

	Agreed 2021	Agreed 2122	Agreed 2223	Proposed 2324	Proposed 2425
<b>Statutory and Regulatory</b>					
Director of Children Services & strategic planning for education service	£123,600	£126,999	£126,999	£126,999	£126,999
Place planning	£98,000	£100,695	£100,695	£100,695	£100,695
Finance & accounting	£43,000	£44,183	£44,183	£44,183	£44,183
Internal Audit .	£9,000	£9,248	£9,248	£9,248	£9,248
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	£2,500	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000
Providing Information to or at the request of the SOS	£10,500	£10,789	£10,789	£10,789	£10,789
<b>Total</b>	<b>£286,600</b>	<b>£295,913</b>	<b>£295,913</b>	<b>£295,913</b>	<b>£295,913</b>
<b>Attendance Support (Education welfare)</b>	<b>£118,000</b>	<b>£121,245</b>	<b>£121,245</b>	<b>£121,245</b>	<b>£121,245</b>
			£0	£0	£0
			£0	£0	£0
<b>Asset Management</b>					
General Landlord duty for all buildings let to academies and for all community school buildings & overall responsibility for capital strategy	£66,950	£68,791	£68,791	£68,791	£68,791
Management of PFI Contracts	£10,300	£10,583	£10,583	£10,583	£10,583
<b>Admissions</b>			£0	£0	£0
Running local central admissions system, handling appeals etc	£330,000	£339,075	£339,075	£339,075	£339,075
			£0	£0	£0
<b>Safeguarding training</b>	<b>£27,500</b>	<b>£28,256</b>	<b>£28,256</b>	<b>£28,256</b>	<b>£28,256</b>
<b>Support for Schools Forum</b>	<b>£20,000</b>	<b>£20,550</b>	<b>£20,550</b>	<b>£20,550</b>	<b>£20,550</b>
<b>Teachers pension employer contributions, funding for centrally employed teachers</b>		£81,747	£81,747	£81,747	£81,747
<b>Total</b>	<b>£859,350</b>	<b>£966,160</b>	<b>£966,160</b>	<b>£966,160</b>	<b>£966,160</b>

Draft Central School Services Block 2024/25 allocations (to be updated for October 2023 pupil numbers)	£1,064,003	£1,123,542	£1,092,653	£1,102,284	£1,091,831
Difference	£204,653	£157,382	£126,493	£136,124	£125,671
Central government purchase of licences for schools (statutory payment to)	£137,667	£140,728	£145,881	£166,009	£174,309
Difference	£66,986	£16,654	<b>-£19,388</b>	<b>-£29,885</b>	<b>-£48,639</b>

Specific comments on individual services where applicable	General comments on the consequences for the funding and delivery of each of the services provided if the request was not approved and any other comments
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Relates to internal audit's role in auditing the elements of the Authority's services and accounts that apply to all schools including academies

All of the services for which funding is requested are statutory services. This means that they cannot be traded as the LA would have to provide them to all schools whether or not the school agreed to an SLA. If the Forum didn't agree any funding for a service, then the LA would still be obliged to provide it. In these circumstances, the LA would appeal to the Secretary of State for Education, in accordance with the Schools and Early Years finance regulations, to allow the minimum sum required to be retained.

**Equalities Impact Assessment** The services identified are provided to schools as a whole rather than to individual pupils. We have therefore not been able to identify any differential impact upon groups of children and young people which would arise from the provision of these services.

Assumes a 5% increase in DfE charge compared to 2023/24

This deficit may be covered in part by an increase in the allocation due to rising pupil numbers. Any remaining deficit will reduce the funds available for central services.

Categories / Description - as set out in DfE Guidance	Agreed 2021	Agreed 2122	Agreed 2223	Agreed 2324	Proposed 2425
<b>Statutory and Regulatory</b>					
Human Resources	£66,459	£67,673	£66,296	£65,806	£65,966
Finance & Procurement	£42,490	£43,266	£42,386	£42,073	£42,175
Internal Audit	£55,564	£56,579	£55,428	£55,018	£55,152
Health & Safety	£17,432	£17,750	£17,389	£17,261	£17,303
Asset Management	£180,855	£184,160	£180,412	£179,079	£179,515
Monitoring national curriculum assessments	£19,861	£20,224	£19,813	£19,666	£19,714
School improvement	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Legal services	£8,739	£8,898	£8,717	£8,653	£8,674
<b>Total</b>	<b>£391,400</b>	<b>£398,552</b>	<b>£390,440</b>	<b>£387,557</b>	<b>£388,500</b>
	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Central Support services - music & outdoor education	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
<b>Premature retirement costs</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£391,400</b>	<b>£398,552</b>	<b>£390,440</b>	<b>£387,557</b>	<b>£388,500</b>

Each of these services underwent restructures which reduced costs pro rata in

Additional £10,000 recategorised from above in 1920.

These services are non statutory. Additional financial support to assist deprived pupils to access Arthog is provided by T&W.

These services are non statutory. Unlike other local authorities, T&W has never top-sliced DSG to pay for school staff premature retirement costs. The annual cost of this to the authority is £1.3m per annum.

The situation described above for services from the central school services block is the same for these services for maintained schools only, in that they are statutory services that the LA is legally obliged to provide.

Rate per pupil 2020/21 to 2023/24 and proposed for 2024/25	£26.23	£26.95	£26.95	£26.95	£26.95
Number of pupils	14,923	14,801	14,488	14,381	14,416