Residential - Non Maintained and Independent	1.800	1.373	1.100
HNB	Commissioned Services	1.158	1.233	1.170
HNB	Additional High Needs Targeted	0.200	0.308	0.200
HNB	Travellers Team	0.051	0.051	0.052
HNB	Home to School Transport	1.787	1.787	1.787
HNB	High Needs Central Team	1.030	0.880	0.971
EYB	3&4 Year old	9.899	9.776	9.963
EYB	2 year olds	1.861	1.861	1.836
EYB	Early Years Central Team	0.573	0.529	0.614

Dedicated Schools Grant	157.092	158.449	167.201
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Schools Block	118.839	118.413	126.839
Central Services Block	2.073	2.045	1.827
High Needs Block	23.847	25.826	26.122
Early Years Block	12.333	12.166	12.413
Dedicated Schools Grant	157.092	158.449	167.201