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Schools Funding Formula 2022/23

Committee considering report:	Individual Executive Member Decisions
Date of Committee:	04.02.22
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Ross Mackinnon
Report Author:	Melanie Ellis
Forward Plan Ref:	ID4156

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To approve the school funding formula distribution for 2022/23.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the 2022/23 school funding formula to be distributed to schools. The allocations have been made according to the principles agreed by Schools’ Forum in December and in relation to the total funding available from the Schools Block DSG.
- 2.2 To note that the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) was submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) on 21 January 2022 based on the 0.25% approved transfer to the High Needs Block.
- 2.3 To note that the final formula rates and allocations will be notified to schools by 28th February 2021.

3 Implications and Impact Assessment

Implication	Commentary
Financial:	Distribution of £119.8m to schools
Human Resource:	n/a
Legal:	Need to notify budgets to schools by 28.2.22
Risk Management:	n/a
Property:	n/a

Policy:	n/a			
	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Commentary
Equalities Impact:				
A Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could impact on inequality?		x		
B Will the proposed decision have an impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics, including employees and service users?		x		
Environmental Impact:		x		
Health Impact:		x		
ICT Impact:		x		
Digital Services Impact:		x		
Council Strategy Priorities:		x		
Core Business:		x		
Data Impact:		x		

Consultation and Engagement:	Consulted with all schools in October/November 2021. Consulted with Heads Funding Group and Schools Forum.
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4 Executive Summary

- 4.1 2022/23 is the fifth year of the National Funding Formula (NFF). As in previous years, the Local Authority (LA) continues to have discretion over their schools funding formulae, in consultation with local schools. The LA is responsible for making the final decisions on the formula. Political ratification is required for the LA to be able to issue budgets to maintained schools before the 28th February 2022.
- 4.2 A consultation was held with schools between 20.10.21 and 10.11.21. Responses were considered by the Schools Forum and a methodology for distributing the funding was agreed, including approval to transfer 0.25% of school funding to the High Needs block.
- 4.3 The final DSG funding notification of £118.5m was received from the DfE in December, including a growth allocation of £0.87m. The funding distribution to schools includes a further £1.57m for Business Rates, and a deduction of £0.3m for the High Needs Block transfer. The growth allocation will be distributed as part of the formula and not added to the Growth Fund. Total allocation to schools is £119.8m.

5 Supporting Information

Introduction

- 5.1 A consultation with schools on the schools' funding formula was held between 20.10.21 and 10.11.21. The responses were considered by the Schools Forum in December 2021, and the following agreed:
- (a) To mirror the Department for Education's (DfE) 2022/23 National Funding Formula (NFF) to calculate the funding allocations.
 - (b) To use a reduced sparsity factor, set at 80% of the NFF values.
 - (c) To address any surplus or shortfall in funding by adjusting the AWPU values.
 - (d) To apply a 0.25% top slice to the schools' funding.
 - (e) To use the block transfer to support the High Needs Block including support for Early Years development and capacity.
 - (f) To adopt the criteria to be used to allocate additional funds.
 - (g) To distribute the 2022/23 growth allocation as part of the funding formula.
- 5.2 At the Schools Forum in December 2021 it was agreed not to increase the Growth Fund but to distribute the 2022/23 growth allocation via the formula.

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5.3 The final DSG funding notification was received from the DfE in December 2021 totalling £118.5m, including a growth allocation of £0.87m. The funding distribution to schools includes a further £1.57m for Business Rates, and a deduction of £0.3m for the High Needs Block transfer. The growth allocation will be distributed as part of the formula and not added to the Growth Fund. Total allocation to schools is £119.8m.

Growth Funding 2022/23

5.4 The main DSG funding for schools is lagged and based on pupil numbers from the previous October census. Since 2019/20, growth funding is allocated to the local authority by formula and forms part of the Schools Block DSG. The formula for allocating growth funding to each LA is based on actual growth in pupil numbers.

5.5 This funding can be put aside into a Growth Fund, where it can be awarded to schools under certain criteria. If not required for growth, it can be added into the school formula, but if there is a shortfall, this needs to be met from a top slice of the main schools' block allocation. As it is within the schools block, a movement of funding between the schools formula and the Growth Fund is not treated as a transfer between blocks.

5.6 The cumulative balance on our Growth Fund was £1.5m at 31.3.2021 and is forecast to be £1.1m by 31.3.2022. The DSG growth funding for 2022/23 is £875k. The projected balance of our Growth Fund is sufficient, so the Schools' Forum agreed to put all the 2022/23 funding into the school formula to distribute to schools.

Final School Funding:

		2022/23		
Schools Block	2021/22 Total funding	Unit of funding	Number of pupils	2022/23 Total funding
Primary	58,296,060	4,592.13	12,996.00	59,679,321
Secondary	54,436,540	5,713.25	10,142.50	57,946,639
Growth	603,831			874,544
DfE allocation	113,336,431			118,500,505
NNDR allocation 2022/23	1,495,197			1,566,240
Total allocation	114,831,628			120,066,745
Block transfer	- 548,568			- 300,166
Total formula funding	114,283,060			119,766,579
NNDR direct allocation 2022/23	-			- 1,566,240
Total formula funding after NNDR allocation	114,283,060			118,200,339

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Formula Rates:

Factor	National Rate	WBC National Rate (with ACA)	Final rate on APT	National Rate	WBC National Rate (with ACA)	Rate with 0.25% transfer & growth funding	Total Funding after 0.5% transfer & growth funding	Total Funding after 0.25% transfer & growth funding
	2021/22			2022/23			2021/22	2022/23
Basic per pupil funding								
Primary AWPU	£3,123	£3,231	£3,230	£3,217	£3,329	£3,343	£42,437,881	£43,509,329
KS3 AWPU	£4,404	£4,557	£4,547	£4,536	£4,694	£4,714	£28,149,921	£29,826,898
KS4 AWPU	£4,963	£5,135	£5,124	£5,112	£5,290	£5,313	£18,672,063	£20,289,797
Minimum per pupil								
Primary	£4,180	£4,180	£4,180	£4,265	£4,265	£4,265		
Secondary	£5,415	£5,415	£5,415	£5,525	£5,525	£5,525		
Additional needs funding								
Deprivation								
Primary FSM	£460	£476	£476	£470	£486	£486	£4,459,755	£5,065,044
Secondary FSM	£460	£476	£476	£470	£486	£486		
Primary FSM6	£575	£595	£595	£590	£611	£611		
Secondary FSM6	£840	£869	£869	£865	£895	£895		
Primary IDACI A	£620	£642	£642	£640	£662	£662		
Primary IDACI B	£475	£491	£491	£490	£507	£507		
Primary IDACI C	£445	£460	£460	£460	£476	£476		
Primary IDACI D	£410	£424	£424	£420	£435	£435		
Primary IDACI E	£260	£269	£269	£270	£279	£279		
Primary IDACI F	£215	£222	£222	£220	£228	£228		
Secondary IDACI A	£865	£895	£895	£890	£921	£921		
Secondary IDACI B	£680	£704	£704	£700	£724	£724		
Secondary IDACI C	£630	£652	£652	£650	£673	£673		
Secondary IDACI D	£580	£600	£600	£595	£616	£616		
Secondary IDACI E	£415	£429	£429	£425	£440	£440		
Secondary IDACI F	£310	£321	£321	£320	£331	£331		
Low Prior Attainment								
Primary LPA	£1,095	£1,133	£1,133	£1,130	£1,169	£1,169	£3,754,603	£3,780,358
Secondary LPA	£1,660	£1,718	£1,718	£1,710	£1,769	£1,769	£3,693,631	£3,961,148
English as an Additional Language								
Primary EAL	£550	£569	£569	£565	£585	£585	£458,637	£492,907
Secondary EAL	£1,485	£1,537	£1,537	£1,530	£1,583	£1,583	£125,342	£166,597
Mobility								
Primary Mobility	£900	£931	£931	£925	£957	£957	£19,555	£54,461
Secondary Mobility	£1,290	£1,335	£1,335	£1,330	£1,376	£1,376	£0	£0
School led funding								
Lump Sum								
Primary	£117,800	£121,885	£121,885	£121,300	£125,515	£125,515	£9,334,360	£9,664,655
Secondary	£117,800	£121,885	£121,885	£121,300	£125,515	£125,515		
Sparsity								
Primary	£45,000	£46,562	£35,000	£55,000	£56,911	£45,529	£257,078	£687,071
Secondary	£70,000	£72,428	£72,428	£80,000	£82,780	£66,224		
Premises								
Primary							£1,566,240	£1,558,549
Secondary								
Total Allocation (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG funding total)							£112,929,067	£119,056,814
Additional funding to meet the minimum funding level							£1,202,627	£637,221
Total Allocation including minimum funding adj							£114,131,694	£119,694,036
MFG adjustment							£151,366	£72,543
Post MFG budget							£114,283,060	£119,766,579
Growth fund							£0	£0
Total funding for Schools Block Formula							£114,283,060	£119,766,579
NNDR allocation 2022/23								-£1,566,240
Total funding for Schools Block Formula after NNDR allocation							£114,283,060	£118,200,339
Amount of block transfer							£548,568	£300,166
DSG Schools Block DfE allocation							£114,831,628	£118,500,505

Proposals

5.7 To approve the final school funding formula allocations for 2022/23.

6 Appendices

6.1 Appendix A – Final school funding allocations

Background Papers:

School Forum papers between October 2021 and January 2022

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: No:

- The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval
- Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council
- Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position
- Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee or associated Task Groups within preceding six months
- Item is Urgent Key Decision
- Report is to note only

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FINAL ALLOCATIONS 2022/23		2021/22 FINAL ALLOCATION (after 0.5% HNB transfer)			2022/23 FINAL ALLOCATION (after 0.25% HNB transfer)			YEAR ON YEAR CHANGE		
School Name	Phase	Pupil count Oct 2020	Formula allocated	Per pupil funding	Pupil count Oct 2021	Formula allocated	Per pupil funding	2022/23 increase in total cash	2022/23 increase in per pupil total funding	% change
Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	Primary	142	£687,609	£4,842	131	£676,338	£5,163	£11,271	£321	-2%
Basildon C.E. Primary School	Primary	151	£678,560	£4,494	159	£721,532	£4,538	£42,972	£44	6%
Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School	Primary	50	£350,969	£7,019	47	£363,710	£7,739	£12,741	£719	4%
Beenham Primary School	Primary	54	£337,155	£6,244	50	£377,963	£7,559	£40,808	£1,316	12%
Birch Copse Primary School	Primary	425	£1,801,600	£4,239	425	£1,837,575	£4,324	£35,975	£85	2%
Bradfield C.E. Primary School	Primary	158	£700,702	£4,435	156	£709,555	£4,548	£8,853	£114	1%
Brightwalton C.E. Aided Primary School	Primary	103	£528,132	£5,127	99	£520,871	£5,261	£7,261	£134	-1%
Brimpton C.E. Primary School	Primary	58	£361,866	£6,239	54	£384,277	£7,116	£22,410	£877	6%
Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	Primary	111	£541,093	£4,875	114	£574,625	£5,041	£33,532	£166	6%
Burghfield St Mary's C.E. Primary School	Primary	213	£905,902	£4,253	204	£916,205	£4,491	£10,303	£238	1%
Calcot Infant School and Nursery	Primary	180	£874,205	£4,857	201	£998,552	£4,968	£124,346	£1111	14%
Calcot Junior School	Primary	277	£1,217,080	£4,394	272	£1,266,995	£4,658	£49,914	£264	4%
Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	Primary	30	£255,084	£8,503	30	£295,408	£9,847	£40,325	£1,344	16%
Chieveley Primary School	Primary	203	£878,609	£4,328	198	£880,549	£4,447	£1,940	£119	0%
Cold Ash St Mark's CE Primary School	Primary	177	£756,803	£4,276	178	£776,115	£4,360	£19,312	£84	3%
Compton C.E. Primary School	Primary	187	£834,260	£4,461	188	£873,912	£4,648	£39,652	£187	5%
Curridge Primary School	Primary	99	£472,437	£4,772	92	£477,390	£5,189	£4,954	£417	1%
Denefield School	Secondary	960	£5,275,077	£5,495	958	£5,478,345	£5,719	£203,268	£224	4%
Downsway Primary School	Primary	213	£914,436	£4,293	214	£940,323	£4,394	£25,887	£101	3%
Enborne C.E. Primary School	Primary	73	£389,087	£5,330	75	£432,624	£5,768	£43,537	£438	11%
Englefield C.E. Primary School	Primary	99	£472,093	£4,769	105	£509,464	£4,852	£37,371	£83	8%
Falkland Primary School	Primary	424	£1,800,333	£4,246	420	£1,819,150	£4,331	£18,817	£85	1%
Fir Tree Primary School and Nursery	Primary	180	£860,002	£4,778	183	£905,073	£4,946	£45,071	£168	5%
Francis Baily Primary School	Primary	586	£2,457,411	£4,194	557	£2,386,582	£4,285	£70,829	£91	-3%
Garland Junior School	Primary	206	£931,227	£4,521	230	£1,078,574	£4,689	£147,346	£169	16%
Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	Primary	88	£455,254	£5,173	89	£526,053	£5,911	£70,800	£737	16%
Hermitage Primary School	Primary	183	£796,300	£4,351	195	£865,645	£4,439	£69,345	£88	9%
Highwood Copse Primary School	Primary	17.5	£135,694	£7,754	41.5	£269,377	£6,491	£133,683	£-1,263	99%
Hungerford Primary School	Primary	359	£1,542,768	£4,297	348	£1,544,664	£4,439	£1,896	£141	0%
Inkpen Primary School	Primary	60	£352,759	£5,879	64	£436,733	£6,824	£83,973	£945	24%
John O'gaunt School	Secondary	405	£2,499,111	£6,171	405	£2,586,919	£6,387	£87,808	£217	4%
John Rankin Infant and Nursery School	Primary	268	£1,139,614	£4,252	251	£1,095,149	£4,363	£44,466	£111	-4%
John Rankin Junior School	Primary	351	£1,491,753	£4,250	358	£1,551,186	£4,333	£59,434	£83	4%
Kennet School	Secondary	1490	£8,220,960	£5,517	1512	£8,702,248	£5,755	£481,287	£238	6%
Kennet Valley Primary School	Primary	193	£903,115	£4,679	204	£981,989	£4,814	£78,874	£134	9%
Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	Primary	145	£682,534	£4,707	145	£705,837	£4,868	£23,303	£161	3%
Lambourn CoFE Primary School	Primary	166	£792,018	£4,771	169	£834,783	£4,940	£42,764	£168	5%
Little Heath School	Secondary	1290	£7,239,682	£5,612	1314	£7,636,913	£5,812	£397,231	£200	5%
Long Lane Primary School	Primary	214	£932,011	£4,355	210	£952,491	£4,536	£20,480	£180	2%
Mortimer St John's C.E. Infant School	Primary	172	£757,147	£4,402	172	£786,682	£4,574	£29,535	£172	4%
Mortimer St Mary's C.E. Junior School	Primary	232	£973,795	£4,197	237	£1,016,095	£4,287	£42,300	£90	4%
Mrs Bland's Infant School	Primary	176	£833,421	£4,735	155	£785,053	£5,065	£48,367	£330	-6%
Pangbourne Primary School	Primary	200	£878,435	£4,392	191	£870,610	£4,558	£7,824	£166	-1%
Park House School	Secondary	969	£5,380,069	£5,552	1037	£6,013,904	£5,799	£633,835	£247	12%
Parsons Down Infant School	Primary	129	£637,530	£4,942	107	£573,032	£5,355	£64,499	£413	-10%
Parsons Down Junior School	Primary	232	£1,003,609	£4,326	233	£1,059,760	£4,548	£56,151	£222	6%
Purley CoFE Primary School	Primary	104	£518,903	£4,989	104	£537,596	£5,169	£18,693	£180	4%
Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery	Primary	233	£1,053,050	£4,520	232	£1,084,868	£4,676	£31,818	£157	3%
Shaw-cum-Donnington C.E. Primary School	Primary	86	£480,348	£5,585	90	£503,662	£5,596	£23,314	£11	5%
Shefford C.E. Primary School	Primary	53	£366,233	£6,910	60	£412,259	£6,871	£46,026	£-39	13%
Speenhamland School	Primary	298	£1,303,777	£4,375	278	£1,253,033	£4,507	£50,744	£132	-4%
Springfield Primary School	Primary	302	£1,287,460	£4,263	304	£1,321,510	£4,347	£34,050	£84	3%
Spurcroft Primary School	Primary	450	£1,944,213	£4,320	417	£1,847,643	£4,431	£96,570	£110	-5%
St Bartholomew's School	Secondary	1341	£7,340,521	£5,474	1350	£7,537,756	£5,584	£197,235	£110	3%
St Finian's Catholic Primary School	Primary	194	£829,284	£4,275	193	£847,232	£4,390	£17,948	£115	2%
St John the Evangelist C.E. Nursery and Infant Sch	Primary	178	£781,741	£4,392	178	£833,279	£4,681	£51,539	£290	7%
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Primary	200	£909,200	£4,546	203	£939,971	£4,630	£30,770	£84	3%
St Nicolas C.E. Junior School	Primary	256	£1,076,916	£4,207	247	£1,061,896	£4,299	£15,020	£92	-1%
St Paul's Catholic Primary School	Primary	315	£1,321,480	£4,195	319	£1,365,893	£4,282	£44,413	£87	3%
Stockcross C.E. School	Primary	103	£492,076	£4,777	100	£529,528	£5,295	£37,452	£518	8%
Streathley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	Primary	102	£488,000	£4,784	103	£508,161	£4,934	£20,161	£149	4%
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet School	Primary	100	£490,631	£4,906	95	£501,767	£5,282	£11,137	£375	2%
Thatcham Park CoFE Primary	Primary	340	£1,475,210	£4,339	325	£1,466,096	£4,511	£9,114	£172	-1%
The Downs School	Secondary	988	£5,377,573	£5,443	1016	£5,657,639	£5,569	£280,067	£126	5%
The Ilsleys Primary School	Primary	63	£376,083	£5,970	61	£396,896	£6,506	£20,813	£537	6%
The Willink School	Secondary	970	£5,373,259	£5,539	1007	£5,837,873	£5,797	£464,614	£258	9%
The Willows Primary School	Primary	370	£1,738,607	£4,699	336	£1,644,272	£4,894	£94,335	£195	-5%
The Winchcombe School	Primary	441	£1,933,530	£4,384	448	£1,997,332	£4,458	£63,802	£74	3%
Theale C.E. Primary School	Primary	310	£1,375,725	£4,438	311	£1,406,001	£4,521	£30,276	£83	2%
Theale Green School	Secondary	469	£2,762,691	£5,891	546	£3,316,666	£6,074	£553,974	£184	20%
Trinity School	Secondary	953	£5,460,807	£5,730	1001	£5,966,687	£5,961	£505,880	£231	9%
Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School	Primary	88	£487,162	£5,536	80	£482,218	£6,028	£-4,943	£492	-1%
Westwood Farm Infant School	Primary	177	£798,233	£4,510	180	£835,309	£4,641	£37,076	£131	5%
Westwood Farm Junior School	Primary	237	£1,029,586	£4,344	239	£1,078,954	£4,514	£49,368	£170	5%
Whitelands Park Primary School	Primary	358	£1,502,363	£4,197	367	£1,577,829	£4,299	£75,467	£103	5%
Woolhampton C.E. Primary School	Primary	106	£502,427	£4,740	102	£535,872	£5,254	£33,445	£514	7%
Yattendon C.E. Primary School	Primary	92	£476,661	£5,181	90	£484,050	£5,378	£7,389	£197	2%
Total formula funding			£114,283,060			£119,766,579				
Block Transfer			£548,568			£300,166				
Total allocation		22976	£114,831,628		23160	£120,066,745				
Primary Total			£59,353,309			£61,031,629		£1,678,320		
Secondary Total			£54,929,751			£58,734,950		£3,805,199		