

Appendix 14

SCHOOLS BUDGET 2013/14

Background to the Schools Forum's recommendations.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. At the meeting of the Schools Forum on 9th January 2013 the final Schools Budget for 2013/14 as set out in Appendix 14 (i) was recommended to Cabinet for approval. This Appendix gives details of those recommendations.
- 1.2. The per pupil funding for 2013/14 will be £4,601.23 for the Schools Block and £3,916 for the Early Years Block. The total funding for the High Needs Block is £15.034 million which includes placement and top up fees for special needs, special units and 16-19 Special needs pupils. The Department for Education (DfE) has also announced that the minimum funding guarantee (MFG) for 2013/14 will be the same as 2012/13 with schools receiving no less than 98.5% per pupil of their 2012/13 funding. Therefore, overall schools' in Southend-on-Sea would see a small reduction of approximately 1.3% in their DSG funding per pupil in 2013/14.

2. Schools' Budget 2013/14

- 2.1 Appendix 14 (i) sets out the recommended Schools' Budget for 2013/14. Column A sets out the 2012/13 base budget. Columns 2, 3 and 4 provide the split between the three Funding Blocks (i.e. Schools Block, High Needs Block and Early Years Block respectively) as per DfE fair funding reform.
- 2.2 The Schools Block is further split between 3 sections:
 - (i) Schools Block – formula to schools
 - (ii) Schools Block – new delegation to school (Primary, Secondary);
and
 - (iii) Schools Block – centrally retained
- 2.3 Column 8 details changes as below:
 - 1.0.1 estimates of school formula allocations to reflect increased pupil numbers, special school and special unit changes, anticipated free school meal uptake and other formula changes including changes in class size funding, increase in primary rolls, and an increase in secondary falling rolls;

- 1.0.1 a reduction in special education reflecting better estimates in expenditure on current provision plus £1,801,000 new early years funding for 2 year olds provision by private voluntary and independent providers (PVI);
 - 1.0.5 an increase in early years reflecting increased numbers;
 - 1.2.1 an increase in provision for statemented pupils and reflecting the transfer of Post 16 SEN support in colleges to Local Authority;
 - 1.2.2 an increase of £93,000 for Special Education Needs (SEN) support services to strengthen the services and correctly reflect the activities within this area;
 - 1.2.4 an increase of £100,000 reflecting increased provision for pupils in independent special schools;
 - 1.2.3 an increase of £843,320 within the High Needs Block reflecting the cessation of inter-authority SEN recoupment nationally from 2013/14 (i.e. recoupment income £1.226k less expenditure of £382k) for special of special schools and special units;
 - 1.2.8 an estimated increase of £251,745 for Contributions to Combine budgets;
 - 1.5.5 the removal of £363,095 of miscellaneous expenditure budget in line with the DfE fair funding guidance;
 - 1.6.10 an estimated reduction of £10,000 in the Carbon Reduction Commitment;
 - 1.7.1 the removal of the £100,000 revenue to capital;
- 2.4 Column 5 therefore represents draft the Schools Budget for 2013/14 of £134,430,674 (with no Headroom) an increase of £4.2m on 2012/13 Schools Budget of £130,235,821.

3. Impact of academies 2013/14

- 3.1 Appendix 14 (i) shows the total Schools' Budget including Academies. In practice, the DSG and the Schools' Budget will be reduced by:
- a) the formula share of an academy in the ISB;
 - b) a pro rata share of other items as identified in Appendix 14(i)
- 3.2 Details are shown in Column 6 of the estimated recoupment for Academies, based on 11 academies as at 1st January 2013. The actual amounts would depend on the number of academies as at 1st April 2013 and would increase over 2013/14 if there were more academies. Based on the 11 academies Column 7 represents the net Schools Budget for 2013/14 which is recommended for approval.

4. Allocation of the “headroom”

- 4.1 There is no “headroom” funding to be allocated.
- 4.2 Schools will be issued their formula budgets in early March 2012 based on the above recommendations and data, which includes pupil numbers and free school meal eligibility.