



SCHOOLS FORUM

MEETING ON THURSDAY 22nd October 2020
8.30am Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – held on 4th June 2020
3. MATTERS ARISING
4. MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020/21 ACADEMIC YEAR
 - a) New members
 - b) Appointment of Chair
5. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT DSG MONITORING REPORT 2020/21 – Paper attached
6. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG 2021/22 – Paper attached
7. CENTRAL SCHOOL SERVICES BLOCK: HISTORICAL COMMITMENTS 2021/22 – Paper attached
8. SCHOOLS BLOCK DE-DELEGATED FUNDING 2021/22 – Paper attached
9. SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS – Paper attached
10. SCHOOLS' CONSULTATION – Draft consultation document attached
11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
12. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
 - 10th December 2020
 - 14th January 2021
 - 11th February 2021



SCHOOLS FORUM MEETING MINUTES

HELD ON 4th June 2020

2.00pm

Microsoft Teams meeting

Position	Attendee	11 July 2019	19 Sep 2019	21 Nov 2019	16 Jan 2020	18 Mar 2020	4 June 2020	
Chairing the meeting								
Chair	Brian Peacock		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Vice Chair	Diane Atkinson							
18 School Members		Appointed Members		Meetings attended				
8 Maintained schools reps – 1 Secondary; 4 Primary; 1 Special; 2 Nursery and 1 PRU Headteacher places								
Secondary Headteacher	Diane Atkinson	Not Quorate	✓			Meeting cancelled		
	Peter Tite from 1 Oct 19			✓	✓		✓	✓
Primary Headteacher	Elizabeth Hargreaves		✓	✓	✓			✓
Primary Headteacher	Susan Aldred		✓	✓	✓			✓
Primary Headteacher	Michelle Smith		✓	✓	A			✓
Primary Headteacher	Carolyn Morris		A	✓	✓			✓
Special Headteacher	Rik Robinson		✓	A	✓			✓
Nursery Headteacher	Gillian Crompton		✓	A	✓			✓
PRU Headteacher	Jo Siddle to 1 Apr 20		✓	A	✓			✓*rep*
1 Free School rep								
Free School	Julie Bradley from Jan 19		✓	A	Vacant		Vacant	
4 Governors – 1 Secondary and 3 Primary governors								
Secondary Governor	Mike Zammit		A		A			
	Gillian Yates from Jan 20				✓		A	
Primary Governor	Brian Peacock		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Primary Governor	Pauline Lovick		A	✓	✓		✓	
Primary Governor	Helen Holden from Jan 19		A	✓	✓		✓	
Academy reps – 2 Secondary' 1 Primary' 1 Special and 1 Alternative Provision								
Secondary Academy	Dean Logan		✓	A	✓*rep*		✓	
Secondary Academy	Brendan Loughran	Vacant	Vacant					
	Diane Atkinson from 1 Oct 19			✓	✓		✓	
Primary Academy	Donna Simpson		✓	✓	✓			
Special Academy	Jen Ashworth		A	✓	A			
Alt' Provision Academy	Gary Holding		✓	A	✓*rep*			
Non School Members – 1 Teacher Unions, 1 Non-Teaching unions, 1 Post 16 FE College and 1 Early Years Provider								
Teacher Unions	Simon Jones		✓	✓	A		A	
Non-Teaching Unions	Paul Crewe		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Post 16 FE College	VACANT							
Early Years Provider	Tracy Ellett		A	A	A			
School Forum Members present			14	13	17		14	
<i>Quorate 40% of filled posts</i>		8	8	8	8		8	
In Attendance								
LA Officers	Adam Clarkson		✓					
LA Officers	Kirsten Reid		✓	✓	✓		✓	
LA Officers	Jayne Ivory / Carol Grimshaw / Alison Ashworth- Taylor		✓	✓	✓		✓	
LA Officers	Jo Siddle						✓	
LA Officers	Jenny Hackett		✓	✓	✓		✓	
LA Officers	Safiyya Mulla / Amy Brooks		A	✓	✓		✓	
Council Members	Clr Maureen Bateson		A	✓	A		✓	
Council Members	Clr Julie Gunn		A	A	✓		✓	
LA Officers	Corrine McMillan		✓		✓			
Total			4	5	6		7	

1. Welcome and introductions

Brian Peacock Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Gillian Yates and Simon Jones.

Brian Peacock welcomed Trish Walker and Charlotte Rolfe (joint head teachers) from St Thomas's PRU.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting

It was agreed that the minutes from 16th January 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising

A review of recent meetings shows that these matters arising remain unresolved:

N/A

4. Vacancies for 2019/20 academic year

Vacant posts are:

- PRU as Jo Siddle now attends as a Local Authority Officer. Trish Walker and Charlotte Rolfe have joined the meeting as joint head teacher of the PRU.
- Free School as Julie Bradley has resigned. It was agreed that the head teacher or a governor from QEGs could be asked if they would be happy to sit on the forum.
- Early Years Provider as Tracy Ellett has difficulty attending due to the time of the meetings. JS to discuss with Joanne Stewart at SLT meeting with regards to an Early Years provider rep.
- It was suggested that a post 16 rep would be beneficial. JS to discuss with colleagues at St Mary's College/Blackburn College with regard to this.

5. Summary of key messages from the cancelled meeting on the 19th March 2020

JH informed that the setting of budgets took place before the cancelled meeting.

12% more money was allocated to the High Needs Block this financial year. Part of that will be used to update top-up banding rates following a review. The review can be a lengthy process, therefore an interim measure is to apply a percentage increase to top-up rates. Schools will see the change on the summer term high needs statements.

Early Years block has seen an increase in free hourly rate. This has been passed to providers.

Issues with the central school services block are that the DFE previously informed that no increase could be made to historical commitment funding above the original level of allocated funds. In addition the commitments must be wound down. The historical commitments are music services, funding for School Improvement Groups, broadband

connectivity and capital expenditure. This financial year DFE have cut the budget by 20% with the potential to cut further in upcoming years.

It was clarified that in the past (prior to NFF) the School Improvement Group money was top-sliced with the agreement of all representatives on the Forum, and this now formed the (reducing) Central School Services Block allocation. Going forward, it is possible to de-delegate funding from the Schools Block to maintain the SIG budget at the same level. A vote is required when setting 21-22 budgets.

It was clarified that the de-delegated music money still stands for this financial year. The music service has £100,000 in reserves

A schedule showing the full allocation of the 2020/21 DSG was presented.

Action: JH to bring monitoring reports to meetings going forward.

6. Use of de-delegated funds 2019/20

JH informed that the agreed de-delegated funds were supplied for free school meal eligibility checks, maternity reimbursements and trade union duties. Support for trade union duties is currently underspent this year as not all academies were invoiced for 18-19 so were caught up in 19-20.

Maternity reimbursements is significantly overspent (£74,000 overspend). This may require further discussions about de-delegating more funds in the next financial year.

7. Schools out-turn position 2019/20

JH outlined that the end of year process this year has been unusual given the current circumstances. This has meant that some adjustments haven't been made and therefore in some cases has distorted the year end figure. Claw back of excess reserves has not been applied if it was clearly shown that the reserves were not adjusted properly at year end. The free school meal supplementary grant took some schools over the 12% limit, however these schools haven't been penalised for this.

One school (Lammack) breached the 12% rule, however this was due to being officially requested by the LA to freeze capital work due to place planning. MS, EH, SA, AAT agreed that in this circumstance it was unreasonable to claw back the funds.

Schools with deficit reserves were discussed. It was noted that St Pauls' RC is owed a significant amount of money from the diocese for capital works, but had failed to make provision for this debt.

All 7 schools with deficit budgets have a recovery plan in place. 4 of those 7 schools are planning to recover within one financial year, whilst others have recovery plans over a longer period of time.

8. New policy for school redundancy costs

DFE guidance regarding redundancy costs outlines that Local Authorities should recover redundancy costs unless good reasons exist for not doing so. A policy should be in place, however what is required to be in the policy is unclear.

To keep paying redundancy costs without a set criteria is not sustainable. The LA reached out to colleagues from other north west LA's to draft a local policy that is in line with LA neighbours. The draft policy needs to be approved through the council approval system. The initial step is to be put to the schools policy development group. (Next meeting is on 24 June 2020)

Concerns were raised with regards to the sentence "School must buy in to the Local Authority HR service". Schools Forum members noted that this doesn't provide the school freedom to buy elsewhere.

It was clarified that this would be because Blackburn with Darwen HR would have to audit to ensure all policies had been followed correctly.

It was suggested that safeguards could be put in to place, whereby other HR providers could be approved by the council. This would ensure that we are protected. If schools use a provider which is not approved by Blackburn with Darwen the liability will not be taken on by the council.

This would potentially need to be a re-wording within the policy, as schools are given the freedom to choose their own providers. A possibility of the HR provider/the school covering the cost for Blackburn with Darwen audit was suggested.

To update the policy would require an outline of the risk of buying in to alternative HR providers, with lack of adherence to policies would be a liability to the school.

Action JH is to discuss the possibility of the audit with HR. HR to provide a cost to do a review of another HR redundancy process.

Once the policy is approved, this will apply retrospectively for the whole financial year.

9. Any Other Business

Covid-19 Issues

The DFE guidance for claims process to recover costs or lost income for schools is unclear. However, DFE have informed that schools cannot put in a claim in that will create a surplus (cannot make a profit from the claim). The email received from the DFE representative will be sent out to provide some clarity.

Schools loss of income e.g. no breakfast / after school club was discussed. Schools can furlough staff who run breakfast/after school clubs however it becomes complicated when staff have multiple duties in school e.g. TA.

All schools can put a claim in. JH will contact maintained schools to provide support with the claims.

Future Meetings

It was agreed that the 9 July meeting is to be cancelled.

11 February 2021 meeting will be moved to either the 18 or 25 March 2021 – all agreed.

Maureen Bateson and Elizabeth Hargreaves

Maureen informed that she will be stepping down to assistant executive member to provide support and advice to Julie if required. Maureen thanked all schools forum member for their efforts and contributions to make a difference to children throughout the borough.

Brian Peacock thanked Maureen Bateson on behalf of the forum for her valuable contribution to the meeting. Her view point and contributions have been very much appreciated.

Elizabeth Hargreaves is retiring as Headteacher of Feniscowles primary school. This was her last meeting as a long standing member of schools forum.

Brian thanked Elizabeth Hargreaves on behalf of the forum for her valuable contribution to young people in Blackburn with Darwen and her contribution to the schools forum.

10. Date and time of next meeting

The next Schools Forum Meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd October 2020, location to be announced.

Dates for future meetings proposed are:

- 10th December 2020
- 14th January 2021

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

SCHOOLS FORUM - BRIEFING PAPER

DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT BUDGET MONITORING 2020/21

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To report the budget position of the 2020/21 Dedicated Schools Grant as at 30th September 2020.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Schools Forum members are asked to note and comment on this report.**

3. Background

- 3.1. The monitoring report below reflects Blackburn with Darwen's latest DSG and pupil premium allocations, published in July 2020.
- 3.2. Since budgets were set, there has been an increase in Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and in demand for places in Special Educational Needs (SEN) settings, which is reflected in the forecast overspend of £543k on the High Needs Block.
- 3.3. As at 30th September 2020, no payments had been made from the newly created High Needs budget for short-term interventions of £640k. However, no underspend is being reported at this stage, as it was agreed by Schools Forum that any unspent budget on this line would be ring-fenced and added to the equivalent budget line in future years.
- 3.4. Maternity reimbursement claims for the summer term amounted to £130k and it seems likely that overall expenditure will reach at least 2019/20 levels, which is what the full-year forecast shown below has been based upon. This is covered further in Item 8.

4. Budget Monitoring Report

- 4.1. The budget monitoring report is shown across the next three pages.

<u>Dedicated Schools Grant budget monitoring 2020/21</u>	Sep-20		
	Current Budget	Full-Year Forecast	Variance
	£	£	£
<u>Schools Block</u>			
Maintained Primary Schools - School Budget Share	55,044,175	55,044,175	-
Maintained Secondary Schools - School Budget Share	10,569,100	10,569,100	-
	65,613,275	65,613,275	-
<u>Schools Block Centrally Retained Budgets</u>			
Retained Education Functions	273,391	273,391	-
Growth Fund	100,000	100,000	-
	373,391	373,391	-
<u>De-delegated budgets</u>			
Free Schools Meals Eligibility	43,943	43,943	-
Maternity Reimbursement - Teachers	148,900	237,076	88,176
Maternity Reimbursement - Non-Teachers	81,324	81,324	-
Trade Union Duties	105,040	105,040	-
	379,207	467,383	88,176
Total Schools Block	66,365,873	66,454,049	88,176
<u>Central School Services Block</u>			
<u>Historical Commitments</u>			
Contribution to Music Services	96,000	96,000	-
School Improvement Groups	280,000	280,000	-
Broadband Connectivity	300,000	300,000	-
Capital Expenditure from Revenue	520,000	520,000	-
	1,196,000	1,196,000	-
<u>Centrally Retained Budgets - Ongoing Responsibilities</u>			
LA Retained Duties	992,306	992,306	-
School Licensing	136,500	136,500	-
	1,128,806	1,128,806	-
Total Central School Services Block	2,324,806	2,324,806	-

<u>Dedicated Schools Grant budget monitoring 2020/21</u>	Sep-20		
	Current Budget	Full-Year Forecast	Variance
	£	£	£
<u>High Needs Block</u>			
<u>Special Schools</u>			
Maintained Special School Place Funding	1,800,000	1,908,333	108,333
Maintained Special Schools Top-up Funding	2,467,900	2,526,882	58,982
Academy Special Schools Top-up Funding	712,100	729,513	17,413
	4,980,000	5,164,728	184,728
<u>Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)</u>			
PRU Place Funding	1,650,000	1,650,000	-
PRU Top-up Funding	205,800	214,500	8,700
PRU Home & Hospital / Outreach Commission	490,000	490,000	-
	2,345,800	2,354,500	8,700
<u>Mainstream Top-up Funding</u>			
Maintained Primary Schools	2,724,700	2,937,379	212,679
Maintained Secondary Schools	263,700	259,312	(4,388)
Academy Primary Schools	294,700	370,603	75,903
Academy Secondary Schools	721,200	772,834	51,634
	4,004,300	4,340,128	335,828
<u>High Needs Centrally Retained Budgets</u>			
Equipment and Adaptations	125,000	125,000	-
Independent Special Schools	3,103,000	3,103,000	-
Element 3 top-up funding for pupils placed out of area in other LA provision	312,800	312,800	-
Element 3 top-up funding for Post-16 placements	562,809	562,809	-
SEN Inclusion Fund (HNB)	135,000	135,000	-
High Needs Non-Delegated Budgets	5,051,974	5,065,774	13,800
New SEN Panel allocation	640,023	640,023	-
	9,930,606	9,944,406	13,800
Total High Needs Block	21,260,706	21,803,762	543,056

Dedicated Schools Grant budget monitoring 2020/21	Sep-20		
	Current Budget	Full-Year Forecast	Variance
	£	£	£
Early Years Block			
Maintained Nurseries	767,000	767,000	-
Maintained Primary Schools - Nursery Classes	1,710,700	1,710,700	-
Academy Primary Schools - Nursery Classes	74,500	74,500	-
Early Years Centrally Retained Budgets	687,700	687,700	-
Early Years Pupil Premium	94,403	94,403	-
Early Years Disability Access Fund	43,700	43,700	-
SEN Inclusion Fund (EYB)	35,000	35,000	-
3 & 4 year-old hours - Children's Centres	807,400	807,400	-
2 year-old hours - Children's Centres	374,500	374,500	-
2 year-old hours - Childminders / PVI's	1,095,191	1,095,191	-
3 & 4 year-old hours - Childminders / PVI's	5,975,279	5,975,279	-
Total Early Years Block	11,665,373	11,665,373	-
Pupil Premium			
Primary Schools	4,564,538	4,564,538	-
Secondary Schools	579,548	579,548	-
Special Schools / PRU	184,250	184,250	-
LAC Pupil Premium	680,050	680,050	-
Total Pupil Premium	6,008,386	6,008,386	-
Total Expenditure	107,625,144	108,256,376	631,232
Funded by:			
Dedicated Schools Grant	(101,616,758)	(101,616,758)	-
Pupil Premium	(6,008,386)	(6,008,386)	-
Sixth Form Grant	-	-	-
Total Income	(107,625,144)	(107,625,144)	-

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SCHOOLS FORUM - BRIEFING PAPER

DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/22

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To make Schools Forum aware of early announcements made about the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations for financial year 2021/22.
- 1.2. To make Schools Forum aware of a consultation with schools that is due to commence on the 28th October 2020.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Schools Forum members are asked to note and comment on this report.**
- 2.2. Schools Forum members are asked to comment on the draft consultation document included at Item 10.**

3. Background

- 3.1. Financial year 2021/22 is year two of a promised three-year £14.4bn funding settlement for schools, and on the 20th July 2020 it was announced that 4.8bn of additional funding is due to be invested in schools across England in this financial year.

Some key messages included in the announcement are as follows:

Schools Block

- 3.2. Although local authorities still have some autonomy to allocate their Schools Block funding using a local formula, the DfE are keen for them to align as closely as possible with the national funding formula (NFF).
- 3.3. Funding previously received through the Teachers' Pay Grant (TPG) and Teachers' Pension Employer Contribution Grants (TPECG) to mainstream schools for pupils from reception to year 11 will be allocated through the schools block NFF by increasing the basic per pupil funding and the minimum per pupil funding.
- 3.4. Mandatory minimum per-pupil funding levels of £4,000 for primary schools and £5,150 for secondary schools have been applied (up from £3,750 and £5,000 respectively in 2020/21). These levels have then been increased further to £4,180 for primary schools and £5,415 for secondary schools to reflect the inclusion of the TPG and the TPECG.
- 3.5. Local authorities must set a minimum funding guarantee for schools between +0.5% and +2.0% per pupil. TPG and TPECG must be added to schools' baselines before the MFG is applied.

- 3.6. Local authorities continue to be able to transfer up to 0.5% of their Schools Block to other blocks of the DSG, with Schools Forum approval. In financial year 2021/22, the total Schools Block available for such transfers must exclude the additional funding local authorities have been allocated for the TPG and TPECG, thereby guaranteeing that all of this funding remains with schools.

High Needs Block

- 3.7. Local authorities will see an increase of at least 8% in their High Needs Block funding in 2021/22. For Blackburn with Darwen, this equates to £1.65m based on the current High Needs allocation in 2020/21 of £20.62m.

Central School Services Block (CSSB)

- 3.8. For the second year in a row, a 20% reduction will be applied to the historical commitments included in the CSSB. This is covered further in Item 7.

4. Funding arrangements in 2021/22 – next steps

- 4.1. The local authority are required to consult on any change to the level of the MFG from the prior year, and in financial year 2020/21, the MFG was +1.84%. In 2021/22, we believe that there will be sufficient funding in the Schools Block to apply a MFG of +2.0%, and we will therefore be circulating a consultation document asking schools to approve this.
- 4.2. Blackburn with Darwen's local funding formula is already very closely aligned with the NFF. It is proposed to continue this approach in 2021/22, and there is an opportunity to seek views on this as part of the consultation process.
- 4.3. The consultation process also provides an opportunity to seek views from schools about the potential transfer of 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block, should Schools Forum members wish to do so.
- 4.4. The results of the consultation will be presented at the Schools Forum meeting in December 2020. Forum members will be asked to approve final Schools Block budgets at the meeting in January 2020.

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CENTRAL SCHOOL SERVICES BLOCK HISTORICAL COMMITMENTS FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/22

1. Purpose

1.1. To provide Schools Forum with an overview of planned reductions to historical commitments in the Central School Services Block (CSSB) for the 2021/22 financial year.

2. Recommendations

2.1. Schools Forum members are asked to note and comment on this report.

3. Background

3.1. The CSSB is made of two elements, as follows:

- Residual funding for historical commitments.
- Retained duties element, which funds the responsibilities that local authorities (LAs) hold for all pupils in the area, regardless of whether they are educated in maintained or academy schools. This funding was previously received through the Education Services Grant (ESG).

3.2. Historical commitments are services that have in the past been provided by local authorities, for schools, using funding top-sliced from the Schools Block. Top-slicing from the Schools Block is no longer permitted, subject to certain prescribed exceptions (now referred to as de-delegation), so from financial year 2018/19 onwards the DfE transferred an amount of funding sufficient to cover these commitments into the CSSB of each LA.

3.3. In recent years the DfE have asked LAs to start unwinding these contributions, as they are not covered under the list of statutory duties that LAs have for all schools. For the first time in 2020/21, the DfE applied a 20% reduction to these budget lines, and they have announced that a further cut of 20% will be applied in 2021/22.

4. Funding arrangements in 2021/22

4.1. The table below shows the historical commitments funded through the Blackburn with Darwen CSSB in 2019/20 and 2020/21, and the proposed amounts for 2021/22.

Centrally retained historical commitments summary table

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Contribution to Music Services	120,000	96,000	76,800
School Improvement Groups	350,000	280,000	224,000
Broadband Connectivity	321,000	256,800	205,440
Capital Expenditure from Revenue	650,000	520,000	416,000
Total centrally retained funds	1,441,000	1,152,800	922,240

4.2. Details of how the reductions have been managed in 2020/21, and proposals for 2021/22, are as follows:

4.2.1. Contribution to Music Services – reserves of £117k exist which have covered the shortfall in 2020/21, and will be able to do so again in 2021/22. The service will need to be reviewed in 2022/23 if the reductions continue at the same rate.

4.2.2. School Improvement Groups SIGs – based on 64 schools receiving £4,000 each, and 12 schools receiving £6,000 each, the funding currently passed out to SIGs is £328,000 per annum. There was therefore a small amount of capacity in the £350k budget, and underspends from previous financial years have been used to cover the funding shortfall in 2020/21. School improvement is one of the services for which schools can still decide to de-delegate Schools Block funding, so options for 2021/22 are:

- De-delegate a per-pupil amount from the Schools Block to bring the centrally-held budget back up to 2019/20 levels, although this option would only be available to maintained, mainstream schools – more details are included in Item 8 – De-delegation of Services.
- Reduce the centrally-held funding for each school from £4,000 to £2,600 for all primary and special schools, and from £6,000 to £3,800 for all secondary schools. Schools would be free to add in their own resources to bring combined SIG pots back up to current levels if they wished.
- Retain funding at 2019/20 levels for maintained schools, and cease funding for academies. Academies would be free to add in their own resources if it is felt that a collaborative approach is useful.

4.2.3. Broadband Connectivity – the existing service can be delivered for an annual cost of between £250k and £330k, as different elements of the contract become renewable in different years. Underspends from prior years have been used to cover the funding shortfall in 2020/21, and will be able to do so again in 2021/22. The service will need to be reviewed in 2022/23 if the reductions continue at the same rate.

4.2.4. Capital Expenditure – the contribution to the capital programme was reduced in 2020/21, and will be reduced further in 2021/22.

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REPORT TO SCHOOLS FORUM

DE-DELEGATION OF SERVICES AND RETENTION OF FUNDING FOR EDUCATION FUNCTIONS 2021/22

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To provide an update to Schools Forum on the funds that can be de-delegated from 2021/22 school budget shares.
- 1.2. To enable Schools Forum to consider the services to be de-delegated in 2020/21, with a final vote to be taken at the next meeting in December 2020.
- 1.3. To enable Schools Forum to consider the continued retention of funding for education functions in 2020/21, with a final vote to be taken at the next meeting in December 2020.
- 1.4. To ask Schools Forum to consider whether they would like any of the issues around de-delegation to be included in the schools consultation that is due to commence on the 28th October 2020.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Maintained primary and secondary representatives are asked to note and comment on this report.**

3. Background

De-delegation of Services

- 3.1. The Schools Finance Regulations that came into effect in April 2013 require the delegation to schools of the entirety of the Schools Block funding, subject to certain prescribed exceptions.
- 3.2. Maintained, mainstream schools may choose, by vote at Schools Forum, to de-delegate some of these prescribed elements of funding to be managed centrally by the local authority on behalf of them. Delegation means the allocation of funding to schools through the local schools funding formula. De-delegation means the retention of funding by the local authority.
- 3.3. Decisions are to be made by primary and secondary phases separately, and voting is restricted to school members representing those phases. De-delegation does not apply to academies, which could instead choose to buy into local authority services. It also does not apply to special schools, as they no longer receive delegated budgets in the same way that mainstream schools do, but they may be able to access any collective arrangements using their funding.

- 3.4. The difference between de-delegation and buy-back is that, in the case of de-delegation, all maintained schools in that phase will have an appropriate level of funding deducted from their delegated budgets, and the local authority will hold the de-delegated budgets centrally and provide services on behalf of all schools.
- 3.5. If de-delegation is not voted for, all schools will receive the additional funding, and may choose, on a school-by-school basis, how to fund those responsibilities. As with any item of expenditure, should Schools Forum not vote for de-delegation, groups of schools could still choose to combine their resources in order to achieve best value, including buying services back from the local authority where available.
- 3.6. A list of the possible services that can be de-delegated is shown below:
- 3.6.1. Additional school improvement services
 - 3.6.2. Contingencies including schools in financial difficulties and deficits of closing schools
 - 3.6.3. Behaviour support services
 - 3.6.4. Support to underperforming ethnic groups and bilingual learners
 - 3.6.5. Free schools meals eligibility
 - 3.6.6. Insurance
 - 3.6.7. Risk Protection Arrangements (RPA)
 - 3.6.8. Museum and library services
 - 3.6.9. Staff costs supply cover (for example, long term sickness, maternity, trade union and public duties).
 - 3.6.10. Licences/subscriptions other than those paid for by Department for Education (DfE)
- 3.7. In 2020/21, Blackburn with Darwen maintained schools voted to de-delegate the following services:
- a) Free school meal eligibility checks
 - b) Maternity pay cover for both teaching and non-teaching staff
 - c) Trade union facility time

Education Functions

- 3.8. In the 2015 Spending Review, Central Government announced that it would be cutting the Education Services Grant (ESG), a funding stream paid to local authorities outside of the local government finance settlement in respect of certain education functions.
- 3.9. There were two elements of ESG – the retained grant, and the general grant. Retained ESG was only paid to local authorities, and funded the responsibilities they hold for all pupils in the area, regardless of whether they are educated in maintained or academy schools. The general element of ESG was paid to local authorities in respect of the pupils in maintained schools. It was also paid separately to each academy in respect of the pupils in their own school.

3.10. The retained element of ESG was transferred into Dedicated Schools Grant from April 2017, and has formed part of the Central Schools Services Block since April 2018. The general element of the grant ended in September 2017 for both local authorities and academies.

3.11. The functions of the local authority covered by the general element of the grant include:

- 3.11.1. School Improvement
- 3.11.2. Statutory and regulatory duties in respect of maintained schools, such as best value and procurement advice, internal audit compliance, pension scheme administration
- 3.11.3. Education welfare, including the inspection of attendance registers
- 3.11.4. Asset management to ensure maintained school buildings are in a satisfactory condition
- 3.11.5. Central support services, such as music tuition, visual, creative and performing arts, outdoor education centres
- 3.11.6. Monitoring of National Curriculum assessments

3.12. The local authority remains responsible for providing these functions on behalf of its maintained schools, and financial regulations allow for funding to be retained from the budgets of maintained schools in order to cover the costs.

4. De-delegation of services and retention of funding for education functions in 2021/22

4.1. For each service de-delegated, local authorities must make a clear statement of how the funding is being taken out of the formula. In the Blackburn with Darwen Formula, the rate per pupil will be listed by service.

4.2. There must also be a clear statement of how contingencies and other resources will be allocated.

4.3. The table below lists the de-delegated items agreed for 2020/21 and the amount for retained education functions, showing the amount de-delegated per pupil and the total central budget created in each case.

De-delegated services 2020/21

	Primary rate per pupil	Secondary rate per pupil	Total budget 2020/21
	£	£	£
Free School Meals	11.38	11.38	£43,900
Staff costs – maternity	16.00	16.00	£230,200
Staff costs – trade union	7.30	7.30	£105,000
Education functions	19.00	19.00	£273,400
Total	53.68	53.68	£652,500

- 4.4. Given the reported reductions to historical commitments in the Central Schools Services Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (see Item 7), Schools Forum may wish to consider additional de-delegations for School Improvement in 2021/22.
- 4.5. Assuming pupil numbers remain broadly the same, a de-delegation of £4.90 per pupil would enable the level of funding provided to maintained, mainstream schools in the School Improvement Groups (SIGs) to be kept at its current level in 2021/22.
- 4.6. Schools Forum may also wish to consider de-delegation for Risk Protection Arrangements (RPA) in 2021/22.
- 4.7. The de-delegation rate for RPA is fixed by the DfE, and is £18 per pupil in the current financial year. This will be reviewed for 2021/22.
- 4.8. In financial year 2019/20, total maternity reimbursements amounted to £318,360 which represented an overspend on the centrally-held budget of £74,360. Claims for the summer term of financial year 2020/21 amounted to £130k and it is therefore anticipated that the current year budget of £230,200 will also overspend.
- 4.9. The position will be reviewed throughout the year, but it is likely that, at the next meeting in December 2020, Schools Forum will be asked to approve an increase for 2021/22 in the de-delegated per-pupil amount for maternity reimbursements. Based on the level of claims submitted in financial year 2019/20 (and assuming pupil numbers remain broadly the same) an increase of £6.50 to £22.50 per pupil would be required.
- 4.10. No change to the other 2021/22 rates is proposed for 2021/22. Final proposals will be presented at the Schools Forum meeting in December 2020.

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SCHOOLS FORUM - BRIEFING PAPER

SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS 2020/21

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To make Schools Forum members aware of changes to the Scheme for Financing Schools.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Schools Forum members representing maintained schools are asked to note and comment on this report.**

3. Background

- 3.1. Local authorities are required to publish a Scheme for Financing Schools, setting out the financial relationship between them and the schools they maintain.
- 3.2. In making any changes to their schemes, other than directed revisions, local authorities must consult all maintained schools in their area and receive the approval of the members of their Schools Forum representing maintained schools.
- 3.3. The only changes in 2020/21 are directed revisions, therefore Schools Forum members do not need to vote, but just need to be aware of the changes.
- 3.4. The updated Scheme is published on the Blackburn with Darwen (BwD) website at the following link: <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/financial/scheme-financing-schools>.

4. Changes 2020/21

- 4.1. During 2019/20 the Department for Education (DfE) ran a consultation called “Financial transparency of local authority maintained schools and academy trusts”. The consultation outcomes were published in July 2020, and resulted in the following changes to the Scheme for Financing Schools of all local authorities:
 - 4.1.1. Maintained schools must now provide local authorities with 3-year financial forecasts. This applies from financial year 2021/22 onwards. Forecasts can be submitted between 1st May and 30th June. We have decided to set 30th June as the deadline in BwD. This change can be found in paragraph 2.3 in the Scheme.
 - 4.1.2. From 31st March 2021, maintained schools are required to submit a deficit recovery plan to their maintaining authority when their deficit rises above 5%. This isn't a significant change for BwD, as we already ask for a recovery plan for any deficit that won't be recovered by the end of the next financial year. The relevant paragraph in the Scheme is 4.5.

- 4.2. The paragraph in the Scheme that refers to insurance cover (paragraph 10.1) now states that maintained schools may join the Secretary of State's Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) scheme.
- 4.3. Annex D of the Scheme which covers responsibility for redundancy and early retirement costs now makes reference to BwDs new policy in this area.

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Introduction

This document sets out proposals and options for Blackburn with Darwen's school funding formula in 2021/22, and seeks feedback from Blackburn with Darwen schools. The consultation runs until the 13th November 2020, and final proposals will be presented to Schools Forum in January 2021.

An online session via Microsoft Teams will be held from 4.00 to 5.00 on Monday 9th November, during which there will be an opportunity to ask questions. If you would like to attend this session, please send your email contact details to jennifer.hackett@blackburn.gov.uk, and you will receive the Teams invitation.

Timetable

28 th October – 13 th November 2020	Consult Blackburn with Darwen schools on the 2021/22 formula options
9 th November 2020 16:00 to 17:00	Online consultation Q&A session
December 2020	Department for Education (DfE) will publish the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations for local authorities based on the latest pupil data from October 2020 census
10 th December 2021	Consultation outcomes presented to Schools Forum for consideration
14 th January 2021	Final proposals on Blackburn's school formula for 2021/22 presented to Schools Forum
February 2021	Budgets will be issued to schools for 2021/22

Background

2021/22 is the second year of a promised three-year £14.4bn funding settlement for schools, and on the 20th July 2020 the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, announced that 4.8bn of additional funding is due to be invested in schools across England in this financial year.

Funding is being allocated through the national school funding formula (NFF), which seeks to ensure that schools are allocated funding fairly to meet their pupils' needs. The NFF model will be used to determine the Schools Block total allocation for each local authority in the country as part of their Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funding allocation.

Although local authorities still have some autonomy to allocate their Schools Block funding using a local formula, data suggests that two thirds of local authorities have now moved towards allocating their funding for schools based on the national funding formula, and it is likely that application of the full NFF methodology will become compulsory within the next few years. The vast majority of Blackburn with Darwen's local funding formula in financial year 2020/21 was aligned with the NFF.

The NFF model for 2021/22 includes the following changes from the previous financial year:

- Unit values have increased – the new values are set out in the table on Page 3 below.
- Funding previously received through the Teachers' Pay Grant (TPG) and Teachers' Pension Employer Contribution Grants (TPECG) to mainstream schools for pupils from reception to year 11 will be allocated through the schools block NFF by increasing the basic per pupil funding and the minimum per pupil funding.

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- Mandatory minimum per-pupil funding levels of £4,000 for primary schools and £5,150 for secondary schools have been applied (up from £3,750 and £5,000 respectively in 2020/21). These levels have then been increased further to £4,180 for primary schools and £5,415 for secondary schools to reflect the inclusion of the TPG and the TPEG.
- Data from the 2019 Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) has been used (in previous years 2015 data was used), and the DfE have changed the basis on which pupils are assigned to the seven IDACI bands.

Details of national funding formula 2021/22 (NFF)

Unit values for the national formula have been confirmed, and these are set out below in Table A, alongside Blackburn's current values for 2020/21.

Per pupil / school funding under NFF 2021/22		Per pupil / school funding under Bwd formula 2020/21	
Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
Basic Entitlement (£ per pupil):			
3,123	2,933		
Primary			
4,404	4,342	4,963	4,932
Key Stage 3			
Key Stage 4			
Deprivation (£ per pupil):			
575	560	840	815
Ever6 FSM			
460	450	460	450
Current FSM			
620	600	865	840
IDACI A			
475	435	680	625
IDACI B			
445	405	630	580
IDACI C			
410	375	580	535
IDACI D			
260	250	415	405
IDACI E			
215	210	310	300
IDACI F			
1,095	1,065	1,660	1,610
Low Prior Attainment (£ per pupil)			
Looked After Children (LAC) (£ per pupil)			
No longer part of NFF		200	200
550	535	1,485	1,440
English as an Additional Language (£ per pupil)			
900	875	1,290	1,250
Mobility (£ per pupil over threshold)			
117,800	119,400	117,800	119,400
Lump Sum (£ per school)			
0 - 45,000	26,000	0 - 70,000	67,600
Premises:			
Rates			
PFI			
Split Sites			
Historic Spend		Historic Spend	
Historic Spend x RPIX		Historic Spend	
Specific to relevant schools		Specific to each school	
25,800		25,800	
Separate fund set aside in Schools Block			
Change in October censuses			

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In financial year 2020/21, Blackburn with Darwen's local funding formula differed from the NFF in the following ways:

- In 2018/19 the DfE announced that they would target support for looked-after children and children who were previously looked-after through the Pupil Premium Plus, rather than include a Looked-After Children factor in the national funding formula. As a result of this transfer, the 2018/19 Pupil Premium Plus rate was increased significantly in that year, and the Looked-After Children factor was removed from the NFF. However, in Blackburn with Darwen that factor has been retained in the local formula.
- The Lump Sum in Blackburn with Darwen has historically been set slightly higher than the figure in the NFF.

Proposals for Blackburn's formula in 2021/22

We have considered the options for the distribution of funding based on the published information by the DfE.

1. Move completely to the national funding formula (NFF) unit values

It is proposed that we move to fully implement the unit values set out in the NFF from 2021/22, as illustrated in the table on Page 3 of this document. For clarity, this means that the formula would not include a Looked-After Children factor.

Although it is not yet clear when the national funding formula will become compulsory, the use of a different local formula will inevitably result in some schools receiving more funding than they would be allocated through the national calculation, to the detriment of other schools, with the prospect that this might need to be reduced in future years.

	Do you agree that we should move to implement the national funding formula unit values from 2021/22?
No	
Comments:	

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2. Minimum funding guarantee (MFG)

MFG protects schools from excessive year to year changes by setting a minimum level of funding per pupil when compared to the previous year. This is based on a school's per-pupil funding excluding Premises, Sparsity and Lump Sum factors.

The DfE's regulations on funding formulas to take effect from April 2021 provide flexibility for local authorities to set an MFG rate between +0.5% and +2.0% per pupil. TPG and TPECG must be added to schools' baselines before the MFG is applied.

We are required to consult on any change to the level of the MFG from the prior year, and in financial year 2020/21, the MFG was +1.84%. In 2021/22, if we implement the unit values set out in the national funding formula, we believe that there will be sufficient funding in the Schools Block to apply a MFG of +2.0%.

Question 2)	Do you agree that we should set the minimum funding guarantee at 2.0% in 2021/22?
Yes	
No	
Comments:	

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3. Transfer from Schools Block to High Needs Block

In 2021/22, as in the previous three financial years, local authorities are permitted to transfer up to 0.5% of the Schools Block allocation into other blocks of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), with the agreement of Schools Forum. Any transfer above this amount would require a disapplication to the Secretary of State.

In 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, Schools Form agreed a transfer of 0.5% to help offset budgetary pressures in the High Needs Block. The amounts transferred were £604,200, £618,000 and £640,000 respectively.

The amount transferred in 2020/21 was ring-fenced to create a source of funding for children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) who are being supported in mainstream schools, but who do not have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or an Individual Pupil Resource Agreement (IPRA). This includes children for whom support is being provided while they are waiting to be assessed, or children whose needs fall short of the requirements for an EHCP, but where costly (albeit short-term) interventions are still felt to be required.

Latest announcements suggest that there will be an increase in High Needs Block funding for Blackburn with Darwen in 2021/22, but this sits alongside an increasing demand for SEN support in the borough. A transfer of 0.5% in 2021/22 would enable current demand pressures to be met, high-needs banding rates to be reviewed with a view to increasing them for the second year in a row, and the pot of intervention funding described above to be retained.

A thorough review of High Needs budgets will be carried out before the start of the financial year, and Schools Forum will be presented with figures to enable them to decide if the Schools Block transfer is required (and at what level) to enable all SEN needs to be met.

The notional amount to be transferred would be £654,000 (this will change when the final DSG allocation is updated for the October 2020 census data).

Question 3)	Do you agree that Schools Forum consider a transfer of up to 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2021/22, if it is felt that this is required to adequately fund SEN needs in the borough.
Yes	
No	
Comments:	

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Illustration

The illustration set out in the table below shows how each school would be affected by a combination of the proposals outlined above, compared to their 2020/21 Blackburn with Darwen formula baseline.

Note that the allocations shown for 2021/22 are notional as they are based on pupils included in the October 2019 census. Final allocations will be based on the October 2020 census.

The school information has been anonymised so that decisions can be based on the principles that are deemed to be fair across all Blackburn with Darwen schools.

BwD Baseline (Blue), column A: This column represents each school's actual budget allocated through the Blackburn with Darwen schools funding formula in 2020/21, including funding received separately in 2020/21 through the TPG and TPECG.

Notional school budget for 2021/22 (Orange), columns B and C: Column B represents each school's notional budget for 2021/22 calculated using NFF unit values and applying a MFG of 2.0%, and Column C shows the percentage increase in funding from 2020/21.

National school budget for 2021/22 retaining BwD local formula variations (Green), columns D and E: Column D represents each school's notional budget for 2021/22 calculated using NFF unit values, but including a Looked-After Children factor of £200 per-pupil and a Lump Sum of £119,400 per school (vs £117,800 in the NFF). Column E shows the percentage increase in funding from 2020/21.

Impact of implementing NFF unit values (Yellow), Columns F and G: These columns show the variance between the NFF and the BwD local formula, and the impact on each school in real and percentage terms respectively.

Only 14 schools are negatively affected by the move to the full NFF, and no school is affected by more than -0.33%. These 14 schools are affected because they are not experiencing the full protection of the MFG, as their notional funding for 2021/22 already exceeds +2.0% compared to 2020/21.

The figures in the table below assume a continuation of the 0.5% transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.

If Schools Forum vote against a transfer, the additional funding will be passed out to schools through the formula. There are a number of ways in which this can be done, but an increase to the MFG above the upper limit of 2.0% is likely to be the option that benefits most schools. A disapplication request would have to be made to the Secretary of State by the 20th November 2020 in order for this approach to be implemented.

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School	Column A 2020/21 Budget	Column B Notional Budget 2021/22 NFF	Column C % Change from 2020/21	Column D Notional Budget 2021/22 BwD Local Formula	Column E % Change from 2020/21	Column F NFF vs Local Formula Value	Column G NFF vs Local Formula %
1	2,067,000.00	2,105,000.00	1.84%	2,105,000.00	1.84%	-	0.00%
2	963,000.00	981,000.00	1.87%	983,000.00	2.08%	(2,000.00)	-0.20%
3	1,831,000.00	1,865,000.00	1.86%	1,865,000.00	1.86%	-	0.00%
4	1,688,000.00	1,719,000.00	1.84%	1,719,000.00	1.84%	-	0.00%
5	1,600,000.00	1,651,000.00	3.19%	1,651,000.00	3.19%	-	0.00%
6	1,181,000.00	1,202,000.00	1.78%	1,204,000.00	1.95%	(2,000.00)	-0.17%
7	795,000.00	808,000.00	1.64%	808,000.00	1.64%	-	0.00%
8	1,342,000.00	1,366,000.00	1.79%	1,366,000.00	1.79%	-	0.00%
9	2,009,000.00	2,080,000.00	3.53%	2,080,000.00	3.53%	-	0.00%
10	1,232,000.00	1,254,000.00	1.79%	1,254,000.00	1.79%	-	0.00%
11	1,789,000.00	1,824,000.00	1.96%	1,826,000.00	2.07%	(2,000.00)	-0.11%
12	1,244,000.00	1,266,000.00	1.77%	1,266,000.00	1.77%	-	0.00%
13	1,657,000.00	1,759,000.00	6.16%	1,759,000.00	6.16%	-	0.00%
14	474,000.00	480,000.00	1.27%	480,000.00	1.27%	-	0.00%
15	842,000.00	856,000.00	1.66%	856,000.00	1.66%	-	0.00%
16	1,229,000.00	1,251,000.00	1.79%	1,251,000.00	1.79%	-	0.00%
17	1,548,000.00	1,576,000.00	1.81%	1,576,000.00	1.81%	-	0.00%
18	1,736,000.00	1,788,000.00	3.00%	1,790,000.00	3.11%	(2,000.00)	-0.11%
19	1,026,000.00	1,044,000.00	1.75%	1,045,000.00	1.85%	(1,000.00)	-0.10%
20	1,833,000.00	1,867,000.00	1.85%	1,867,000.00	1.85%	-	0.00%
21	1,505,000.00	1,532,000.00	1.79%	1,532,000.00	1.79%	-	0.00%
22	894,000.00	910,000.00	1.79%	913,000.00	2.13%	(3,000.00)	-0.33%
23	843,000.00	868,000.00	2.97%	868,000.00	2.97%	-	0.00%
24	871,000.00	886,000.00	1.72%	886,000.00	1.72%	-	0.00%
25	1,798,000.00	1,831,000.00	1.84%	1,831,000.00	1.84%	-	0.00%
26	838,000.00	877,000.00	4.65%	877,000.00	4.65%	-	0.00%
27	1,277,000.00	1,303,000.00	2.04%	1,305,000.00	2.19%	(2,000.00)	-0.15%
28	361,000.00	366,000.00	1.39%	366,000.00	1.39%	-	0.00%
29	1,988,000.00	2,025,000.00	1.86%	2,025,000.00	1.86%	-	0.00%
30	898,000.00	913,000.00	1.67%	913,000.00	1.67%	-	0.00%
31	1,661,000.00	1,692,000.00	1.87%	1,692,000.00	1.87%	-	0.00%
32	988,000.00	1,005,000.00	1.72%	1,005,000.00	1.72%	-	0.00%
33	1,291,000.00	1,314,000.00	1.78%	1,314,000.00	1.78%	-	0.00%
34	805,000.00	818,000.00	1.61%	818,000.00	1.61%	-	0.00%
35	1,028,000.00	1,046,000.00	1.75%	1,046,000.00	1.75%	-	0.00%
36	961,000.00	978,000.00	1.77%	978,000.00	1.77%	-	0.00%
37	1,006,000.00	1,024,000.00	1.79%	1,024,000.00	1.79%	-	0.00%
38	1,747,000.00	1,779,000.00	1.83%	1,780,000.00	1.89%	(1,000.00)	-0.06%
39	1,036,000.00	1,054,000.00	1.74%	1,054,000.00	1.74%	-	0.00%
40	885,000.00	901,000.00	1.81%	902,000.00	1.92%	(1,000.00)	-0.11%
41	1,003,000.00	1,036,000.00	3.29%	1,038,000.00	3.49%	(2,000.00)	-0.19%
42	873,000.00	890,000.00	1.95%	890,000.00	1.95%	-	0.00%
43	906,000.00	928,000.00	2.43%	929,000.00	2.54%	(1,000.00)	-0.11%
44	763,000.00	776,000.00	1.70%	776,000.00	1.70%	-	0.00%
45	1,651,000.00	1,756,000.00	6.36%	1,756,000.00	6.36%	-	0.00%
46	1,052,000.00	1,071,000.00	1.81%	1,071,000.00	1.81%	-	0.00%
47	921,000.00	937,000.00	1.74%	937,000.00	1.74%	-	0.00%
48	4,999,000.00	5,096,000.00	1.94%	5,096,000.00	1.94%	-	0.00%
49	6,132,000.00	6,252,000.00	1.96%	6,252,000.00	1.96%	-	0.00%
50	2,524,000.00	2,683,000.00	6.30%	2,683,000.00	6.30%	-	0.00%
51	934,000.00	957,000.00	2.46%	959,000.00	2.68%	(2,000.00)	-0.21%
52	988,000.00	1,005,000.00	1.72%	1,005,000.00	1.72%	-	0.00%
53	1,569,000.00	1,598,000.00	1.85%	1,598,000.00	1.85%	-	0.00%
54	799,000.00	822,000.00	2.88%	824,000.00	3.13%	(2,000.00)	-0.24%
55	1,754,000.00	1,787,000.00	1.88%	1,787,000.00	1.88%	-	0.00%
56	835,000.00	849,000.00	1.68%	849,000.00	1.68%	-	0.00%
57	902,000.00	924,000.00	2.44%	926,000.00	2.66%	(2,000.00)	-0.22%
58	3,594,000.00	3,663,000.00	1.92%	3,663,000.00	1.92%	-	0.00%
59	1,182,000.00	1,203,000.00	1.78%	1,203,000.00	1.78%	-	0.00%
60	5,196,000.00	5,297,000.00	1.94%	5,297,000.00	1.94%	-	0.00%
61	7,406,000.00	7,551,000.00	1.96%	7,551,000.00	1.96%	-	0.00%
62	7,390,000.00	7,535,000.00	1.96%	7,535,000.00	1.96%	-	0.00%
63	3,489,000.00	3,556,000.00	1.92%	3,556,000.00	1.92%	-	0.00%
64	7,044,000.00	7,181,000.00	1.94%	7,181,000.00	1.94%	-	0.00%
65	6,566,000.00	6,694,000.00	1.95%	6,694,000.00	1.95%	-	0.00%
66	5,499,000.00	5,606,000.00	1.95%	5,606,000.00	1.95%	-	0.00%
67	6,112,000.00	6,232,000.00	1.96%	6,232,000.00	1.96%	-	0.00%
	132,850,000.00	135,749,000.00	6.67%	135,774,000.00	6.69%	(25,000.00)	-0.02%

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How to Respond

This consultation closes on Friday 13th November 2020.

Please complete the attached Word version of the consultation questions and return to jennifer.hackett@blackburn.gov.uk.

Any queries regarding the consultation can be sent to the above email address.

An online session via Microsoft Teams will be held from 4.00 to 5.00 on 9th November, during which there will be an opportunity to ask questions. If you would like to attend this session, please send your email contact details to jennifer.hackett@blackburn.gov.uk and you will receive the Teams invitation.

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Glossary

MFG	Minimum Funding Guarantee
DfE	Department for Education
DSG	Dedicated Schools Grant
NFF	National Funding Formula
TPG	Teachers' Pay Grant
TPECG	Teachers' Pension Employer Contribution Grant
IDACI	Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index
LAC	Looked After Children
PFI	Private Finance Initiative
SEN	Special Educational Needs
EHCP	Education Health and Care Plan
IPRA	Individual Pupil Resource Agreement

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