

## School Funding 2020/21 Onwards

### Report to the Schools Forum 16 January 2020

- 1.1 At the last Forum, in November 2019, a paper was presented summarising the information released by the DfE up until that point concerning 2020/21 funding. Shortly before Christmas final allocations for the Schools, High Needs and Central School Services DSG blocks were issued. The final early years DSG allocation will not be released until Summer 2021, as it is based upon a combination of January 2020 and January 2021 censuses.

#### **Schools Block – Mainstream School Funding**

- 1.2 Final pupil numbers were similar to those that had been used for modelling purposes and confirm the substantial increase in T&W secondary school numbers. We had intimated that we might be able to adopt the DfE's national funding formula for schools in full, as T&W allocations from the DfE had now caught up to the national rate. Now we have the final data we have not only been able to adopt the national formula rates but also increase them slightly, due to a drop in the numbers of pupils being recorded as 'low prior attaining' in the most recent data. For funding purposes, the allocations for this factor are based upon the previous years data, so we have been funded for more low prior attaining pupils than were in our schools in 2019.
- 1.3 The impact of this for primary schools can be seen below:

	<b>T&amp;W 2019/20</b>	<b>NFF 2020/21</b>	<b>T&amp;W 2020/21</b>
AWPU	£2,712	£2,857	£2,865
FSM	£434	£450	£451
FSM6	£533	£560	£562
IDACI A	£568	£600	£602
IDACI B	£415	£435	£436
IDACI C	£385	£405	£406
IDACI D	£355	£375	£376
IDACI E	£237	£250	£251
IDACI F	£197	£210	£211
Low Prior Attainment	£1,037	£1,065	£1,068
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	£508	£535	£537
Mobility	£296	£875*	£878*
Lump sum	£110,000	£114,400	£114,400

\* Measured on a different basis for 2020/21

- 1.4 The factor amounts for secondary schools are as follows:

	<b>T&amp;W 2019/20</b>	<b>NFF 2020/21</b>	<b>T&amp;W 2020/21</b>
AWPU KS3	£3,814	£4,018	£4,030
AWPU KS4	£4,330	£4,561	£4,574
FSM	£434	£450	£451
FSM6	£775	£815	£819
IDACI A	£800	£840	£842
IDACI B	£592	£625	£627
IDACI C	£553	£580	£582
IDACI D	£508	£535	£537
IDACI E	£385	£405	£406
IDACI F	£286	£300	£301
Low Prior Attainment	£1,530	£1,610	£1,617
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	£1,367	£1,440	£1,445
Mobility	£494	£1,250*	£1,254*
Lump sum	£110,000	£114,400	£114,400

\* Measured on a different basis for 2020/21

- 1.5 T&W Council's Cabinet approved the 2020/21 funding formula at the meeting held on Thursday 2 January, so we will be able to issue budgets to maintained schools shortly and send the details of the formula to the ESFA to issue to academies.

### **High Needs Funding**

- 1.6 The DfE published provisional high needs block allocations in October. The final allocations, taking into account the number of high needs pupil in schools at the October 2019 census, were released before Christmas and show a further increase of £134K for T&W due to more pupils in special schools and independent placements. This brings the final allocation for 2020/21 to £25.2m, an increase of £3.2m compared to 2019/20.

### **Central School Services**

- 1.7 Compared to the provisional allocation, the final allocation increased by £20K due to increasing pupil numbers. However, the total allocated is £11K less than 2019/20 due to the gradual withdrawal of protection funding.

### **Summary**

- 1.8 The final allocations of Schools, High Needs and Central Services DSG were broadly in line with provisional figures, with the movements in each case being modestly positive for T&W.

As noted at the November 2019 Forum, both the Schools and High Needs block allocations were relatively generous compared to recent years.

- 1.9 We will be working on the details of the deployment of the high needs budget over the next couple of months and will update the Forum at the March 2020 meeting.

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