

Schools Forum
Wednesday, 10 January 2024 at 8.00 am
VENUE: Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Business Advisor (Schools) will report the names of alternate Members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed Members.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of interests from Members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it only becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF 6 DECEMBER 2023 AND MATTERS ARISING

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That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 be signed as a correct record.

(Asad Shah – 01274 432280)

4. MATTERS RAISED BY SCHOOLS

Members will be asked to consider any issues raised by schools.

5. **STANDING ITEM - DSG GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS (a)**

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As presented in **Document QV**, Forum Members are asked to agree newly proposed allocations, from the 2023/24 Schools Block Growth Fund, to maintained secondary schools and secondary academies. **Document QV** replaces Document QM, which was presented on 6 December. The six allocations that were estimated in Document QM are now confirmed.

Recommended –

- (1) **The Schools Forum is asked to agree to allocate a total of £770,431 from the Growth Fund in 2023/24 to maintained secondary schools and secondary academies, as set out in Document QV.**
- (2) **Members are asked to note that an indicative total sum of £1,149,175 of surplus balance of Growth Fund is ring-fenced and is forecasted to be carried forward into 2024/25 within the Schools Block.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

6. **CONSULTATION - EARLY YEARS BLOCK FUNDING ARRANGEMENT (a)**

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document QW**, which presents the Authority's consultation on proposals for Bradford's 2024/25 Early Years Single Funding Formula. Subject to the Forum's agreement, this consultation will go live immediately following this meeting and will have a closing date for responses of 5 February 2024.

Recommended –

- (1) **The Forum is asked for its formal feedback on the proposals. Members are asked to provide their feedback under agenda item 12. The outcomes of the consultation will be presented to the Forum on 6 March. However, this will be after Council has taken its final decisions on DSG arrangements for 2024/25 on 22 February.**
- (2) **Members are asked to note that the recommended allocation of the 2024/25 Early Years Block, and Early Years Single Funding Formula arrangements, presented to this meeting are put forward on the basis that the Authority's proposals are implemented. Any variance from this in the final arrangements, as agreed by Council, including changes as result of consultation feedback, will be presented to the Forum on 6 March.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

7. UPDATED 2024/25 DSG POSITION (i) 71 - 74

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document QX**, which updates Forum Members on the position of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the 2024/25 financial year. This is a main reference document for this meeting.

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to note the information provided. This will inform decisions and recommendations to be made under agenda item 12.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

8. UPDATED 2023/24 DSG SPENDING AND BALANCES FORECAST (i) 75 - 78

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present statements, **Document QY** Appendices 1 and 2, which update Forum Members on the forecasted spending positions of each of the DSG Blocks for 2023/24, on the estimated values of balances to be carried forward into 2024/25, and on the proposed uses of these balances.

These statements replace the initial indicative forecasts that were presented to the Schools Forum on 6 December (in Document QS).

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to note the information provided. This will inform decisions and recommendations to be made under agenda item 12.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

9. CENTRALLY MANAGED AND DE-DELEGATED FUNDS 2024/25 (i) 79 - 86

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present statements, **Document QZ** Appendices 1, 2 and 3, which set out proposed Schools Block, Central Schools Services Block and Early Years Block centrally managed and de-delegated funds for the 2024/25 financial year.

The statements at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 replace the indicative information that was presented to the Schools Forum on 6 December (in Document QU).

Appendix 3 newly presents the contributions to be made by each

maintained primary and secondary school to de-delegated funds held within the Schools Block and how these compare with the contributions made in 2023/24.

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to note the information provided. This will inform decisions and recommendations to be made under agenda item 12.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

10. INDICATIVE BUDGETS, FUNDING RATES & PRO-FORMAS 2024/25 (i)

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The Principal Finance Officers (Schools) and the Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document RA**, with Appendices 1-5.

Appendices 1a, 1b and 1c show the indicative values of allocations to be delegated to individual primary and secondary maintained schools and academies within the Schools Block.

Appendix 1d provides an analysis of the change in cost of Schools Block formula funding following the use of the data collected in / based on the October 2023 Census. Modelling previously presented to the Forum has been based on October 2022 Census data.

Appendices 2a, 2b and 2c show the proposed indicative rates of funding for early years settings for the 2024/25 financial year. These rates are shown, prior to the completion of the consultation on our Early Years Single Funding Formula (which closes on 5 February).

Appendix 3 provides a more detailed analysis of how the High Needs Block planned budget has been constructed at individual setting level. Please note that Appendix 3 does not show the values of allocations that high needs providers will actually receive in 2024/25 (as these will be based on monthly occupancy during the year).

Appendices 4 and 5 show the draft Primary and Secondary and Early Years pro-formas, which summarise the Authority's proposed formula funding arrangements. Please note that these pro-formas are subject to the final decisions and recommendations to be made by the Schools Forum, under agenda item 12, as well as to the finalisation of our early years funding arrangements, following the closure of the consultation.

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to note the information provided. This will inform decisions and recommendations to be made under agenda item 12.

11. UPDATED DSG MANAGEMENT PLAN (i)

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document RB**, which is an update of the Authority's Management Plan for the Dedicated Schools Grant.

The Plan explains the general management principles that guide our decision making and then focuses on High Needs Block matters. Alongside this Plan is presented a list of specialist places planned to be commissioned in 2024/25 and a future year forecast of the High Needs Block.

The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) now expects that every authority will present to their Forums a Management Plan, which explains their DSG's financial position, the risks of overspending and deficit, and the actions that an authority is taking either for deficit avoidance or for deficit recovery, as appropriate. The plan should include benchmarking and demand-led data, to provide context to the financial picture and which enables a focus to be retained on value for money. A plan is specifically required where an authority's DSG account is in deficit. In these circumstances, an authority is required to submit its plan to the ESFA. This is not the case in Bradford, as our DSG account is in surplus.

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to note the information provided. This will inform decisions and recommendations to be made under agenda item 12.

12. FINAL DECISIONS AND FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS 2024/25 DSG (a)

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present **Document RC**, which summarises the decisions and recommendations that the Schools Forum is asked to make in supporting the Local Authority to set the allocation of the DSG and formula funding arrangements for the 2024/25 financial year. The Forum is asked to take decisions (as required by the Regulations), and to make its final formal recommendations, on the Authority's proposals under the following main headings:

- Schools Block Centrally Managed Funds
- Early Years Block Centrally Managed Funds
- The Central Schools Services Block
- The High Needs Block (including high needs formula funding)

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- The Allocation & Retention of forecasted Balances Brought Forward
- Early Years Block Early Years Single Funding Formula and Pro-Forma
- Schools Block Primary & Secondary Formula Funding and Pro-Forma

Recommended -

- (1) The Forum is asked for its final decisions on identified items as required by the Regulations.**
- (2) The Forum is asked to give its final formal recommendations on the Authority's proposals for the allocation of the 2024/25 DSG, 2024/25 formula funding arrangements, and the treatment of balances forecasted to be carried forward from 2023/24. The Forum's recommendations will be presented to the Council's Executive on 20 February, and then, subject to the Executive's resolution, to full Council on 22 February, as part of the Council's final decision-making process.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members will be asked for any additional items of business, for consideration at a future meeting.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A provisional meeting has been planned (subject to this being needed to complete agenda item 12) to take place on Wednesday 17 January.

The next substantive Forum meeting is planned for Wednesday 6 March 2024 (remote).

For planning purposes, the provisional schedule for Schools Forum meetings for the 2024/25 academic year has now been set, as follows:

- Wednesday 11 September 2024, 8am
- Wednesday 9 October 2024, 8am
- Wednesday 4 December 2024, 8am
- Wednesday 15 January 2025, 8am
- Wednesday 22 January 2025, 8am PROVISIONAL MEETING
- Wednesday 12 March 2025, 8am
- Wednesday 21 May 2025, 8am
- Wednesday 9 July 2025, 8am

(a) Denotes an item for action (including where a formal view or recommendation is required).

(i) Denotes an item for information.

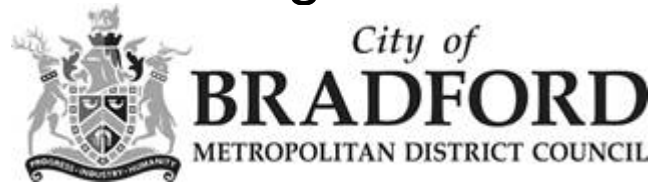
SIGNPOSTING OF HIGH NEEDS INFORMATION

As per the schedule presented on 14 October 2020, “Forum members are expected to access ‘outside of the Forum meetings’ wider SEND information that is presented to other groups and that is already published, including information presented to the SEND Partnership. The Authority will signpost this information (webpage links) for Forum members at the bottom of agendas.”

SEND Partnership Board (minutes of meetings):

<https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk/coproduction--feedback/send-strategic-partnership-board->

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Schools Forum meeting held remotely on Wednesday 6 December 2023

To view the archived recording of this meeting, please see here:
<https://bradford.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

Commenced 08:00
 Concluded 10:50

RECORD OF MEETING ATTENDEES, APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

Schools & Academies Members

IN ATTENDANCE

Member	Membership Group
Ian Morrel (Chair)	Maintained Secondary Schools – Headteacher
Ashley Reed (Vice Chair)	Academies Member
Amanda Sloney	Academies Member
Rowena Dixon	Academies Member
Matthew Hill	Academies Member
Brent Fitzpatrick OBE	Academies Member
Sarah Murray	Academies Member
Melanie Saville	Academies Member
Helen Williams	Academies Member
Michael Thorp	Academies Member
Isabel Peat	Academies Member
Richard Bottomley	Academies Member – Alternative Provision Academies
Lyndsey Brown	Academies Member - Special School Academies
Bev George	Maintained Nursery Schools – Governor
Sian Hudson	Maintained Nursery Schools - Headteacher
Gareth Baterip	Maintained Primary Schools - Headteacher
Kathryn Swales	Maintained Primary Schools - Headteacher
Victoria Merriman	Maintained Primary Schools - Headteacher
Helen Willett	Maintained Special Schools

APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Member	Membership Group
Victoria Birch	Academies Member
Jonathan Nixon	Academies Member

NOT IN ATTENDANCE (WITHOUT APOLOGIES RECEIVED)

Member	Membership Group
Jon Skurr	Academies Member
Wahid Zaman	Academies Member

Graham Swinbourne	Maintained Primary Schools - Headteacher
Kirsty Ratcliffe	Pupil Referral Unit (maintained)

Non-Schools Members

IN ATTENDANCE

Member	Membership Group
Tom Bright	Teaching Unions
Ruth Terry MBE	Officer Representing Vulnerable Children

APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Member	Membership Group

NOT IN ATTENDANCE (WITHOUT APOLOGIES RECEIVED)

Member	Membership Group
Junaid Karim	Council for Mosques (Bradford)

Substitute Members present at the meeting as a Member (not as an Observer)

Substitute Member	Membership Group

Substitute Members present at the meeting as an Observer (not as a Member)

Substitute Member	Membership Group
Alison Kaye	Academies Member

Local Authority Officers present at the meeting

Officer	Position
Asad Shah	Committee Secretariat
Sue Lowndes	Assistant Director for Schools
Dawn Haigh	Principal Finance Officer (Schools)
Andrew Redding	Business Advisor (Schools)

40% of the School Forum's membership (filled membership positions) must be present for a meeting to be quorate. This meeting was quorate, with 75% of members present (21 out of 28 currently filled membership positions).

727. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Ashley Reed and Helen Williams declared interests in agenda item 5 (Growth Fund allocations).

Richard Bottomley declared an interest in agenda item 13 (Annual SEND Sufficiency Statement).

728. MINUTES OF 11 OCTOBER 2023 & MATTERS ARISING

In introducing the meeting, the Chair welcomed Victoria Merriman and Gareth Baterip as new members of the Forum. He explained that:

- This is the meeting immediately preceding the main annual recommendations and decisions meeting to be held on 10 January. The main purposes of this meeting are to:
 - Ensure that Members have sufficient information on which to make their recommendations on the allocation of the DSG and formula funding arrangements for 2024/25 on 10 January. This is the last opportunity that Members have to ask for clarification / further information.
 - Review the feedback received from the consultations on mainstream and high needs formula funding arrangements.
 - Highlight that the DfE has just announced the Early Years Block settlement for 2024/25 and that we are working to go out to consultation in January. We have provided an update under agenda item 7, which will be added to verbally (as the DfE's announcement came after the report to the Forum was written).
 - Consider the DSG's forecasted spending position for 2023/24.
 - Consider further information on high needs, including the SEND Sufficiency Statement.
 - Consider further information on centrally managed funds.
- Under each agenda item, the Chair explained that members are asked to think about whether they feel they have sufficient information and if not, to identify areas for clarification. He encouraged members to not be afraid to ask questions and also to not assume that other members fully understand the matter that you may wish to investigate further.

The Business Advisor (Schools) reported on progress made on "Action" items from the 11 October meeting. He reported that:

- **Item 720 (Schools Block consultation)** – The consultation document was published, and an outcomes report is presented to the Forum under agenda item 8. A letter was sent to the Secretary of State for Education on 18 October on the revision of the 2024/25 National Funding Formula and Schools Block settlement. A copy of this letter is included within the agenda pack. A response was chased on 28 November. We have not yet received a response directly from the Minister. However, our letter was copied to the District's MPs and Philip Davies MP responded that he would also take this matter up with the Minister and we have received a response via this route. A copy of the response will be circulated to Forum members for their information.
- **Item 721 (High Needs Funding consultation)** – The consultation document was published, and an outcomes report is presented to the Forum under

agenda item 10.

The Business Advisor then highlighted for members the additional matters arising document that is contained with the reports pack, which provided an update on a number of important matters that are not picked up within other agenda items. In particular, the Business Advisor explained that the Authority has received an additional £0.934m of DSG this year specifically to support maintained schools in deficit / that are facing financial difficulty. The report explained how the Authority anticipates managing this funding and that a report to the Forum will be presented in March.

Resolved –

(1) That progress made on “Action” items and Matters Arising be noted.

(2) That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2023 be signed as a correct record.

729. MATTERS RAISED BY SCHOOLS

The Business Advisor (Schools) reported a matter that has been raised by the Vice Chair regarding the Local Authority’s communication with secondary schools and academies on the admission of bulge classes into year 7 at September 2024 and the provision of growth fund information to schools / academies that have agreed to admit classes in order to support their forward budget planning. The Business Advisor explained that a communication will shortly be sent out to schools / academies that have agreed to admit bulge classes, which will include information that will support budget planning. School Funding Team will also shortly be provided with information regarding the schools / academies that are expected to take bulge classes, and schools / academies can communicate with this team further on estimated growth fund allocations. The Academies Member representing special schools added that it is important that members remain aware that growth is also expected in the special schools sector. The Chair thanked the member for this clarification.

730. STANDING ITEM - DSG GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS

The Business Advisor explained that, due to 6 growth fund allocations still being estimated (due to the later release of October 2023 census information), it would make better sense for this item to be fully deferred to the 10 January meeting, when an updated report can be presented, which will set out final confirmed allocations. In particular, now that we have access to the October 2023 census pupil numbers for all academies, two academies that are listed on the report to the meeting today as receiving estimated allocations will not now actually receive growth funding.

The Chair asked members whether deferring this item to the 10 January would create any operational problems and it was confirmed that this wouldn’t.

No resolutions were passed on this item (this is deferred to 10 January).

731. BRADFORD CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TRUST

The Executive Director, Social Care and Practice, attended the Forum to present an overview and update on the work of the Children and Families Trust.

The Executive Director introduced the 3 key areas of focus for the Trust: the stability of the workforce (including a strong recruitment campaign and establishing a strong spine of leadership); improving social workforce practice (including a focus on 'doing the simple things well'); and reducing the need for children to come into care / to come into any statutory intervention (including the relaunch of restorative practice and the edge of care service).

The Executive Director then explained the 5 key priorities of the Trust in relation to social care services, as set out in the Trust's business plan: strengthening services to provide early help; improving the quality of relationship-based practices; better choices for local care (sufficiency strategy); empowering children and families; and stronger partnerships (including partnerships with schools).

The Academies Member representing special schools expressed her thanks to the Executive Director and highlighted that she is very interested in the edge of care service, which she has not really heard about. The member asked how key developments and service information are / will be communicated and how perhaps this communication could be strengthened, especially for colleagues in mainstream schools and academies. The Executive Director responded that communication is taking place within various forums and also with the DAP and that the Trust would very much welcome further input into how to strengthen communication.

The Chair thanked the Executive Director for her presentation and asked about how the relationship between the Trust and the education and SEND strands of Bradford Council are organised. The Executive Director responded that strong relationships have been established and are very important, especially as the Trust and the Council seek to develop early help and prevention. There are formal structures for this relationship. The Trust is responsible to the Council. The Chair thanked the Executive Director for this response and asked that the Forum receives updates on the work and development of the Trust going forward.

Resolved – That the information presented be noted and that the Executive Director, Social Care and Practice, be thanked for their presentation.

732. EARLY YEARS BLOCK SETTLEMENT & EYSFF CONSULTATION 2024/25

The Business Advisor (Schools) presented a report, Document QN, which provided an update on Early Years Block formula funding matters. He explained that the DfE announced the 2024/25 Early Years Block funding rates and operational guidance on 29 November and that we are now working to present a

consultation document to the Forum's meeting to be held on 10 January. On this basis, we expect that our period of consultation on the 2024/25 Early Years Single Funding Formula will need to extend beyond the 10 January (the meeting at which the Schools Forum makes its recommendations on the 2024/25 DSG and formula funding arrangements). As we have done in the last few years therefore, we anticipate presenting to the Forum on 10 January a planned Early Years Block budget for 2024/25, which will be based on assumptions and estimates that are made prior to the completion of our consultation.

The Business Advisor provided verbally some indicative information regarding the Early Years Block settlement. He explained that a key issue still is the potential for our Early Years Block in 2024/25 to have to cover the cost of 4 weeks of delivery of the new under 2s entitlement, which currently appears to be unfunded by the DfE. The Business Advisor explained that he is meeting with the DfE today to discuss this issue. If this issue is not resolved, unfunded delivery will be a significant call on the Early Years Block / on Early Years Block reserves in 2024/25 and again in 2025/26.

Members did not have any questions and did not make any comments on the report.

Resolved – That the information presented in Document QN be noted.

733. CONSULTATION OUTCOMES – SCHOOLS BLOCK FORMULA FUNDING 2024/25

The Business Advisor (Schools) presented the report, Document QO, which asked Members to consider the feedback received to the consultation on our 2024/25 Schools Block formula funding arrangements and Schools Block centrally managed funds.

The Business Advisor explained that, in presenting to various groups, the Authority did not receive any negative comments expressed in real time. The Authority's view is that the proposals should now go forward for recommendation on 10 January. The Chair prompted members to consider whether they now have sufficient information on which to make their recommendations on Schools Block formula funding. He asked members to share any feedback that they may have collected as a result of their conversations with school colleagues.

An Academies Member, reflecting on the number of formal responses, asked whether the Authority is happy with the low response rate and whether further actions can be taken in the future to improve this. The Business Advisor responded that a low number of formal responses is consistent with the position in recent years and is likely indicative of the 'level of comfort' that schools and academies have with the Authority's proposals and that these proposals have not been particularly contentious (continuing to mirror the National Funding Formula). He explained that the Forum has previously discussed the low response rate and the Authority has taken additional steps, including attendance at various important groups. The Forum has also previously discussed how Members themselves can help to support our consultative processes. We will continue to consider what

alternative / additional approaches we can take to increase the number of formal responses.

Members did not have any further questions and did not make any further comments on the report.

Resolved – That the information and consultation responses that were presented in Document QO be noted. Forum members did not ask for further information to be provided to support final recommendations to be made on 10 January.

734. INDICATIVE BUDGETS 2024/25 PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES

The Business Advisor (Schools) presented a report, Document QP, which provided Forum Members with updated indicative modelling of mainstream Primary & Secondary formula funding delegated budget shares for 2024/25, now using the pupil numbers taken from the October 2023 Census in most schools (but with 41 academies still based on previous pupil number estimates due to October 2023 census data not being available at the time the Forum reports were finalised). This modelling is tabled only for information at this stage, prior to asking Members to make final recommendations on 10 January.

Members did not ask any questions and did not make any comments.

Resolved – That the modelling information that was presented in Document QP be noted. Forum members did not ask for further information to be provided to support final recommendations to be made on 10 January.

735. CONSULTATION OUTCOMES – HIGH NEEDS BLOCK FORMULA FUNDING 2024/25

The Principal Finance Officer (Schools) presented a report, Document QQ, which asks Forum Members to consider the feedback received to the consultation on the 2024/25 High Needs Funding Model.

The Principal Officer explained that, in presenting to various groups, the Authority did not receive any negative comments expressed in real time specifically about the proposals themselves. Some feedback, as in previous consultations, expressed concerns about the general adequacy of SEND funding.

The Authority's view is that the proposals should now go forward for recommendation on 10 January. The Chair prompted members to consider whether they now have sufficient information on which to make their recommendations on high needs funding. He asked members to share any feedback that they may have collected as a result of their conversations with school colleagues. Members did not have any questions and did not make any comments on the report.

Resolved – That the information and consultation responses that were

presented in Document QQ be noted. Forum members did not ask for further information to be provided to support final recommendations to be made on 10 January.

736. 2024/25 DSG UPDATE

The Business Advisor (Schools) presented the report, Document QR, which provided a summary-level indicative forecast of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) income / expenditure position for the 2024/25 financial year.

Within the presentation, he emphasised that, on current estimates, we will need to use the majority of the High Needs Block surplus balance that is forecasted to be held at the end of 2023/24 in order to set a planned budget that avoids our DSG account falling cumulatively into deficit by the end of the 2024/25 financial year. He explained that there are potentially other significant calls on surplus balances, especially within the Early Years Block as a result of the 4 weeks underfunding issue, but it is the forecasted overspending within the High Needs Block that is the controlling feature of the 2024/25 DSG planned budget. He also explain that, although the report indicates a £17.5m overspend in the High Needs Block, estimates of this overspend now are higher than this, especially as a result of factoring in some response to the growth in the number of permanent exclusions. The Academies Member representing Alternative Provision asked whether and how the development of the 3 tiers AP approach is built into the forecast, alongside the current pressure for places. The Business Advisor responded that he did not see that the cost implications of the 3 tiers approach is reflected yet in this forecast and that this will be an area of further work. Essentially, our forecast just continues to include provision for the 3rd of the 3 tiers, responding to the significant increase in permanent exclusion numbers. The Member expressed concerns generally, especially from the perspective that we are an early pilot authority. He explained that we need to be careful to avoid any unintended consequences in relation to our management of permanent exclusions and of the DfE's reforms.

The Business Advisor explained that a sub-group meeting of a small number of Forum members took place in November to begin to discuss High Needs Block mitigation activity, and that this group will continue to meet. It is clear that there is much to discuss in relation to mitigation, in seeking to reduce the size of the forecasted overspend in 2024/25 as well as seeking to reduce the growth of overspending from 2025/26 onwards (from which point our forecast says that we will be cumulatively in deficit in our DSG account). The Business Advisor explained that Bradford already appears to employ the majority of the mitigating actions we are aware of that the DfE has put forward to the local authorities that are currently within the national Safety Value and Delivering Better Value intervention programmes. Therefore, whilst there are mitigating actions that we can and must consider, such as re-introducing a Schools Block to High Needs Block contribution from April 2025, it is not currently clear how the mitigating actions that we can take will be sufficient to resolve the size of the deficit that we are forecasting, based on what feels to be a reasonable assumption that the rate of growth in demand for EHCPs and specialist places in Bradford will not reduce over the next couple of years (and may in fact continue to increase). This is going

to be a very challenging position for the Council and the Schools Forum to manage.

The Chair responded to give his perspective on this serious situation. He re-affirmed that the immediate task is to set a planned budget for 2024/25 which balances, in the sense that our DSG account is still cumulatively in surplus at the end of the 2024/25 financial year, albeit that this will be reliant on the deployment of the majority of our carry forward High Needs Block surplus balance. The Chair also highlight that, when considering a possible Schools Block to High Needs Block contribution as part of mitigation activity, we do need to recognise and to carefully consider that schools currently are spending significantly on alternative provision from their own budgets (the Chair offered that his school spends £230k a year on alternative provision and preventative support).

The Member representing the Teacher Trades Unions asked whether the scale of growth in the number of EHCPs in Bradford is the result of us catching up to national trends or is the result of schools seeking more EHCPs as a way of gaining access to additional funding (in the context of schools being underfunded more generally for the cost pressures that they face). The Business Advisor responded to provide some statistics on Bradford's, national and regional growth in EHCPs over the last 4 years. He stressed that these statistics will be included in the updated DSG management plan that will be presented on 10 January. The statistics evidence that this growth is very much a national trend and that Bradford's growth is actually a little lower than has been found nationally. This is one of the factors of concern; that the potential for continued growth is greater in Bradford than it is elsewhere. The Chair offered the view that parental preference, more so than schools, is perhaps driving growth in EHCPs nationally.

Referring to the approach that is taken in Leeds, a Member representing Maintained Primary School Headteachers asked whether how we fund EHCPs is very different from other local authorities and whether this is a reason why we are under pressure. The Business Advisor responded to acknowledge that how we fund is very different from the approach taken in Leeds, and that some authorities do fund EHCPs based more on a specific individual calculation, but he suggested that the general consensus, and the view that is put forward by the DfE (linking with the DfE's plan to adopt a national banded model as part of the national SEND reforms) is that banded models are a good way that authorities can approach the funding of EHCPs. We have used a banded model for a number of years, and we know that many other authorities also use this. The key question then in this context is whether the rates of funding that we apply to our banded model are significantly different from those in other authorities. It is difficult to clearly benchmark this, but our view from sampling and anecdotal information is that our banded model is 'middling to generous' when compared with other models.

Resolved – That the information that was presented in Document QR be noted. Forum members did not ask for further information to be provided to support final recommendations to be made on 10 January.

737. 2023/24 DSG SPENDING AND CARRY FORWARD BALANCES FORECAST

The Business Advisor (Schools) presented the report, Document QS, which updated members on the forecasted spending positions of each of the DSG Blocks against the 2023/24 planned budget. This document gave members a view of the estimated values of balances to be carried forward into 2024/25 and a view of the uses of these balances. The Business Advisor explained that these forecasts will be updated and re-presented for final decision / recommendation on 10 January.

Members did not have any questions and did not make any comments on the report.

Resolved – That the information that was presented in Document QS be noted. Forum members did not ask for further information to be provided to support final recommendations to be made on 10 January.

738. ANNUAL SEND PLACES SUFFICIENCY STATEMENT

The School Organisation and SEND Sufficiency Manager presented a report, Document QT, which is the annual statement to the Schools Forum on the sufficiency of specialist places for SEND. This statement was presented as per the schedule of high needs information, which was agreed with the Schools Forum on 14 October 2020. It was presented in advance on an update of the fuller DSG Management Plan, which will be presented on 10 January.

The Manager explained that the number of applications for assessment for EHCPs continues to increase, meaning that the trajectory for the Bradford District remains unchanged, with a continued increase in demand for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision. The Authority's current projection remains unchanged on that previously presented to the Forum, in that the Authority forecasts that we will require an additional 100 to 120 specialist places within the current 2023/24 academic year, with these places being delivered across both the special school sector and within resourced provisions. The Authority's projections then further show, as we have previously presented, that we will need to increase specialist places again by 100 to 120 for the 2024/25 academic year. This is the minimum number of specialist places that we project will be required to be developed in order to meet demand and to control (not increase reliance) on more expensive 'out of authority' placements.

Responding to the report, the Academies Member representing Alternative Provision asked whether a similar piece of sufficiency forecasting has taken place for Alternative Provision places. This is in the context of the significant increase in the number of permanent exclusions last year and in the number of places that are needed now in order for the Authority to meet its statutory 6th-day provision responsibilities. The Sufficiency Manager responded that Alternative Provision sufficiency is unfortunately not within her remit, so she is not able to answer this question. The Business Advisor responded that he will take this question back to the Assistant Director, Access and Inclusion and ask that further information be provided to the Forum.

Members did not have any further questions and did not make any further comments on the report.

Resolved –

(1) That the information that was presented in Document QT be noted.

(2) That further information be provided on the Authority’s sufficiency planning for alternative provision (permanent exclusion).

739. CENTRAL SCHOOLS SERVICES, EARLY YEARS & SCHOOLS BLOCK FUNDS

The Business Advisor (Schools) presented the report, Document QU, which asked Forum Members to further consider the Authority’s proposals for retention of Schools, Central Schools Services and Early Years Block central and de-delegated items in the 2024/25 financial year, following the initial discussion had in the last Forum meeting and in advance of the 10 January.

The Business Advisor took members through the changes, updates and confirmations since the report was presented to the 11 October meeting, which includes some changes to de-delegation in the Schools Block and recommendations for increases in 2024/25 to central retention in the Early Years Block, responding to the delivery of the new early years entitlements and the pressures within early years SEND services to which the Early Years Block contributes. The Business Advisor explained that these proposals will be re-presented for final decision / recommendation on 10 January.

Members did not have any questions and did not make any comments on the report.

Resolved – That the information that was presented in Document QU be noted. Forum members did not ask for further information to be provided to support final recommendations to be made on 10 January.

740. SCHOOLS FORUM STANDING ITEMS

No matters were raised, and no resolutions were passed on this item.

741. AOB / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new matters were raised, and no resolutions were passed on this item.

742. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Please see the published schedule of meetings – the next Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10 January (City Hall).

A provisional meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17 January (if this is needed to complete 2024/25 DSG recommendations).

For planning purposes, the provisional schedule for Schools Forum meetings for the 2024/25 academic year has now been set, as follows:

- Wednesday 11 September 2024, 8am
- Wednesday 9 October 2024, 8am
- Wednesday 4 December 2024, 8am
- Wednesday 15 January 2025, 8am
- Wednesday 22 January 2025, 8am PROVISIONAL MEETING
- Wednesday 12 March 2025, 8am
- Wednesday 21 May 2025, 8am
- Wednesday 9 July 2025, 8am

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Forum.

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER

SCHOOLS FORUM AGENDA ITEM

For Action

For Information

Brief Description of Item

Forum members are asked to agree newly proposed allocations, from the 2023/24 Schools Block Growth Fund, to maintained secondary schools and to secondary academies.

Date (s) of any Previous Discussion at the Forum

The criteria for funding expanding schools and bulge classes were included as part of the consultation on 2023/24 Primary and Secondary mainstream funding and were agreed by Forum members prior to submission of our final Schools Block pro-forma to the ESFA in January 2023.

Background / Context

The Schools and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations allow for a Growth Fund to be held and managed centrally within the Schools Block of the DSG.

The Regulations require that this fund is:

- ring-fenced i.e. cannot be spent on any other purpose. Any unspent growth funding remaining at the financial year-end should be reported to the Schools Forum. Funding may be carried forward to the following funding period, and can be used again specifically for growth if the Authority wishes.
- available to be accessed by both maintained schools and academies across the District (with both maintained school and recoupment academy budgets contributing to the cost of this fund).

The Regulations require that local authorities consult their Schools Forum before incurring any expenditure from the Growth Fund.

The criteria and mechanisms for allocating funding from the Growth Fund in Bradford in 2023/24 were agreed by Forum members following the consultation held in October - November 2022, and were part of our final Schools Block APT (pro-forma) submitted to the ESFA in January 2023.

Primary Phase Growth Fund Allocations Criteria 2023/24

The criteria and mechanisms agreed for allocating growth funding to primary schools and to primary academies in 2023/24 are the same as used in 2022/23 and are, in summary:

- Where a school / academy is expanding or is admitting a bulge class for the first time in September 2023, the school / academy is allocated 80% of the value of the 2023/24 base amount per pupil for the additional planned intake number, for the remaining proportion of the year i.e. $80\% \times \text{£Base APP} \times \text{additional planned intake number} \times 7/12$. In the following financial year, funding is then allocated as follows:
 - A permanently expanding school / academy would receive funding calculated on the difference between the October Census pupil numbers and a calculation of the composite 5/12 + 7/12 numbers, based on an estimate of the following year September intake. The school / academy will then be allocated 80% of the value of the additional base amount per pupil, for the additional number of calculated pupils.
 - No additional funding is necessary or allocated for a school / academy that has a bulge class of 30 pupils from the previous year; this additional class is automatically funded within the normal budget as the full class will be included in the October Census.
 - Additional funding is allocated, however, for a school / academy that has a half bulge class in each year for the lifetime that half class is at the school / academy. An additional sum is allocated based on 80% of the value of the base amount per pupil for the difference between 30 and the actual number of children in the half class. E.g. For an existing half class of 15 pupils the funding would be calculated as $(30-15) \times \text{£Base APP} \times 80\%$.

Background / Context

Secondary Phase Growth Fund Allocations Criteria 2023/24

The criteria and mechanisms agreed for allocating growth funding to secondary schools and to secondary academies in 2023/24 are the same as used in 2022/23 and are, in summary:

For secondary schools / academies, that are permanently or temporarily increasing PAN, eligibility for growth funding is assessed on the following principles and criteria:

- The school or academy must have admitted additional pupils (either via a permanent expansion or via a one off bulge class) at the request of the Local Authority to meet basic-need sufficiency and only numbers associated with basic need sufficiency will be eligible for funding.
- The request for additional places from the Authority has come within the normal admissions round and relates to the school's year 7 intake i.e. pupils admitted at other times in year, admissions to year groups other than year 7, or pupils admitted on appeal or under the Fair Access Protocol, are not funded by the Growth Fund. Consideration of additional funding in these circumstances would be picked up by the exceptional pressures / schools in financial difficulty fund for maintained schools only.
- Funding is calculated on actual numbers and allocated only once actual October Census numbers are confirmed (so for additional pupils in September 2023, funding will be calculated and allocated on the basis of the additional costs associated with the actual number of additional pupils recorded in the October 2023 Census).
- Funding is allocated after an assessment of the actual cost implications of the additional pupils on the school's budget for the lifetime of the process of expansion e.g. in admitting additional pupils the school evidences that it must incur additional costs in year and that these costs are commensurate with the value of additional funding that would be allocated. This assessment would be carried out at the time of the initial discussion / consultation between the Local Authority and the school or academy, and would take the form of a budget discussion with the headteacher and business manager.

Funding for eligible secondary schools and secondary academies will be calculated as follows:

- Where a secondary school or academy is permanently expanding by increasing the size of its year 7 for the first time in September 2023, the school / academy is allocated 80% of the value of the Key Stage 3 base amount per pupil for the additional planned intake number, for the applicable proportion of the year (for September expansions this is 7/12ths). Funding will be physically allocated in-year.*
- Where an established secondary school or academy is permanently expanding by increasing the size of existing year groups, and has already begun to expand before the start of the financial year, funding is calculated on the difference between the October 2022 Census pupil numbers and a calculation of the composite 5/12 + 7/12 numbers incorporating the school's October 2023 Census numbers. The school will then be allocated 80% of the value of the Key Stage 3 base amount per pupil for the difference between the actual and the composite calculation. At the point the school's expansion reaches Key Stage 4, 80% of the Key Stage 4 base £app will be used.*
- Where a secondary school or academy has been asked to take a year 7 bulge class (one off temporary PAN increase) of any size, funding is allocated on the same basis as for new permanently expanding schools above; at 80% of the Key Stage 3 base amount per pupil value for the planned additional admission number for the relevant proportion of the financial year. This is a one off allocation. In the following financial year, no additional funding is allocated; this additional class is automatically funded within the school's / academy's normal revenue budget.*

* Please note that, due to the fluidity within forecasts of September 2023 pupil numbers in the secondary phase and in the numbers of additional pupils that will be admitted, all Growth Fund allocations to secondary schools and secondary academies (both new and existing expansions) for the 2023/24 year will be checked against actual October 2023 Census numbers before being confirmed.

This report asks Forum members to consider allocations from the 2023/24 Schools Block Growth Fund, now proposed as follows.

Please note that there are no proposed allocations to the primary phase.

Details of the Item for Consideration

- **Appleton Academy** (bulge class intake) +30 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£67,001** for the period Sept 2023 – March 2024 (total of £114,858 for the 2023/24 academic year).
- **Bingley Grammar School** (bulge class intake) +30 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£75,514** for the period Sept 2023 – March 2024 (maintained school).
- **Bradford Girls Grammar School** (existing expansion) +29 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£72,997** for the period Sept 2023 – March 2024 (total of £125,138 for the 2023/24 AY).
- **Carlton Bolling College** (bulge class intake) +33 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£73,701** for the period Sept 2023 – March 2024 (total of £126,344 for the 2023/24 AY).
- **Carlton Keighley** (bulge class intake) +30 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£67,001** for the period Sept 2023 – March 2024 (total of £114,858 for the 2023/24 AY).
- **Dixons Allerton Academy** (bulge class intake) +5 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£11,167** for the period Sept 2023 – March 2024 (total of £19,143 for the 2023/24 AY).
- **Dixons City Academy** (existing expansion) +20 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£50,343** for the period Sept 2023 – March 2024 (total of £86,302 for the 2023/24 academic year).
- **Dixons McMillan Academy** (existing expansion) +20 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£50,343** for the Sept 2023 – March 2024 (total of £86,302 for the 2022/24 academic year).
- **Dixons Trinity Academy** (existing expansion) +24 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£60,411** for the period Sept 2023 – March 2024 (total of £103,562 for the 2023/24 academic year).
- **Feversham College** (bulge class intake) +24 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£53,601** for the period Sept 2023 – March 2024 (total of £91,887 for the 2023/24 academic year).
- **Ilkley Grammar School** (existing expansion) +25 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£62,928** for the period Sept 2023 – March 2024 (total of £107,877 for the 2023/24 academic year).
- **Immanuel College** (existing expansion) +17 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£42,791** for the period Sept 2023 – March 2024 (total of £73,357 for the 2023/24 academic year).
- **Oasis Lister Park** (bulge class intake) +20 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£44,667** for the period Sept 2023 – March 2024 (total of £76,572 for the 2023/24 AY).
- **Trinity Academy Bradford** (bulge class intake) +17 pupils at Oct 2023, resulting in an allocation of **£37,967** for the period Sept 23 – March 24 (total of £65,086 for the 2023/24 academic year).

The total value of these 14 allocations is **£770,431**.

Implications for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) (if any)

The Forum set aside from the 2023/24 Schools Block budget the following Growth Fund values to be available to be allocated in support of new growth and adjustments during 2023/24:

- Primary £0
- Secondary £600,000

In addition to the £600,000 taken from the 2023/24 Schools Block, the Forum carried forward from the 2022/23 financial year a figure of £1,319,606 of uncommitted Growth Fund balance. The total cost of the 14 allocations set out above for the Secondary phase is £770,431 and so the Secondary phase Growth Fund provision is estimated to overspend by £170,431. No further allocations to the secondary phase are expected in 2023/24. On this basis, in total, the total current estimated value of unspent Growth Fund balance to be carried forward into 2024/25 is £1,149,175. This balance is retained as ring-fenced sum held within the Schools Block.

Recommendations

- (1) The Schools Forum is asked to agree to allocate a total of £770,431 from the Growth Fund in 2023/24 to maintained secondary schools and secondary academies, as set out in this report.
- (2) Members are asked to note that an estimated total sum of £1,149,175 of surplus balance of Growth Fund is ring-fenced and is forecasted to be carried forward into 2024/25. The Schools Forum will be asked to consider the allocation and / or retention of this balance at the meeting on 10 January.

List of Supporting Appendices / Papers

None.

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SCHOOLS FORUM AGENDA ITEM

For Action



For Information



Brief Description of Item (including the purpose / reason for presenting this for consideration by the Forum)

This report presents the Authority's consultation document on proposals for the 2024/25 financial year Early Years Single Funding Formula and information on the Early Years Block settlement.

Date (s) of any Previous Discussion at the Forum

The Schools Forum made its recommendations on the 2023/24 Early Years Block and Early Years Single Funding Formula on 11 January 2023. An update was presented on 8 March (Document PT). A report on the March Budget announcements was presented on 17 May (Document PW) and again on 12 July (Document QC). Reports on the DfE's consultation and on the Early Years Supplementary Grant were presented on 13 September (Documents QE and QF). An update was presented on 6 December (Document QN).

Background

On 15 March 2023, the Chancellor announced that new early entitlements will be introduced in phases:

- From April 2024, all eligible working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours per week.
- From September 2024, all eligible working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3 years old can access 15 hours per week.
- From September 2025, all eligible working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3 years old can access 30 hours per week.

The Chancellor also announced additional entitlement funding to increase the funding that is paid to early years entitlement providers for the delivery of the existing entitlements, above the 2023/24 Early Years Block funding rates that were announced by the DfE on 16 December 2022. We presented a report to the Forum on 13 September on the allocation of this Early Years Supplementary Grant. On 16 November, the DfE announced a small value of additional grant allocated for the period September 2023 to March 2024 following the teachers' pay award.

The DfE conducted a consultation, which set out proposals for the approach to the funding of the new and extended entitlements and which gave sight of indicative rates of funding for these entitlements for 2024/25. The deadline for responses to the consultation was 8 September and we submitted a response. A copy of this response was presented to the Forum on 13 September. We explained that this consultation has direct implications for our Early Years Block and local Early Years Single Funding Formula arrangements, from April 2024. We have previously explained that:

- The DfE essentially proposes to extend the local framework that currently exists for the funding of the 3&4-year-old entitlement to the new and extended under 2s and 2-year-old entitlements. This means the establishment of 3 discrete streams of funding / 3 discrete Early Years Funding Formulae within the Early Years Block, that will operate the 5 entitlements separately, but in broadly the same manner using a consistent set of rules (the contain some flexibility), and that will carry different values of per hour funding for providers that will be set according to the values that each authority receives from the DfE's national formula for each of the entitlements.
- Our indicative 2024/25 DfE rate of funding for the combined 2-year-old entitlement is £7.93 per hour.
- Our indicative 2024/25 DfE rate of funding for the new under 2s entitlement is £10.82 per hour.
- The DfE's consultation did not give sight of 3&4-year-old entitlement funding values for 2024/25, with these expected to be confirmed after the November Autumn Statement.

We've also previously highlighted to the Forum the very significant concern that we have regarding the funding of the Under 2s Working Parents entitlement from September 2024 i.e. that we will fund providers for 26 weeks of delivery but that the DfE appears to be planning to only fund us for 22 weeks, leaving £1.2m of funded cost within our Early Years Block in 2024/25. We met with the DfE to discuss this issue on 6 December, and we await information on the DfE's position, expected in the new year. It is now clear that other authorities are raising the same issue with the DfE.

The DfE confirmed the 2024/25 settlements and operational guidance on 29 November.

We met with the Early Years Working Group on 14 December.

Details of the Item for Consideration

Please see Appendix 1, which is our consultation document on our Early Years Single Funding Formula (and Technical Statement) proposed for the 2024/25 financial year. This document also summarises the Early Years Block settlement for 2024/25 and changes in the DfE's operational guidance.

Subject to the Forum's agreement, this consultation will go live immediately following this meeting and will have a closing date for responses of 5 February 2024.

The Forum is asked for its formal feedback on the proposals. Members are asked to provide their feedback under agenda item 12. The outcomes of the consultation will be presented to the Forum on 6 March. However, this will be after Council has taken its final decisions on DSG arrangements for 2024/25 on 22 February. Members, therefore, are asked to note that the recommended allocation of the 2024/25 Early Years Block, and Early Years Single Funding Formula arrangements, presented to this meeting are put forward on the basis that the Authority's proposals are implemented. Any variance from this in the final arrangements, as agreed by Council, including changes as result of consultation feedback, will be presented to the Forum on 6 March.

Implications for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) (if any)

A summary of the overall impact of proposals (the estimated position of the Early Years Block in 2024/25) is presented in Document QX (DSG Summary).

How the Authority is seeking to manage the financial position of the Early Years Block is explained within the introduction to the consultation document at Appendix 1.

On current estimates, we calculate that we will need initially to earmark £1.26m of brought forward balances to ensure that we can meet the cost of our proposed EYSFF arrangements in 2024/25. This assumes that the DfE does not resolve the 26 weeks vs. 22 weeks funding issue for the delivery of the new Under 2s Working Parents Entitlement.

Recommendations

Recommended –

- (1) The Forum is asked for its formal feedback on the proposals. Members are asked to provide their feedback under agenda item 12. The outcomes of the consultation will be presented to the Forum on 6 March. However, this will be after Council has taken its final decisions on DSG arrangements for 2024/25 on 22 February.**
- (2) Members are asked to note that the recommended allocation of the 2024/25 Early Years Block, and Early Years Single Funding Formula arrangements, presented to this meeting are put forward on the basis that the Authority's proposals are implemented. Any variance from this in the final arrangements, as agreed by Council, including changes as result of consultation feedback, will be presented to the Forum on 8 March.**

List of Supporting Appendices / Papers (where applicable)

Appendix 1 – Consultation on 2024/25 Early Years Block Funding Arrangements

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Consultation - Bradford District's Early Years Single Funding Formula 2024/25

1) Introduction & Summary

1.1 Attached with this introduction is the Technical Statement, which explains the methodology and timetable that are proposed to be used to calculate funding allocations for individual providers that deliver the early years entitlements in the Bradford District in the 2024/25 financial year, April 2024 to March 2025. This is known as our 'Early Years Single Funding Formula' (EYSFF). **A summary of our proposals, and a highlight of changes, are given in paragraph 1.8 below.**

1.2 Prior to 1 April 2024, the Authority has funded the delivery of 3&4-year-olds universal and extended (for eligible working parents) entitlements as well as the 2-year-olds entitlement (for parents of eligible children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds). Beginning the 1 April 2024, the Government is extending the entitlements, meaning that, for the 2024/25 financial year, the Local Authority must have in place arrangements for funding providers for their delivery of the following 5 entitlements:

- a) The 15 hours universal 3&4-year-olds entitlement.
- b) The 15 hours (for eligible working parents) extended 3&4-year-olds entitlement.
- c) The 15 hours 2-year-olds entitlement for parents of eligible children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds.
- d) From 1 April 2024, a new entitlement of 15 hours for 2-year-olds of eligible working parents. *This entitlement will extend to 30 hours at September 2025.*
- e) From 1 September 2024, a new entitlement of 15 hours for children aged + 9 months of eligible working parents. This is known as the "Under 2s" entitlement. *This entitlement will extend to 30 hours at September 2025.*

1.3 Please note that we wish to incorporate into this Technical Statement links to other guidance and templates (such as code-checking and eligibility guidance). This wider guidance is currently not available / has not yet been updated / is about to be updated, including by the DfE. Links within this document that are still to be updated, and that currently are not returning updated guidance, are highlighted in red font. We expect that these links will be updated for the final version of this Technical Statement, which will be published at the end of February.

1.4 Please note that the values of all the funding rates that are quoted in this document, and that are highlighted in red and yellow, are currently indicative and should be viewed as such. It is expected that rates of funding for 2024/25 will be confirmed, following this consultation and the Council's budget meeting on 22 February 2024. The rates presented in this document, however, subject to this consultation, do represent what we propose to fund and therefore, do give providers a basis on which to plan.

1.5 Alongside this document, we have published a set of draft Ready Reckoners, which enable all existing providers (live in December 2023) to view their own indicative funding rates for 2024/25 for all the entitlements based on our proposals. Following our approach to the construction of the Early Years Single Funding Formula, all existing providers (live in December 2023) have rates of funding for all the entitlements, irrespective of whether they currently deliver or expect to deliver these entitlements in 2024/25. We have taken the view that this approach is helpful for providers in planning their provisions. Providers can now use the draft Ready Reckoners to plan their provisions for 2024/25, subject to the warning in the next paragraph.

1.6 Although the Technical Statement and the Ready Reckoners will be updated and re-published at the end of February, following the completion of the consultation and Council budget setting, the rates of funding for individual providers will only change (but may change) on what we present in this document and in the attached Ready Reckoners should the construction of the Early Years Funding Formula be altered as a result of consultation feedback and / or Council budget decision. However, the rates of funding for

individual providers will not be adjusted for changes in deprivation data. Under our proposals, the Under 2s Working Parents, the 2-year-olds Working Parents and the 3&4-year-olds entitlements formulae all contain a Deprivation and SEND Supplement, which are proposed to be calculated using the same Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) data, with a single IMD score being calculated for each provider and with that score then being used to calculate the Supplement funding in each of the applicable formulae. For 2024/25, we have used the existing 3 year rolling averages of Index of Multiple Deprivation data (taken from provider postcodes) that were used to fund providers that delivered the 3&4-year-olds entitlements in 2023/24. We would normally update these rolling averages annually. However, in the interests of confirming rates of funding for the delivery of the new entitlements for providers as soon as possible, we will not update these averages for the data that will be collected from the January 2024 census but that will not be available until late February. We have concluded that giving providers more certain information in January for their planning is a priority this year. This is a temporary position for 2024/25. We expect to update the IMD data as normal for 2025/26.

1.7 Our proposed approach to the funding of the continuing and new entitlements comes from consideration of the Department for Education's (DfE's) [operational guidance](#), which was published on 29 November 2023. The DfE's guidance does place conditions and restrictions on how local authorities can approach entitlement funding. Our Technical Statement sets out fully the features of our proposed approach to the allocation of funding to support the delivery of each of the early years entitlements in 2024/25 incorporating these conditions and restrictions. At the beginning of the Statement, we highlight the key points of change as well as where existing arrangements are proposed to be continued. We also highlight the similarities and differences between the proposed approaches to the funding of the different entitlements.

1.8 In 2024/25, in summary:

- a. A brand-new formula is in place for funding the delivery of the new Under 2s Working Parents entitlement, from 1 September 2024. It is proposed that this entitlement is funded via a Base Rate for all providers plus a Deprivation and SEND Supplement rate that is calculated for each provider (and that varies between providers based on measured levels of deprivation). It is proposed that the Deprivation and SEND Supplement allocates in total 2% of delegated funding for this entitlement.
- b. A brand-new formula is in place for funding the delivery of the new 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement, from 1 April 2024. It is proposed that the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement is funded via a Base Rate for all providers plus a Deprivation and SEND Supplement rate that is calculated for each provider (and that varies between providers based on measured levels of deprivation). It is proposed that the Deprivation and SEND Supplement allocates in total 2% of delegated funding for this entitlement.
- c. This means that we propose that there will be a different formula in place for the funding of the new 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement and that this will operate separately from the funding of the existing 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement. We propose to continue to fund the delivery of the existing 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement via a single Base Rate per child per hour with no supplements. This entitlement will be funded on a higher Base Rate than is used for the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement, reflective of the higher levels of need of the children that access this Disadvantage entitlement. A new additional 'top-up' factor will be put in place, however, to ensure that, for every provider that is delivering both the 2-year-olds Disadvantage and the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement, that provider's Disadvantage entitlement rate of funding will be at least equal to their rate of funding for the Working Parents entitlement. This a condition that has been set by the DfE where a local authority chooses to operate two separate formulae for the funding of the different 2-year-olds entitlements. To be clear, the DfE will permit local authorities either to use a single combined formula for the allocation of funding on the same basis to both the 2-year-olds entitlements, or to use two separate formulae. We take the view that two separate formulae is the better approach, especially in how this will continue to effectively support the delivery of the Disadvantage entitlement and provide clear continuity and stability for this.
- d. The existing termly headcount methodology (a count of delivery numbers taken 3 times a year, once per term) is retained and will be applied to the calculation of the funding of the continuing as well as the new entitlements, with the exception of two proposed changes: a) the 2nd termly headcount for the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement is proposed to be removed, and b) the provision for the funding of

'staggered intakes' relating to the delivery of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements in the autumn term prior to the October census is also proposed to be removed. These proposed changes will ensure uniformity of approach to counting arrangements across all the entitlements. The annual 38 weeks of entitlement continues to be funded by the Local Authority on the basis of 12 weeks delivery in summer term, 14 weeks delivery in autumn term and 12 weeks delivery in spring term. This profile is proposed to be applied on the same basis to all the entitlements.

- e. We propose to continue to allocate funding to support the delivery of the 3&4-year-olds universal and extended entitlements using a Base Rate for all providers plus a Deprivation and SEND Supplement rate that is calculated for each provider (and that varies between providers based on measured levels of deprivation), plus the supplement that specifically and only allocates lump sum sustainability funding to Maintained Nursery Schools. It is proposed that the Deprivation and SEND Supplement allocates in total 5% of delegated funding for these entitlements.
- f. To further highlight Supplements funding within the 3&4-year-olds entitlements Early Years Single Funding Formula: a) the Employer's Contribution to Teacher Pensions Supplement, that was contained within our 2023/24 3&4-year-olds entitlements funding formula, is proposed to be discontinued. This means that, on a like-for-like basis, the funding rates of nursery classes in maintained primary schools and academies will reduce; b) the proportion of 3&4-year-olds entitlements funding that is allocated to providers via the Deprivation and SEND Supplement is proposed to be reduced from 7% to 5%. This means that Deprivation and SEND Supplement rates of funding for the 3&4-year-olds entitlements for all providers, on a like-for-like basis, will reduce; and c) we do not propose to add any new supplements into the 3&4-year-olds entitlements Early Years Single Funding Formula.
- g. The funding levels (referring back to 2016/17 funding levels, prior to the national reforms) of Maintained Nursery Schools, for the delivery of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements, continue to be protected for the full financial year using the specific additional supplement that continues to be allocated by the DfE, and as explained in this Statement. Sustainability funding for maintained nursery schools in 2024/25 consolidates the allocation of the additional funding that was included within the Early Years Supplementary Grant and within the Early Years Pay Grant in 2023/24. The sustainability funding has also been increased for the additional funds that have been allocated in response to the increased employers contribution to teacher pensions at 1 April 2024.
- h. The Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) for the extended 30 hours entitlement for eligible 3&4-Year-olds continues to operate within the same framework as the universal 15 hours entitlement, as set out in this Technical Statement. Rates of funding, timetabling and counting arrangements are the same. Specific guidance about the funding of the 30 hours entitlement, where necessary, is incorporated into this Statement.
- i. Eligible children accessing both of the 2-year-olds entitlements (from 1 April) and the new Under 2s Working Parents entitlement (from 1 September) are eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium and for Disability Access Funding. This is a DfE direction and is not a matter for local consultation. Previously, we have temporarily funded Disability Access Funding (DAF) at a rate higher than the DfE's funded minimum. In 2023/24, our DAF rate was £1,200. However, from 1 April 2024, we will only fund DAF at the DfE's stated value, which is £910 per year, as required by the DfE. This value is the same for all eligible DAF children across all the entitlements.
- j. Early Years Inclusion Funding (EYIF) is extended to all children that are accessing any of the entitlements. 'Fee-paying' hours continue to not be eligible for EYIF. Whilst we continue our existing core approach to the allocation of EYIF in 2024/25, the Authority will pilot in 2024/25, with sample providers across all sectors, an amended approach, which seeks to explore further the options for reducing bureaucracy and reducing / removing the need for providers with consistent numbers of entitlement children in receipt of EYIF to claim funding. We will seek to explore further how we could allocate EYIF funding 'in advance' (rather than via application) based on predictive data, then review termly with an expectation that settings will evidence how they have used their funding and the impact this has had on the child. The outcomes of this pilot, together with the DfE's stated national review on EYIF approaches, will help inform the potential for wider changes and improvements in our EYIF from April 2025. Further information on the pilot will be published shortly.

- k. To ensure consistency of approach, it is the Authority's intention to require schools and academies to sign the 'Funding Agreement' with the Local Authority for their delivery of all the entitlements from 1 April 2024. PVI providers already do this. This Funding Agreement sets out the terms and conditions and the local procedures for the administration of entitlement funding, including provisions for the 'fining' of providers or for the charging of an administration fee where the Authority has to intervene either to collect or to clarify the delivery data that a provider is required to submit and in circumstances where required information is submitted after deadlines.

1.9 The deadline for responses to this consultation is **Monday 5 February 2024**. A responses form is included at Appendix 3. However, there is a web-based questionnaire, which we encourage you to use to submit your response. Please access this questionnaire [here](#). If you wish to discuss the proposals in more detail, or have any specific questions, please email schoolfundingteam@bradford.gov.uk or EarlyEducationFund@bradford.gov.uk.

1.10 It is anticipated that final proposals will be put to Council on 22 February 2024. A confirmed Technical Statement, giving sight of the final Early Years Single Funding Formula, and rates of funding, for the 2024/25 financial year will be published as soon as possible after this.

2) 2024/25 Financial Year DfE Early Years Funding Settlement & Summary of our Indicative Spending

2.1 The DfE confirmed on 29 November 2023 the [Early Years Block settlements](#) for local authorities for the 2024/25 financial year. This included the rates of funding for the new entitlements. The table below provides the headlines. These are the total rates of funding that the DfE allocates to the Local Authority. From these rates, the Local Authority must fund our Early Years Single Funding Formula (allocated out to providers), our Early Years Inclusion Fund (allocated out to providers) and the services that are managed centrally in support of providers and the delivery of the early years entitlements (retained centrally). Providers will note that, although we propose to operate two separate formulae for the allocation of funding to support the delivery of the Disadvantage and Working Parents 2-year-olds entitlements, the Local Authority receives the same rate of funding from the DfE. The Local Authority also receives the same rate of funding for both the universal and extended 3&4-year-olds entitlements. We have also shown the national average funding rates in the table below, as it is important for providers to be aware that Bradford receives rates of funding that are lower than the national averages. This affects how the rates of funding that providers receive in Bradford compare, especially to DfE guidance documentation, which presents national average rates of funding.

Description	Under 2s Working Parents Entitlement	2-Year-Old Entitlements (both Disadvantage and Working Parents)	3&4-Year-Old Entitlements (both universal and extended)
DfE National Average Early Years Block funding rate per hour 2024/25	£11.22	£8.28	£5.88
DfE Bradford Early Years Block funding rate per hour 2024/25	£10.97	£8.04	£5.55
Difference between Bradford's rate and the National Average in 2024/25	- £0.25	- £0.24	- £0.33
DfE Bradford funding rate per hour in 2023/24 (combined Early Years Block and Early Years Supplementary Grant)	n/a	£7.40	£5.32
Difference (increase) in Bradford's 2024/25 rate of funding per hour received from the DfE vs. 2023/24	n/a	+ 0.64 (8.7%)	+ £0.23 (4.3%)

2.2 Other important aspects of the 2024/25 Early Years Block financial year settlement are:

- The rate of Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is set by the DfE at £0.68 per child per hour (£388 per year). The same rate is applied to all children accessing any of the entitlements.

- The rate of Disability Access Funding (DAF) is set by the DfE at £910 per year. The same rate is applied to all children accessing any of the entitlements.
- The Supplement, that is allocated to protect the funding of maintained nursery schools, will be available for the full 2024/25 financial year. This supplement has been uplifted to consolidate the allocation of the additional funding that was included within the Early Years Supplementary Grant and within the Early Years Pay Grant in 2023/24. The Supplement has also been increased for the funds that have been allocated in response to the increased employer's contribution to teacher pensions at 1 April 2024.
- The employer's contribution to teacher pensions is set to increase at April 2024, from 23.68% to 28.68%. Whilst the formula funding settlement for mainstream primary schools and academies for statutory aged pupils for 2024/25 does not yet include additional funding to support the cost of this increase (and it is anticipated that a new additional Teacher Pensions Grant will be established), the Early Years Block settlement that is shown in the table above already includes additional funding for this. This means that there will not be an additional Teacher Pensions Grant allocated to maintained nursery schools or to classes in maintained primary schools and academies in respect of early years entitlement provision in 2024/25.
- The DfE has confirmed that the existing condition, that local authorities must delegate to providers 95% of their 3&4-year-olds entitlements funding, is extended to all the entitlements in 2024/25. This means that, separately calculated for each of the 4 groups of entitlements – the Under 2s Working Parents, the 2-year-olds Disadvantage, the 2-year-olds Working Parents and the 3&4-year-olds entitlements – local authorities must delegate 95% of the funding that is available for that entitlement to that entitlement. The DfE provides a model for how the 95% is to be calculated. Base Rate funding, Deprivation & SEND Supplement funding and funding that is delegated out to providers through our Early Years Inclusion Fund count towards the 95%. The 95% restricts the amount of funding that can be retained centrally to be spent on support services, but it also restricts the value of funding that can be taken from one entitlement to be used to support the cost of another. So the 95% rule actually quite significantly restricts the extent to which authorities can vary their spending and means that spending on each of the entitlements has to keep in line quite closely with its funding. The DfE has signalled that, once the new entitlements are fully established and embedded, the delegation % will be increased to 97% for all the entitlements. In this context, we would expect (and we have sought to achieve this) that our delegation %s for the existing 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement and for the existing 3&4-year-olds entitlements would already be close to 97%. We would expect the delegation %s in 2024/25 to be lower for the Under 2s and 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlements as these are not yet fully established.
- The DfE has taken a more complete approach to setting the funding rates that local authorities receive for the delivery of the entitlements. This is most obvious in the funding of the 2-year-olds entitlements, where the rate of funding that the Local Authority receives, uplifted to £8.04 (an 8.7% increase) in 2024/25, now includes provision to enable the costs of the Early Years Inclusion Fund (EYIF) and centrally retained support services to be apportioned against this funding, rather than effectively being required to be met wholly from funding that is allocated for the delivery of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements (putting pressure on the funding of these entitlements). The pressure that this has previously placed overall on the Early Years Block is a matter that we have highlighted in our consultation documents that we have published in recent years. The ability now to appropriately apportion EYIF and central costs to the different entitlement budgets does better support effective management of Early Years Block spending pressure and does better protect the funding that is available to support the delivery of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements.
- The very significant growth in the number of applications from providers in Bradford for Early Years Inclusion Funding (EYIF), and meeting the cost of this growth, is a prominent factor in the Local Authority's overall Early Years Block budget planning for 2024/25. The DfE's settlement does not explicitly recognise the growth of SEND in early years. EYIF spend in Bradford is estimated to increase by around 40% in 2023/24 and by the same % again in 2024/25, before we factor in the additional cost that will come from the extension of EYIF across all the entitlements and before we might consider increasing the rate of EYIF funding per hour that we apply. This growth in spending is most significant for 3&4-year-old entitlement children and is a cost must be met from the Dedicated Schools Grant. It is our long-standing policy to meet this cost from the Early Years Block. Putting more funding into EYIF to meet demand from the increased number of applications means that we cannot increase funding for other elements, such as Base Rates, by as much as we otherwise could. It is important for providers to

be aware of this dynamic and of this pressure and to retain an understanding that a careful balance needs to be achieved. This has been one of the contributing considerations behind why we do not propose in 2024/25 to increase the rate of funding per hour for EYIF. We are already absorbing a significant growth in EYIF cost and to increase the cost further would mean reducing the value of the 3&4-year-olds Base Rate.

- The DfE's 2024/25 settlement announcement does not say anything further specifically about the implications for the early years sector of the national SEND Review and does not propose any changes for 2024/25. The DfE has said that a review of EYIF will take place that may result in changes going forward, especially with a mind to assessing whether greater prescription on how local authorities operate their EYIF funds would be helpful. Within the DfE's document that was published back in March 2022, the DfE proposed that the early years sector is brought into the national SEND system. This will potentially alter early years SEND and EHCP systems and support mechanisms, including financial support mechanisms. The DfE indicated at that time that these changes will likely require a review of the Early Years Block, especially in relation to the Early Years Inclusion Fund (EYIF) and the Disability Access Fund (DAF). At this time, however, we remain unclear about details and about timescales for changes.
- There is a very significant matter in respect of our 2024/25 funding settlement that is still to be resolved by the DfE. This relates to the introduction of the Under 2s Working Parents entitlement at 1 September 2024. Following our profile, we will fund providers in Bradford for the delivery of this new entitlement over 26 weeks between 1 September 2024 and 31 March 2025. We will fund 14 weeks delivery in the autumn term and 12 weeks delivery in the spring term. However, the DfE has set out a methodology, which would only fund the Local Authority for 22 weeks of delivery over the same period, meaning that we would have the cost of 4 weeks of unfunded delivery to cover. We estimate that this would cost us £1.2m. We have met with the DfE to raise this as a very significant issue. We are aware that the DfE is speaking to other authorities and other authorities have now raised the same issue. We are waiting for the DfE to set out its position on this matter. It is important for providers to be aware of this matter because, if this is not resolved by the DfE, it will significantly affect the overall financial position of Bradford's Early Years Block and Dedicated Schools Grant, in 2024/25 but also (and more so in 2025/26) when both the Under 2s and 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlements extend to 30 hours at 1 September 2025. If this is matter is not resolved by the DfE, the Authority will need to take mitigating steps to absorb the cost.

2.3 The table below summarises our estimated Early Years Block spending and summarises rates of funding in 2024/25, based on our proposed Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF).

Factor / Feature	Under 2s Entitlement	2-Year-Old Disadvantage Entitlement	2-Year-Old Working Parents Entitlement	3&4-Year-Old Entitlements (both universal and extended)
Current 2023/24 Base Rate (including Early Years Supplementary Grant)	n/a	£7.40	n/a	£4.73
a) 2024/25 Proposed Base Rate	£10.15	£7.60	£7.35	£4.94
% increase in Base Rate 2024/25 vs. 2023/24	n/a	+ 2.7%	n/a	+ 4.4%
b) 2024/25 Deprivation & SEND Supplement spend (average)	£0.21	marginal (rate protection) *	£0.15	£0.23
c) 2024/25 Total Average Rate (a + b)	£10.36	£7.60	£7.50	£5.17
Total Average Rate (c) as a % of the Authority's DfE Funded Rate	94.4%	94.5%	93.3%	93.2%
2024/25 Base Rate (b) as a % of the Authority's DfE Funded Rate	92.5%	94.5%	91.4%	89.0%
2024/25 EYIF estimated spend	£0.15	£0.18	£0.18	£0.19
2024/25 Other spend (including central retained support services)	£0.46	£0.26	£0.36	£0.19
2024/25 Delegation % (=> 95%)	95.5%	96.7%	95.5%	97.4%

2.4 The table below shows the median average, maximum and minimum per child per hour Deprivation and SEND Supplement funding rates that our proposed Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) will allocate in 2024/25. Existing providers will be able to see their individual rates in the accompanying Ready Reckoners. Please note that all providers delivering the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement, following our proposals, will be funded on a single Base Rate at the value of £7.60 per child per hour without a Deprivation & SEND Supplement, * but there will be a top-up factor to ensure that Disadvantaged entitlement rates per provider are at least the same as Working Parents entitlement rates.

Under 2s Working Parents entitlement	Max	Min	Median
MNS Schools	£0.34	£0.12	£0.25
Classes (including academies)	£0.41	£0.04	£0.23
PVI	£0.36	£0.02	£0.14

2YO Working Parents entitlement	Max	Min	Median
MNS Schools	£0.25	£0.09	£0.18
Classes (including academies)	£0.30	£0.03	£0.17
PVI	£0.26	£0.02	£0.10

3&4-year-olds entitlements	Max	Min	Median
MNS Schools (excluding supplement protection)	£0.43	£0.15	£0.32
Classes (including academies)	£0.52	£0.06	£0.30
PVI	£0.46	£0.03	£0.18

3) Adjustments to Supplements in the 3&4-year-olds entitlements EYSFF 2024/25

3.1 Within the 3&4-year-olds entitlements Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) we propose that:

- The proportion of 3&4-year-olds entitlements funding that is allocated to providers via the Deprivation and SEND Supplement is reduced from 7% to 5%.
- The Employer's Contribution to Teacher Pensions Supplement, that was contained within our 2023/24 3&4-year-olds entitlement funding formula is discontinued.
- The sustainability lump sum funding that is allocated to maintained nursery schools is continued for the full year and is adjusted to consolidate the allocation of the funding that was included within the Early Years Supplementary Grant and within the Early Years Pay Grant in 2023/24 and the additional funds that have been allocated by the DfE in response to the increased employers contribution to teacher pensions at 1 April 2024.

3.2 Regarding the proposal to reduce Deprivation and SEND Supplement spending from 7% to 5%:

- This is the third and anticipated final step in our progress to reduce, over time, our Supplement spending to bring this more into line with the average of our statistical neighbours, with this reduction supporting the value of our Base Rate. We have explained this progress in our consultation documents that have been published in recent years. We originally set out the rationale and impact of this change in our consultation document, that was published in autumn 2019. We reduced our spending from 9.5% to 8% in 2020/21 and then from 8% to 7% in 2023/24 (we paused this reduction over the COVID-19 pandemic period). We stated in our consultation document this time last year that we would be very likely to propose a final reduction in 2024/25 and we indicated that this may be a reduction from 7% to 6%. We have reviewed the latest benchmarking information, taken from the 2023/24 financial year. The national average of supplements spending this year is 4.6% and the median average of our statistical neighbours is 4.3%. This is spending on all supplements, not just the Deprivation & SEND Supplement, but does exclude the spending of the maintained nursery school protection supplement. In response to this latest position, which continues to confirm that our current spending level is high, and also responding to feedback from our Early Years Working Group and early years providers more generally (that the value of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements Base Rate is critical to the overall financial

sustainability of the early years sector), we propose to continue to reduce our Deprivation and SEND Supplement spending, from 7% to 5% in 2024/25. This means that, based on 2023/24 information, our spending in 2024/25 will be much closer to averages, albeit still slightly higher. As we have explained in previous years, the primary purpose of this reduction is to enable us to sustain Base Rate funding. The funding that is taken out of the Deprivation and SEND Supplement continues to be allocated back to providers through our Base Rate. If we do not reduce Deprivation & SEND Supplement spending, we will not be able to afford the Base Rate that we propose. Roughly, for reference, 1% of spend on the Supplement enables £0.04 per hour in Base Rate funding.

- The proposal to reduce Deprivation and SEND Supplement spending in 2024/25 does not affect the funding of maintained nursery schools. These schools will continue to have their 'historic' Deprivation and SEND Supplement rates protected, as is expected by the DfE using the specific Maintained Nursery School Supplement.
- As a result of the proposed reduction from 7% to 5%, the median average Deprivation and SEND Supplement rate for nursery classes (in maintained primary schools and academies) in 2024/25 reduces by £0.09 per hour (maximum of £0.16 and minimum of £0.02) and the median average rate for PVI providers reduces by £0.05 (maximum of £0.14 and minimum of £0.01) per hour. Deprivation and SEND Supplement spending in total reduces by an estimated £0.56m on 2023/24. This reduction contributes to the proposed £0.21 uplift in the Base Rate.
- Individual providers can view their proposed Deprivation and SEND Supplement rates for 2024/25 in the accompanying Ready Reckoners.

3.3 Regarding the proposal to discontinue the Employer's Contribution to Teacher Pensions Supplement:

- In 2023/24, we established a new Supplement in response to the DfE's transfer of the former Teacher Pay and Pensions Grants into the Early Years Block. These Grants have been allocated to schools and academies since September 2019. We consulted on our approach this time last year, explaining that the primary immediate purpose of our Supplement was to replicate, as closely but as simply as possible, the Teacher Pension Grant funding stream. The Teacher Pay Grant funding stream was not replicated. The Supplement this year allocates an additional £0.23 per 3&4-year-old entitlement child per hour to classes in maintained primary schools and academies. The Teacher Pay and Pensions Grant funding that was transferred specifically in respect of maintained nursery schools has been continued to be fully allocated to these schools via an additional fixed lump sum added to the Maintained Nursery School Sustainability Lump Sum Factor and is not affected by the proposal we now put forward. Please see paragraph 3.4 below.
- In our consultation document published this time last year, we stated that the establishment of this Supplement was a holding position, for 2023/24 only pending further review. Although the DfE encouraged local authorities to use a Supplement to replicate this funding stream for nursery classes, authorities have had the choice about whether or not to do so. We were aware this time last year that many local authorities, considering the financial pressures on the whole early years sector and the impact of inflation, energy costs and the increase in the National Living Wage, were considering not establishing a Supplement, instead allocating this funding to all providers through their 3&4-year-old Base Rate. One of the key reasons why we stated that our establishment of a Supplement for 2023/24 was a holding position only is that we saw that it will be important for us to review what other authorities have done, when this information is available, before taking longer-term decisions. The 2023/24 benchmarking information has been published and now gives us sight of this. The benchmarking has confirmed that 2/3rds of local authorities did not introduce a Supplement to replicate the Teacher Pay and Pensions Grant funding streams. Of our statistical neighbours, 8 (out of 10) did not introduce a Supplement. Of the Yorkshire and Humberside local authorities, Bradford was the only authority to introduce a Supplement (out of 16 authorities). We take from this that the majority of local authorities allocated the transferred funding into their Base Rates in order to support whole-sector financial pressures. This conclusion is reinforced by our benchmarking of 2023/24 3&4-year-olds entitlements Base Rate values. The table below shows the median averages of 3&4-year-olds entitlements Base Rates for the current 2023/24 financial year, excluding the allocation of the Early Years Supplementary Grant.

3&4-Year-Old Entitlement Base Rates 2023/24	UBR £
Bradford	£4.46
Yorks & Humber Regional Average	£4.57
Statistical Neighbour Average	£4.60
National Average (including London)	£4.61
National Average (excluding London)	£4.57

The table below shows the median averages of 3&4-year-olds entitlements Base Rates for the previous 2022/23 financial year.

3&4-Year-Old Entitlement Base Rates 2022/23	UBR £
Bradford	£4.39
Yorks & Humber Regional Average	£4.31
Statistical Neighbour Average	£4.43
National Average (including London)	£4.45
National Average (excluding London)	£4.35

Whilst there are a number of other factors that contribute to the explanation of the differences and changes, including that the DfE adjusted the 2023/24 national formula for new data (from which Bradford was a net loser but other authorities gained), and whilst we would expect our Base Rates to be lower than national averages, because we now receive a lower-than-average rate of funding from the DfE, these figures reinforce the impact of the difference between establishing and not establishing a Teacher Pensions Supplement in 2023/24. All other aspects being the same, if we had allocated our transferred funding into our Base Rate, rather than via a Supplement, our Base Rate would have been c. £0.10 higher and more in line with other averages. In response to the benchmarked position, the feedback from our Early Years Working Group and early years providers more generally (that the value of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements Base Rate is critical to the overall financial sustainability of the early years sector in the context of current pressures) and recognising that the National Living Wage is increasing again by c. 10% at April 2024, we do not feel that our Supplement can be sustained. We take the view that this Supplement should be discontinued, with its funding re-directed back to support the value of our 3&4-year-olds entitlements Base Rate.

- This proposal has the direct effect of reducing the rates of funding for the delivery of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements in nursery classes in maintained primary schools and academies by £0.23 per hour, but with a proportion of this directed back to nursery classes through the Base Rate. If we did not discontinue the Supplement, we will not be able to afford the Base Rate that we propose. This re-direction of funding contributes in the region of £0.10 to the proposed £0.21 uplift in the Base Rate.
- Taking the two proposals together – the reduction in Deprivation and SEND Supplement spending and the discontinuation of the Teacher Pensions Supplement – alongside all other proposals, the median average total funding rate for nursery classes in maintained primary schools and academies reduces by 2.1% in 2024/25 vs. 2023/24, inclusive of the Early Years Supplementary Grant (with a maximum 3.1% reduction and a minimum 0.7% reduction). The median average total funding rate for the PVI sector increases by 3.3% in 2024/25 vs. 2023/24, inclusive of the Early Years Supplementary Grant (with a maximum 4.2% increase and a minimum 1.3% increase). The main reason for the difference between the classes and the PVI sector is the discontinuation of the Teacher Pensions Supplement, which was wholly allocated to nursery classes in 2023/24. Whilst we recognise that these proposals reduce the funding rates that are allocated for nursery classes, at a time when salaries costs are also increasing, we take the view that these proposals will bring us more in line with the benchmarked positions that are found in other authorities in 2023/24 and will contribute to the sustainability of the whole early years sector in the context of the current financial pressures and of the limitations of the finite Early Years Block budget that we work within. We also recognise that, for maintained primary schools and academies with nursery classes, whole school costs, such as business rates (NNDR) and school-leadership, remain fully funded within the primary-phase National Funding Formula. In the context of looking at the impact on different types of provider, and in the context of the extension of the entitlements in 2024/25, the DfE has recently published a [piece of research](#) on the achievement of economies of scale, which estimates that school-based providers have the greatest economies of scale from increasing the number of hours delivered, in regards to their costs per hour of childcare.

3.4 Regarding the continuation of the protection of the rates of 3&4-year-olds entitlements funding for maintained nursery schools and the adjustment of sustainability lump sum funding following the recent addition of the Early Years Supplementary Grant and Teacher Pay and Pensions funding streams:

- The protected setting base rate for maintained nursery schools is proposed to be set at £6.63 per child per hour in 2024/25. This is the 2023/24 original protected rate of £6.08, uplifted for the £0.27 Early Years Supplementary Grant, and then uplifted for 2024/25 by 4.4%, in line with the % uplift that is proposed to be applied to the 3&4-year-olds entitlements Base Rate for other providers.
- The Deprivation and SEND Supplement rates for each maintained nursery school are proposed to be protected at their 2023/24 values, plus 4.4%, again in line with the Base Rate increase. The proposal to reduce Deprivation & SEND Supplement spending from 7% to 5%, as explained in paragraph 3.2, does not affect the rates of funding of maintained nursery schools.
- We propose that the existing elements of the Maintained Nursery School Sustainability Lump Sum Factor continue to be calculated using the current methodology, with the 'outcomes' of the different factors uplifted by 4.4%, again in line with the Base Rate. This uplift does not mean that nursery schools will receive in 2024/25 a sustainability lump sum value increased by 4.4% on 2023/24 values. This is because aspects of the lump sum work on a sliding-scale basis, with reference to the number of 3&4-year-olds entitlements hours delivered, but also because we will uplift the factors values that are used within the calculation, with 4.4% representing the increase in funding that will be 'normally' allocated through the Early Years Single Funding Formula, before a top-up to the minimum is to be provided. Please note that 'continuation' of the existing calculation includes the continuation of the additional fixed value lump sums that were added in 2023/24 to allocate (to protect and to closely, but simply, replicate) the former Teacher Pay and Pensions Grants allocations. This funding is not affected by the proposal to discontinue the Teacher Pensions Supplement for nursery classes, as explained in paragraph 3.3. Please also note that 'continuation' means that the calculation of the Sustainability Lump Sum Factor continues to be ring-fenced to the funding of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements. The wider formula funding changes, and the extension of the entitlements to 2-year-old Working Parents and Under 2s Working Parents does not have any impact on how this factor is calculated. It also continues to be the case that maintained nursery schools will not receive any additional or protected funding in relation to their delivery of both of the 2-year-olds entitlements or the Under 2s entitlement. This Factor only supports the cost of delivery of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements.
- We then propose that the following 3 sums are added to the existing Maintained Nursery School Sustainability Lump Sum Factor in 2024/25. These additions will consolidate and continue recent additional funding streams that have been added into the Early Years Block:
 - An additional lump sum for each maintained nursery school, to consolidate the additional supplementary funding that was included within the Early Years Supplementary Grant (EYSG). The EYSG allocation, for the period September 2023 to March 2024, will be allocated to the nursery schools in the March 2024 advances. This will be calculated on each school's PTE 3&4-year-olds entitlements number that will be recorded in the January 2024 Census, so the amounts will vary between schools and are still to be confirmed. We propose to 'gross up' the March 2024 allocations for a full year (divide by 7 and multiply by 12) and add them to the Lump Sum Factor. These will be fixed lump sums that are not re-calculated on a sliding scale basis for changes in delivery numbers during the year. Currently, we do not have confirmed values for each school; these will be available from the March advances. Indicative allocations range between £6,600 and £21,800. The Ready Reckoners will give sight of estimated indicative allocations.
 - An additional lump sum for each maintained nursery school, to consolidate the additional supplementary funding that was included within the Early Years Teacher Pay Grant allocation. The Early Years Pay Grant allocation, for the period September 2023 to March 2024, will be allocated to the nursery schools in the March 2024 advances. This will be calculated on each school's PTE 3&4-year-olds entitlements number that will be recorded in the January 2024 Census, so the amounts will vary between schools and are still to be confirmed. We propose to 'gross up' the March 2024 allocations for a full year (divide by 7 and multiply by 12) and add them to the Lump Sum Factor. These will be fixed lump sums that are not re-calculated on a sliding scale basis for changes in delivery numbers during the

year. Currently, we do not have confirmed values for each school; these will be available from the March advances. Indicative allocations range between £5,700 and £18,900. The Ready Reckoners will give sight of estimated indicative allocations.

- An additional lump sum for each maintained nursery school, in response to the additional supplementary funding that has been included in our 2024/25 Early Years Block settlement to reflect the increase in the employer's contribution to teacher pensions at 1 April 2024. We propose to enhance by 60% the values of the fixed lump sums that were added for each nursery school in 2023/24 in relation to the former Teacher Pay and Pensions Grants (please see paragraph 3.4). 60% is an adjusted proportion of this existing lump sum (of the existing lump sum, 75% relates to pensions and 25% relates to pay; we have taken 75% and divided this by 7%, which was the increase in the September 2019 pension contribution, and multiplied it by 5%, which is the increase at April 2024; this produces a figure of 54%, which we've rounded and uplifted to 60%). These will be fixed lump sums that are not re-calculated on a sliding scale basis for changes in delivery numbers during the year. Maintained schools are asked to note that the addition of this funding means that there will not be an additional Teacher Pensions Grant that is allocated in respect of early years entitlement provision in 2024/25. The Ready Reckoners will give sight of indicative allocations.

4) Further Information Explaining the Authority's Proposals

4.1 In the following paragraphs, we seek to provide a little more explanation of, and context for, aspects of our proposals that have not been picked up elsewhere.

4.2 We propose that there will be a different formula in place for the funding of the new 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement and that this will operate separately from the funding of the existing 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement. We propose to continue to fund the delivery of the existing 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement via a single Base Rate per child per hour with no supplements. This entitlement will be funded on a higher Base Rate (£7.60 vs. £7.35) than is used for the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement, reflective of the higher levels of need of the children that access this Disadvantage entitlement. It is proposed that the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement is funded via a Base Rate for all providers plus a Deprivation and SEND Supplement rate that is calculated for each provider (and that varies between providers based on measured levels of deprivation). It is proposed that the Deprivation and SEND Supplement allocates in total 2% of delegated funding for this entitlement. Overall, on current proposals, the total average funding rate for the delivery of the Disadvantage entitlement will be £0.10 (£7.60 vs. £7.50) per child per hour higher than the funding rate for the delivery of the Working Parents entitlement. In our introduction in paragraph 1.8, we explained that the DfE will permit local authorities either to use a single combined formula for the allocation of funding on the same basis to both the 2-year-olds entitlements, or to use two separate formulae. We take the view that two separate formulae is the better approach, but certainly the approach that we would wish to take in 2024/25. Firstly, we wish to provide continuity and stability. A great deal of change is taking place in the early years sector next year. We are conscious, from our modelling, that running a single formula for both the entitlements will create winners and losers. Providers that currently deliver the Disadvantage entitlement may not continue to receive at least the £7.40 Base Rate that they currently get for the delivery of this entitlement. We wish to avoid creating winners and losers simply as a result of technical formula change. Wider than this, our assessment of the benefits of employing two separate funding approaches is especially focused on how continuing a separate and higher single Base Rate of funding for the Disadvantage entitlement will help support the ongoing delivery of this entitlement and the sufficiency of places across the district as the new entitlements are established and extended. For the vast majority of schools, classes and PVI providers, the proposed Base Rate of £7.60 for the Disadvantage entitlement exceeds the total funding rate that the provider would receive through the new formulae for the Working Parents entitlement. In only a very small number of cases, a provider's Working Parents entitlement funding rate is higher than £7.60. The operation of two separate formulae is a matter that we will wish to keep under review, including in the light of continued benchmarking with other local authorities and the continued delivery of the 2-year-old Disadvantage entitlement.

4.3 We propose to apply a Deprivation and SEND Supplement to the funding of providers for the delivery of the new 2-year-olds Working Parents and Under 2s Working Parents entitlements, with the spending on this Supplement set at 2% of overall funding in both cases. Whilst the use of a Deprivation Supplement is

not mandatory for these entitlements (it is for the funding of 3&4-year-olds entitlements), the DfE strongly encourages all local authorities to use one. We assess that this Supplement does strengthen our formula funding arrangements. As well as supporting providers to meet the additional needs of children from more deprived backgrounds, and recognising the correlation between deprivation and SEND, the application of a Deprivation and SEND Supplement to the funding of the new entitlements means that there is a consistency of approach in our funding of these entitlements with our funding of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements. The proposal to spend 2% on the Deprivation Supplement for the new entitlements comes both from modelling, which finds 2% to be a 'natural fit', especially when considering the relationships between the two separate 2-year-olds entitlements funding formulae, and from an assessment that initially establishing our spending at 2% will provide some leeway for the modest movement of this % in the future, should we assess that movement will be helpful or necessary, including following review of the benchmarking information next year. At the moment, we know that local authorities on average spend c. 4-5% of their 3&4-year-olds entitlements funding on supplements, but we do not yet know what other authorities will do regarding the new entitlements. We anticipate that most authorities will use a Deprivation Supplement and that spending %s will be lower, because rates of funding for the new entitlements are higher. We are also conscious of the feedback from providers regarding the importance of the value of the Base Rates in the context of current financial pressures. Setting spending on the Deprivation & SEND Supplement at higher than 2% would mean lower Base Rates than we currently propose for the funding of the new entitlements. Because the rates of funding are much higher, especially for the Under 2s Working Parents entitlement, small shifts in the % spent on the Deprivation & SEND Supplement will have larger implications for the values of the Base Rates. We feel that 2% is a reasonable introductory position. We do intend to holistically review our approach to the funding of the new entitlements during 2024, including with reference to the information that will be published later in 2024 that will enable us to review what other local authorities have done. We will also review our approach to measuring levels of deprivation in providers delivering the new entitlement as we begin to collect a database of delivery.

4.4 We propose to discontinue the 2nd termly headcount, which we have operated for the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement. This additional count was originally intended only to be a mechanism to support the funding of providers at the very beginning of this entitlement, but it has remained a feature of our counting arrangements. We do not apply the 2nd headcount to the funding of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements. The number of funded hours that are added to provider allocations as a result of the 2nd headcount is now quite small and, therefore, we assess that the material impact of this change overall will also be quite small. It is also the case that the cost of the additional hours that are counted by the 2nd headcount are not directly funded by the DfE (as these hours are never counted in the annual January censuses). Although the funding impact currently is quite small, that the cost of the 2nd headcount is unfunded does influence our considerations about the continuation of this mechanism following the extension of the entitlements, where we need to make a choice about whether such a mechanism would be extended to the new entitlements. We think that it is fair to apply consistent counting arrangements across all the entitlements. We assess that the best way of achieving this is to now discontinue the 2nd headcount for the funding of the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement, rather than to extend it. For clarity, our Technical Statement in 2024/25 will still contain the provision, applicable across all the entitlements, for the transfer of funding after the termly censuses are taken in circumstances where a provider admits a child as a result of the closure of another provider, including as a result of the closure (or the paused delivery) of an inadequate provider.

4.5 We propose to discontinue the existing provision for the funding of 'staggered intakes' relating to the delivery of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements in the autumn term prior to the October census. This means that we will cease to fund providers for 3&4-year-olds entitlements children who may be in their setting at the start of the autumn term but who may have moved to another setting by the time the October census is taken, due to that setting operating a staggered intake or a late start. We wish to ensure the consistency of approach to funding across all the entitlements. We take the view that the operation of a staggered or late start could have a detrimental impact on working parents and therefore, we would not wish to extend the existing funding provision across all the entitlements. Given the focus of the entitlements now on supporting working parents, we wish to ensure that our funding approach supports working parents and encourages all providers to fully admit eligible children from the start of each term. We also take the view that, whilst a staggered or late start could be beneficial to an individual child (which is a principal reason why our funding provision was originally included in our approach), many children now (and will increasingly so in the future) begin their 3&4-year-olds entitlements provision with experience of attending early years provision already. Most schools now admit children at the beginning of each of the 3 terms. We anticipate that the discontinuation of this provision will mainly immediately impact on PVI providers that currently offer short

term placement to 3&4-year-olds at the beginning of the autumn term. We expect that these providers will review their intake policies and parental agreements in response to this change.

5) Equalities Impact Assessment

3.1 The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Local Authority to give due regard to achieving the following objectives in exercising its functions:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010.
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

3.2 We assess that our proposals for 2024/25 will have a neutral to positive impact on equalities. This is because: the arrangements that the Local Authority proposes in this consultation for the 2024/25 financial year retain a significant amount of continuity on current positive practice, and new arrangements have been established on established principles, including being based previously explained planned changes.

- We propose to uplift the Base Rates of funding for providers delivering the existing 2-years-olds Disadvantage and 3&4-years-olds entitlements by 2.7% and 4.4% respectively on the 2023/24 Early Years Supplementary Grant enhanced rates. These uplifts continue to support the delivery of these entitlements. Maximising the uplifts of these Base Rates annually for all providers supports universal good quality provision for all children.
- We propose to continue to fund the existing 2-years-olds Disadvantage entitlement using a higher Base Rate (than used for the new 2-years-olds Working Parents entitlement). This provides continuity and stability in the delivery of this entitlement and supports maintaining sufficiency of places. We will review the value of this Base Rate for 2025/26, in particular using the updated benchmarking information.
- We propose to establish new arrangements for the new Under 2s and 2-years-olds Working Parents entitlements, using a Base Rate alongside a Deprivation & SEND Supplement, with this Supplement targeting additional funding to support providers to meet the additional needs of children from more deprived backgrounds, also recognising the correlation between levels of deprivation and of SEND. We will review the proportion of funding that is allocated for Deprivation & SEND for 2025/26, in particular using the updated benchmarking information.
- We propose to fully continue the protection of maintained nursery schools, with this protection being funded using the specific supplement within the Early Years Block, adjusted to consolidate the additional funding streams that nursery schools have received in 2023/24 (Early Years Supplementary Grant and Teacher Pay and Pensions Grants). As the numbers of children with SEND and from more deprived backgrounds is typically higher in the maintained nursery schools sector, this protection continues to support provision for these children.
- The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and the Disability Access Fund (DAF), extended across all the entitlements, will continue to complement the Early Years Single Funding Formula and will provide additional funds to support children with SEND, as these have done in 2023/24. We propose to continue our current approach to our Early Years Inclusion Fund, which is in place specifically to support early years entitlement children with lower level and emerging SEND. Building on this approach, we propose to pilot a new process for EYIF in 2024/25, with the aim of further improving how providers access this funding and how the Authority monitors its impact. The Early Years Block is having to absorb the significantly increased cost of EYIF allocations, due to the increase in provider applications. More EYIF funding is now being allocated out to providers than in previous years.
- We do propose to take the previously identified and planned 'third and anticipated final step' to reduce our spending on our Deprivation & SEND Supplement within our 3&4-years-olds entitlements EYSFF down to the average spending level of our statistical neighbours. The first step was taken in 2020/21, reducing our spending from 9.50% to 8%. The second step was taken in 2023/24, reducing our

spending from 8% to 7%. The proposed third and anticipated final step will reduce our spending in 2024/25 from 7% to 5%. Our current spending position is 'out of line', when we look at benchmarking, and we assess that we are not able to sustain this position within the finite resources of the Early Years Block. In this context, the primary purpose of the proposed reduction in % spending is to enable us to sustain Base Rate funding for all providers. If we do not reduce Deprivation & SEND Supplement spending, to come more in line with the average of spending in other authorities, we will not be able to afford the Base Rate for the 3&5-year-olds entitlements that we propose. This would impact on the funding that all providers receive, including those in receipt of the Deprivation & SEND Supplement. Within our assessment of the impact of this proposed change, we stress that, whilst Deprivation & SEND Supplement funding is proposed to be reduced, meaning that rates of funding will reduce by a median average of £0.09 per hour (classes) and £0.05 per hour (PVI providers), DAF and EYPP funding streams are continuing and are being uplifted in 2024/25, and EYIF is continuing unchanged at the 2023/24 rate. These specific additional deprivation and SEND-focused funding streams are also being extended across all the entitlements. We also specifically identify that the proposed £0.21 increase in the 3&4-year-olds entitlements Base Rate for all providers exceeds the median average of losses in Deprivation & SEND rate funding. We also stress that the proposal does not affect the funding of maintained nursery schools. These schools will continue to have their 'historic' Deprivation & SEND Supplement rates protected (and uplifted), as expected by the DfE and using the specific Maintained Nursery School Supplement.

- We do propose to discontinue the Employer's Contribution to Teacher Pensions Supplement within the 3&4-year-olds entitlements EYSFF. As explained in this document, benchmarking against the average of other local authorities informs this proposal, as does the focus on increasing the Base Rate for all providers in the context of current financial pressures and the increases in salaries costs across the sector (including the increase in the National Living Wage). Whilst this proposal has the direct effect of reducing the rates of funding for the delivery of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements in nursery classes in maintained primary schools and academies, by £0.23 per hour, a proportion of this directed back to nursery classes through the Base Rate and, if we did not discontinue the Supplement, we will not be able to afford the Base Rate that we propose in support of all providers. This re-direction of funding contributes in the region of £0.10 to the proposed £0.21 uplift in the Base Rate. Whilst we recognise that our proposals reduce the funding rates that are allocated for nursery classes, at a time when salaries costs are also increasing, we take the view that these proposals will bring us more in line with the benchmarked positions that are currently found in other authorities and will contribute to the sustainability of the whole early years sector in the context of the current financial pressures and of the limitations of the finite Early Years Block budget that we work within. We also recognise that, for maintained primary schools and academies with nursery classes, whole school costs, such as business rates (NNDR) and school-leadership, remain fully funded within the primary-phase National Funding Formula. In our assessment, we also highlight that the DfE has recently published a [piece of research](#) on the achievement of economies of scale, which estimates that school-based providers have the greatest economies of scale from increasing the number of hours delivered, in regards to their costs per hour of childcare.

Bradford District Early Years Single Funding Formula 2024/25

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INTRODUCTION

1. This document sets out the Local Authority's approach to funding the delivery of the early years entitlements for the 2024/25 financial year, 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.
2. Prior to 1 April 2024, the Authority has funded the delivery of 3&4-year-olds universal and extended (for eligible working parents) entitlements as well as the 2-year-olds entitlement (for parents of eligible children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds). Beginning the 1 April 2024, the Government is extending the entitlements, meaning that, for the 2024/25 financial year, the Local Authority must have in place arrangements for funding providers for their delivery of the following 5 entitlements:
 - a. The 15 hours universal 3&4-year-olds entitlement.
 - b. The 15 hours (for eligible working parents) extended 3&4-year-olds entitlement.
 - c. The 15 hours 2-year-olds entitlement for parents of eligible children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds.
 - d. From 1 April 2024, a new entitlement of 15 hours for 2-year-olds of eligible working parents. *This entitlement will extend to 30 hours at September 2025.*
 - e. From 1 September 2024, a new entitlement of 15 hours for children aged + 9 months of eligible working parents. This is known as the "Under 2s" entitlement. *This entitlement will extend to 30 hours at September 2025.*
3. We currently operate two discrete funding formulae: a combined formula for the 3&4-year-old universal and extended entitlements and a separate formula for the funding of the existing 2-year-old disadvantage entitlement. These two formulae use different rates of funding per hour. Providers are funded for their delivery of the 2-year-old disadvantage entitlement using only a Base Rate per hour. Delivery of the 3&4-year-old entitlements, however, is funded using a Universal Base Rate per hour as well as other 'supplements'. There are other differences: in accordance with the current Regulations, Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Funding are allocated only in respect of children taking the 3&4-year-old universal entitlement.

There are similarities, however. Counting, payment and administrative arrangements are very similar, except that we operate a 2nd headcount each term for the 2-year-old disadvantage entitlement, and Early Years Inclusion Funding (EYIF) is allocated in respect of both the 2-year-old and 3&4-year-old entitlements. This table summarises the key similarities and differences in our approaches to funding the existing entitlements, which is a good reference point to use to begin to understand (and to compare) the new funding arrangements that are in place from 1 April 2024.

Factor / Feature	2-Year-Old Disadvantage Entitlement	3&4-Year-Old Entitlements (both universal and extended)
Base Rate	YES	YES
Deprivation & SEND Supplement	NO	YES
Employer's Contribution to Teacher Pensions Supplement	NO	YES
Maintained Nursery School Rate Protection & Lump Sum	NO	YES
Early Years Inclusion Funding (EYIF)	YES	YES
Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)	NO	YES
Disability Access Funding (DAF)	NO	YES
Termly Count x3 per year	YES	YES
2 nd Headcount Each Term (x3 per year)	YES	NO

4. The table below summarises the funding arrangements that are in place from 1 April 2024, for the 2024/25 financial year. Please note that the funding of the 'Under 2s' entitlement will begin from 1

September 2024. All other entitlements are funded from 1 April 2024. A change is highlighted in red and bold. As the Under 2s and the 2-year-old Working Parents entitlements are entirely new, these columns are fully highlighted.

Factor / Feature	Under 2s Working Parents Entitlement (NEW)	2-Year-Old Disadvantage Entitlement	2-Year-Old Working Parents Entitlement (NEW)	3&4-Year-Old Entitlements (both universal and extended)
Base Rate	YES	YES	YES	YES
Deprivation & SEND Supplement	YES	NO	YES	YES
Employer's Contribution to Teacher Pensions Supplement	NO	NO	NO	NO
Maintained Nursery School Rate Protection & Lump Sum	NO	NO	NO	YES
Early Years Inclusion Funding (EYIF)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Disability Access Funding (DAF)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Termly Count x3 per year	YES	YES	YES	YES
2 nd Headcount Each Term (x3 per year)	NO	NO	NO	NO

5. In 2024/25, the delivery of the 5 different entitlements (that are listed in paragraph 2) will be funded by the Local Authority using 4 separate formulae: 'Under 2s', '2-year-olds Disadvantage', '2-Year-olds Working Parents' and '3&4-year-olds'.
 - a. **Under 2s Working Parents:** A new formula has been established for the funding of the new 'Under 2s' entitlement, covering the delivery of this entitlement for children of eligible working parents aged 9 months to 2 years. This funding approach begins at 1 September 2024.
 - b. **2-year-olds Working Parents:** A new formula has been established for the funding of the new working parents entitlement. This approach begins at 1 April 2024.
 - c. **2-year-olds Disadvantage:** The current formula for the funding of the existing Disadvantage entitlement is continued. However, there is a new additional 'top-up' factor to ensure that, for every provider that is delivering both the 2-year-old disadvantage and the 2-year-old working parents entitlement, that provider's disadvantage entitlement rate of funding is at least equal to their rate of funding for the working parents entitlement.
 - d. **3&4-year-olds:** The current combined formula for the funding of the delivery of both the universal 15 hours entitlement for 3&4-year-olds and the extended 15 hours entitlement for 3&4-year-olds of eligible working parents is continued.

A provider that delivers all 5 of the entitlements will receive funding via all 4 of the formulae. These will be 4 separately calculated and separately identifiable funding allocations from the Local Authority. Funding and payment reports and the ready reckoners that are published by the Local Authority will separate out the 4 funding streams.

6. Firstly, to highlight how these 4 formulae are different:
 - a. Each of the 4 formulae uses a different value of Base Rate (UBR). The UBR is the rate of funding per hour that all providers receive on the same basis for the delivery of an entitlement. The UBRs for the 4 formulae are calculated separately, with reference to the rate of funding that the Local Authority receives from Government for the delivery of that entitlement, as well with reference to decisions that are taken locally about how our funding formula works e.g. the use and value of Supplements, and decisions about how much funding is retained to provide wider support and services to providers and to deliver the Early Years Inclusion Fund (EYIF). The UBR values for 2024/25 are shown page 23 of this document. Typically, due to the way that the Government's rates reflect staffing ratios, the

UBR for the 'Under 2's' entitlement will always be of the highest value, followed by the UBRs for the 2-year-old entitlements, followed by the UBR for the 3&4-year-old entitlements.

- b. Whilst the Under 2s, the 2-year-olds Working Parents and the 3&4-year-olds formulae contain a Deprivation and SEND Supplement, the 2-year-olds Disadvantage formula does not. This means that, for their delivery of the Under 2s, the 2-year-olds Working Parents and the 3&4-year-olds entitlements, a provider's total rate of funding per hour that is received from the Local Authority will be made up of a Base Rate plus an additional rate for Deprivation & SEND (which will vary between providers depending on their measured levels of deprivation). However, providers that deliver the 2-year-old Disadvantage entitlement will be funded on the same single Base Rate for this entitlement, without an additional variable rate for Deprivation & SEND. As we show on page 23 of this document, the Base Rate for the delivery of the 2-year-old Disadvantage entitlement is set at a higher value.
- c. Whilst the Under 2s, the 2-year-olds Working Parents and the 3&4-year-olds formulae all contain a Deprivation and SEND Supplement, the rates of additional funding per hour that a provider will receive via the Supplement will not be the same across all the entitlements. This is because the Deprivation & SEND rates are calculated according to the rate of funding that the Local Authority receives from Government for each entitlement and are also affected by decisions that are taken locally about the percentage of the entitlement's funding that is to be allocated via this Supplement, which may not be the same for each of the formulae.
- d. Funding rate protection and the lump sum sustainability factors for the maintained nursery schools only apply to 3&4-year-olds entitlement funding. This is because the DfE's Early Years Block supplementary funding, from which these protections / factors are funded, only covers 3&4-year-olds universal entitlement delivery.

7. Secondly, to highlight how these 4 formulae are similar or are the same:

- a. Although of different values, each of the formulae contains a Base Rate (UBR), which allocates the majority of the funding that providers receive for their delivery of each of the entitlements.
- b. The Under 2s, the 2-year-olds Working Parents and the 3&4-year-olds formulae all contain a Deprivation and SEND Supplement, which although of different values, are calculated using the same Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) data, with a single IMD score being calculated for each provider and with that score then being used to calculate the Supplement funding in each of the applicable formulae. For 2024/25, we have used the existing 3 year rolling averages of Index of Multiple Deprivation data (taken from provider postcodes) that were used to fund providers that delivered the 3&4-year-olds entitlements in 2023/24. We would normally update these rolling averages annually. However, in the interests of confirming rates of funding for the delivery of the new entitlements for providers as soon as possible, we have not updated these averages for the data that would have been collected from the January 2024 census but that would not have been available until late February. We have concluded that giving providers confirmed information for their planning as early as possible has been the priority this year. This is a temporary position for 2024/25. We expect to update the data as normal for 2025/26.
- c. No other Supplements, other than the Deprivation & SEND Supplement and the Maintained Nursery Schools Supplement, will be used. This means that, for the 3&4-year-olds entitlements, the Employer's Contribution to Teacher Pensions Supplement, that was contained within our 2023/24 formula, has been removed.
- d. Providers are able to access Early Years Inclusion Funding (EYIF) for all entitlement children that are eligible. From 1 September 2024, this includes children that access the new Under 2s entitlement. Our approach to EYIF is set out in more detail in Appendix 2. 'Fee-paying' hours continue to not be eligible for EYIF.
- e. All entitlement children are eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP). Previously, EYPP was restricted to children accessing the 3&4-year-olds universal entitlement. From 1 April 2024, children accessing both the 2-year-olds entitlements are eligible. From 1 September 2024, children accessing the new Under 2s entitlement are eligible. The EYPP values are the same for

all children across all entitlements: £0.68 per hour in 2024/25 (to a maximum of £388 for the year on 570 hours). 'Fee-paying' hours continue to not be eligible for EYPP.

- f. Providers can apply for Disability Access Funding (DAF) for all entitlement children that are eligible. Previously, DAF was restricted to children accessing the 3&4-year-olds universal entitlement. From 1 April 2024, children accessing both the 2-year-olds entitlements are eligible. From 1 September 2024, children accessing the new Under 2s entitlement are eligible. The DAF values are the same for all children across all entitlements: £910 annual lump sum in 2024/25.
 - g. The Local Authority will apply to all of the entitlements the same termly census arrangements, in order to count a provider's entitlement delivery. For the existing 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement, this means that the Local Authority has ceased to use a 2nd termly headcount.
 - h. The Local Authority will apply to all of the entitlements the same administrative, payment and adjustments framework. This is set out in more detail in this document. There are some specific technical differences between the entitlements, especially concerning checking and evidencing eligibility for the Working Parent entitlements and the Disadvantage entitlement. There are also some technical differences in approaches to paying and to adjusting funding, between the PVI and the schools sector. But our approach to administering, calculating, paying (including paying based on estimated delivery) and adjusting (confirming for actual delivery) funding for providers within each sector will be the same across the 4 formulae. This is so that providers in each sector will see a consistent approach to the way that all their entitlement delivery is funded, which is no more administratively complicated than is necessary. To ensure consistency, it is the Authority's intention to require schools and academies to sign a 'Funding Agreement' with the Local Authority for their delivery of all the entitlements from 1 April 2024. PVI providers already do this.
8. Thirdly, to highlight key aspects, where 2024/25 funding arrangements have changed from 2023/24 arrangements:
- a. A brand-new formula is in place for funding the delivery of the new Under 2s entitlement, from 1 September 2024.
 - b. A brand-new formula is in place for funding the delivery of the new 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement, from 1 April 2024.
 - c. A new additional 'top-up' factor is in place within the funding of the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement to ensure that, for every provider that is delivering both the 2-year-olds Disadvantage and the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement, that provider's Disadvantage entitlement rate of funding is at least equal to their rate of funding for the Working Parents entitlement. In the vast majority of cases, the Disadvantage rate is already higher than the Working Parents rate and does not require topping up.
 - d. The 2nd termly headcount for the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement is removed.
 - e. The Employer's Contribution to Teacher Pensions Supplement, that was contained within our 2023/24 3&4-year-olds entitlement funding formula, has been removed.
 - f. The proportion of 3&4-year-olds entitlement funding that is allocated to providers via the Deprivation and SEND Supplement has been reduced, from 7% to 5%. This means that provider Deprivation and SEND Supplement rates of funding for the 3&4-year-olds entitlements have reduced in 2024/25.
 - g. Eligible children accessing both the 2-year-olds entitlements (from 1 April) and the Under 2s (from 1 September) entitlement are now eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Funding.
 - h. Previously, we have funded Disability Access Funding (DAF) at a rate higher than the DfE's funded minimum. In 2023/24, our DAF rate was £1,200. However, from 1 April 2024, we will only fund DAF at the DfE's stated value, which is £910.

- i. The technical provision for the funding of 'staggered intakes' relating to the delivery of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements in the autumn term prior to the October census has been removed. This means that providers will only be funded in the autumn term based on the headcount that is recorded in their October census. This ensures uniformity of approach to counting arrangements across all the entitlements.
 - j. Whilst we continue our existing approach to the allocation of Early Years Inclusion Funding (EYIF) in 2024/25, as set out in Appendix 2, with no changes, the Authority will pilot in 2024/25, with sample providers across all sectors, an amended approach, which seeks to explore further the options for reducing bureaucracy and reducing / removing the need for providers with consistent numbers of entitlement children in receipt of EYIF to claim funding. We will seek to explore further how we could allocate EYIF funding 'in advance' (rather than via application) based on predictive data and then require settings to evidence how they have used their funding. The outcomes of this pilot, together with the DfE's national review on EYIF approaches, will help inform the potential for wider changes and improvements in our EYIF from April 2025. Further information on this pilot will be published shortly.
 - k. To ensure consistency, it is the Authority's intention to require schools and academies to sign a 'Funding Agreement' with the Local Authority for their delivery of all the entitlements from 1 April 2024. PVI providers already do this.
9. Finally, to highlight key aspects, where 2024/25 arrangements are similar or are the same as 2023/24 arrangements:
- a. We have not added any new supplements into the 3&4-year-olds entitlements Early Years Single Funding Formula.
 - b. The Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) for the extended 30 hours entitlement for eligible 3&4-Year-olds continues to operate within the same framework as the universal 15 hours entitlement, as set out in this Technical Statement. Rates of funding, timetabling and counting arrangements are the same. Specific guidance about the funding of the 30 hours entitlement, where necessary, is incorporated into this Statement.
 - c. The 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement continues to be funded on a single Base Rate, without any additional supplements.
 - d. The annual 38 weeks of entitlement continues to be funded on the basis of 12 weeks delivery in summer term, 14 weeks delivery in autumn term and 12 weeks delivery in spring term. This profile is the same across all the 5 entitlements.
 - e. Apart from removal of the 2nd headcount for counting the delivery of the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement, the existing core termly headcount methodology is retained for all of the entitlements in 2024/25. As we have stated previously, the establishment of a single Portal for the collection of entitlement delivery information from all providers gives opportunities for us to explore the pros and cons of different counting arrangements, including options for counting arrangements that are more sensitive to the movement of children and to the fluctuations in numbers within terms and during the year. We are also conscious that the DfE is looking at whether and how eligibility for the entitlements can begin sooner than the current 'term after' basis. This national review may require us to look again at our termly counting arrangements in future years. We will continue to monitor the position and keep this under review.
 - f. The funding levels (referring back to 2016/17 funding levels, prior to the national EYSFF reforms) of Maintained Nursery Schools, for the delivery of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements, continue to be protected for the full financial year using the specific additional supplement that continues to be allocated by the DfE, and as explained in this Statement. Sustainability funding for maintained nursery schools in 2024/25 consolidates the allocation of the additional funding that was included within the Early Years Supplementary Grant and within the Early Years Pay Grant in 2023/24. The sustainability funding has also been increased for the additional funds that have been allocated within the 2024/25 Early Years Block

settlement in response to the increased employers contribution to teacher pensions at 1 April 2024.

- g. Funding continues to be allocated to all eligible providers, in addition to hourly rate funding, for three purposes, which are explained further in this Statement: Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP), Disability Access Fund (DAF) and Early Years SEND Inclusion (EYIF). There are no changes to the specific eligibility criteria for access to these funds, except for the extension of eligibility across all the entitlements. 'Fee-paying' hours continue not to be eligible.

EXAMPLES

10. The 3&4-year-olds entitlements Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) is as follows:

- a. Universal Base Rate (£ per child per hour) +
- b. Provider Deprivation and SEND Rate (£ per child per hour) +
- c. Rate Protection (Maintained Nursery Schools only) (£ per child per hour) +
- d. Lump Sum Funding for Sustainability (Maintained Nursery Schools only)

(a + b + c) = a provider's total rate of funding per child per hour

This is then multiplied by the number of entitlement hours that the provider delivers

For example, on the basis that a provider delivers the 15 hours 3&4-year-old universal entitlement for 38 weeks a year to 10 children, that the provider records 10 children in each of the 3 termly censuses, and that the provider is not a maintained nursery school, funding would be as follows:

- a. Universal Base Rate **£4.94** +
- b. Deprivation and SEND Rate (illustrative example only) **£0.23** +

Provider funding rate per hour of **£5.17**

No. of Entitlement Hours delivered at the provider (per year) **5,700** calculated as follows:

Summer Term	10 children x 15 hours x 12 weeks	1,800
Autumn Term	10 children x 15 hours x 14 weeks	2,100
Spring Term	10 children x 15 hours x 12 weeks	1,800

Total funding **£5.17 x 5,700 = £29,469**

For maintained nursery schools, lump sum funding for sustainability (d. above) is added after the per child funding has been calculated.

11. The 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) is as follows:

- a. Base Rate (£ per child per hour) +
- b. Provider Deprivation and SEND Rate (£ per child per hour) +

(a + b) = a provider's total rate of funding per child per hour

This is then multiplied by the number of entitlement hours that the provider delivers

For example, on the simple basis that a provider delivers the 15 hours 2-year-old Working Parents entitlement for 38 weeks a year to 10 children and that the provider records 10 children in each of the 3 termly censuses, funding would be as follows:

- a. Base Rate **£7.35** +
- b. Deprivation and SEND Rate (illustrative example only) **£0.15** +

Provider funding rate per hour of **£7.50**

No. of Entitlement Hours delivered at the provider (per year) **5,700** calculated as follows:

Summer Term	10 children x 15 hours x 12 weeks	1,800
Autumn Term	10 children x 15 hours x 14 weeks	2,100
Spring Term	10 children x 15 hours x 12 weeks	1,800

Total funding **£7.50 x 5,700 = £42,750**

12. The 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) is as follows:

- a. Base Rate (£ per child per hour) +
- b. Top Up (£ per child per hour, only where applicable)

b) is only applied where a provider’s rate of funding for the delivery of the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement is higher than the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement Base Rate (which is £7.60). In this circumstance, b) will be the provider’s total rate of funding for the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement minus £7.60.

(a + b) = a provider’s total rate of funding per child per hour

This is then multiplied by the number of entitlement hours that the provider delivers

For example, on the basis that a provider delivers the 15 hours 2-year-old Disadvantage entitlement for 38 weeks a year to 10 children and that the provider records 10 children in each of the 3 termly censuses, and does not require their funding rate to be topped up, funding would be as follows:

- a. Base Rate £7.60 +
- b. Top Up £0.00 +

Provider funding rate per hour of £7.60

No. of Entitlement Hours delivered at the provider (per year) **5,700** calculated as follows:

Summer Term	10 children x 15 hours x 12 weeks	1,800
Autumn Term	10 children x 15 hours x 14 weeks	2,100
Spring Term	10 children x 15 hours x 12 weeks	1,800

Total funding £7.60 x 5,700 = £43,320

13. The Under 2s entitlement Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) is as follows:

- a. Base Rate (£ per child per hour) +
- b. Provider Deprivation and SEND Rate (£ per child per hour) +

(a + b) = a provider’s total rate of funding per child per hour

This is then multiplied by the number of entitlement hours that the provider delivers. Please note that this entitlement does not begin until 1 September 2024.

For example, on the simple basis that a provider delivers the 15 hours under 2s entitlement for 26 weeks (14 weeks in autumn and 12 weeks in spring) to 10 children and that the provider records 10 children in the autumn and spring termly censuses, funding would be as follows:

- a. Base Rate £10.15 +
- b. Deprivation and SEND Rate (illustrative example only) £0.21 +

Provider funding rate per hour of £10.36

No. of Entitlement Hours delivered at the provider (per year) **3,900** calculated as follows:

Autumn Term	10 children x 15 hours x 14 weeks	2,100
Spring Term	10 children x 15 hours x 12 weeks	1,800

Total funding £10.36 x 3,900 = £40,404

TECHNICAL STATEMENT

“3&4-year-olds entitlements” refers to the 15 hours universal 3&4-year-old entitlement and the 15 hours (for eligible working parents) extended 3&4-year-old entitlement.

“2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement” refers to the 15 hours 2-year-old entitlement for parents of eligible children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds.

“2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement” refers to the new 15 hours entitlement for 2-year-olds of eligible working parents.

“Under 2s Working Parents entitlement” refers to the new entitlement of 15 hours for children aged + 9 months of eligible working parents.

a) There are 4 separate Base Rates (UBRs) per child per hour for the funding of the entitlements. In 2024/25 their values are:

Under 2s Working Parents Entitlement	2-Year-Olds Disadvantage Entitlement	2-Year-Olds Working Parents Entitlement	3&4-Year-Olds Entitlements
£10.15	£7.60	£7.35	£4.94

- The Base Rates are expressed as a value of funding per child per hour.
- All providers are funded on the same Base Rate for their delivery of each of the entitlements.
- The 15 hours universal 3&4-year-olds entitlement and the 15 hours (for eligible working parents) extended 3&4-year-olds entitlement are funded on the same 3&4-year-old entitlements UBR.
- The 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement is funded only using a Base Rate. The formula for this entitlement does not include any supplements. However, an additional ‘top-up’ factor is in place to ensure that, for every provider that delivers both the 2-year-olds Disadvantage and the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement, that provider’s Disadvantage entitlement rate of funding is at least equal to their rate of funding for the Working Parents entitlement. In the vast majority of cases, the Disadvantage rate is already higher than the Working Parents rate and does not require topping up.
- The Base Rates are fixed and will not change during 2024/25. These are fixed at the point the 1st draft of Indicative Budgets are published, which for 2024/25 is in February 2024. Please see the timetable at the back of this Statement.
- In addition to the 3&4-Year-Olds entitlements UBR, Maintained Nursery Schools receive an additional amount of lump sum funding, from the DfE’s specific Maintained Nursery School Supplement, effectively to bring the 3&4-Year-Olds entitlements UBR for Maintained Nursery Schools up to **£6.63** per child per hour, which is the value of their UBR in 2016/17, prior to the implementation of the DfE’s national reform, plus uplifts in subsequent years, in line with the uplifts in the 3&4-Year-Olds entitlements UBR that all providers have received in these years.
- For maintained primary schools and academies with nursery classes, funding allocated to support whole school costs, such as business rates (NNDR), remains fully within the primary-phase core funding formula.

b) Providers that deliver the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement do not receive additional funding via a Deprivation and SEND Supplement. However, for the delivery of the Under 2s entitlement, 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement and 3&4-year-olds entitlements all providers receive an additional value of funding per child per hour via a Deprivation and SEND Supplement. The rate of funding that a provider receives via this Supplement is based on their measured level of deprivation. Therefore, funding rates vary between providers. A provider will receive a different rate of Deprivation and SEND Supplement funding for their delivery of each of the entitlements.

- All local authorities are required by the Department for Education (DfE) to have a deprivation supplement within their EYSFF for the funding of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements. The use of a deprivation supplement is optional for all the other entitlements. In Bradford, we use a Deprivation and SEND Supplement in the funding of the Under 2s Working Parents, 2-year-olds Working Parents and 3&4-year-olds entitlements. However, we do not use a Deprivation and SEND Supplement in the funding of the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement. This is because the Base Rate for the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement has been set at a higher value, to allocate a higher level of funding to all providers that is reflective of this entitlement being delivered to children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Deprivation and SEND Supplement funding is allocated, in addition to Base Rate funding, specifically to: support raising the educational outcomes and life chances of children from more deprived background; support the reduction of the attainment gap that currently exists between children from more deprived and children from more affluent backgrounds; and support providers for the additional costs associated with the delivery of the entitlement to children from more deprived backgrounds and to children that have additional lower-level educational needs.
- As with Base Rate funding, for each of the 3 entitlement groups that a Deprivation and SEND Supplement is used:
 - A provider's 'Deprivation and SEND Rate' is expressed as a value per child per hour.
 - The 15 hours universal 3&4-year-olds entitlement and the 15 hours (for eligible working parents) extended 3&4-year-old entitlement are funded on the same 3&4-year-olds entitlements Deprivation and SEND Rate.
 - The 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement is funded on a different value of Deprivation & SEND rate for each provider.
 - The Under 2s Working Parents entitlement is funded on a different value of Deprivation & SEND rate for each provider.
 - Provider Deprivation and SEND Rates are fixed at the point the 1st draft of Indicative Budgets are published, which for 2024/25 is in February 2024. Rates will not change during 2024/25.
 - The DfE's Maintained Nursery Schools Supplement is allocated to maintain each Maintained Nursery School's individual 'Deprivation and SEND Rate' for the 3&4-year-olds entitlement at the 2016/17 value, but with the value of each school's protected rate in 2024/25 uplifted on 2023/24 in line with the uplift in the 3&4-year-olds entitlement Universal Base Rate.
- Unlike Base Rate funding, which is the same value for all providers for each of the entitlements, Deprivation & SEND Supplement rates vary between providers according to the measured level of deprivation of children attending each provider. In 2024/25:
 - For the 3&4-year-olds entitlements, each provider's Deprivation and SEND Supplement rate is calculated using the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) and the postcodes of children taking up the entitlement at the provider, recorded in the January 2023, January 2022 and January 2021 censuses (this is a 3-year rolling average). For 2024/25, we have used the existing 3 year rolling averages of Index of Multiple Deprivation data (taken from provider postcodes) that were used to fund providers that delivered the 3&4-year-old entitlements in 2023/24. We would normally update these rolling averages annually. However, in the

interests of confirming rates of funding for the delivery of the new entitlements for providers as soon as possible, this year we have not updated these averages for the data that would have been collected from the January 2024 census but that would not have been available until late February. We have concluded that giving providers more certain information for their planning as early as possible has been the priority this year. This is a temporary position for 2024/25. We expect to update the data as normal for 2025/26. As in previous years, where the IMD score data for an individual provider cannot be properly determined, or is not available, and for providers that newly establish during the year, the provider's Deprivation and SEND Supplement rate will be calculated using the average IMD scores for all providers of their type. This use of averages is especially applicable to the rates applied to Childminders.

- For the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlements, each provider's Deprivation and SEND Supplement rate has been calculated using the same Index of Multiple Deprivation score that has been used to calculate the provider's Supplement rate for the 3&4-year-olds entitlements. This means that we have 'back-referenced' the deprivation data that has been recorded for a provider's 3&4-year-old entitlement cohort onto their prospective 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement cohort. As this is a new entitlement, we do not yet have a database of children to use to measure specific deprivation levels. We see that a reasonable initial approach is to assume that the levels of deprivation of children that will access the new 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement at individual providers during 2024/25 will generally be similar to (or the same as) their levels of deprivation of children that currently access the 3&4-year-olds entitlements. Where the IMD score data for an individual provider cannot be properly determined, or is not available, and for providers that newly establish during the year, the provider's Deprivation and SEND Supplement rate will be calculated using the average IMD scores for all providers of their type. This use of averages is especially applicable to the rates applied to Childminders.
- For the Under 2s Working Parents entitlements, each provider's Deprivation and SEND Supplement rate has been calculated using the same Index of Multiple Deprivation score that has been used to calculate the provider's Supplement rate for the 3&4-year-olds entitlements. This means that we have 'back-referenced' the deprivation data that has been recorded for a provider's 3&4-year-old entitlement cohort onto their prospective Under 2s Working Parents entitlement cohort. As this is a new entitlement, we do not yet have a database of children to use to measure specific deprivation levels. We see that a reasonable initial approach is to assume that the levels of deprivation of children that will access the new Under 2s Working Parents entitlement at individual providers during 2024/25 will generally be similar to (or the same as) their levels of deprivation of children that currently access the 3&4-year-olds entitlements. Where the IMD score data for an individual provider cannot be properly determined, or is not available, and for providers that newly establish during the year, the provider's Deprivation and SEND Supplement rate will be calculated using the average IMD scores for all providers of their type. This use of averages is especially applicable to the rates applied to Childminders.

c) For all of the 5 entitlements, each provider will be funded on the number of entitlement hours that are recorded as delivered in a common census that is taken each term - 3 times a year in total - with the dates of these termly censuses being the same for all providers and for all entitlements. Within the common census, the number of delivered hours for each of the 5 different entitlements will be recorded separately. The delivery of the Under 2s Working Parents entitlement will not begin to be recorded until the autumn term 2024 census.

- For each of the entitlements in the 2024/25 financial year, each provider's total number of entitlement hours that they have delivered and that will be funded by the Local Authority will be the sum of:
 - Summer term (term beginning 1 April 2024): the total of entitlement hours delivered per week recorded in the census taken on 16 May 2024, x 12 weeks.

- Autumn term (term beginning 1 September 2024): the total of entitlement hours delivered per week recorded in the census taken on 3 October 2024, x 14 weeks.
- Spring term (term beginning 1 January 2025): the total of entitlement hours delivered per week recorded in the census taken on 16 January 2025, x 12 weeks.
- 'Hours delivered' are the entitlement hours that a child is registered to take at that provider, taken from the contracts that have been signed with parents for that term. 'Hours delivered' is not affected by the actual attendance of children at the time the censuses are taken nor by a child's attendance for the rest of the term after the census is taken.
- The dates for the censuses are the same for all schools, classes (primary schools and academies) and PVI providers. This is so that the entitlement delivery information for each provider can be cross checked to identify duplicate children.
- All providers continue to be required to submit all their entitlement delivery information directly to the Local Authority via the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal. With the exception of confirming additional funding for un-occupied EYESP places in maintained nursery schools, the Portal is the sole source of data that is used to calculate entitlement funding. The DfE's termly censuses, that are submitted by schools and academies via the COLLECT system, are not used. In the event of any difficulty with the use of Portal, either collectively or in the case of individual schools or academies, the Authority may revert to using the data that is recorded via the COLLECT website. This is only expected in situations where the Portal is not available, or where there is some other technical malfunction, meaning that a school / academy cannot submit their information. Although the DfE censuses are checked for other purposes, for the purpose of confirming an individual school's or academy's entitlement funding, the Authority will not normally or routinely cross-check a school's or academy's Portal return with their DfE Census return. Providers are fully responsible for the accuracy of the entitlement delivery information that they submit to the Authority through the Portal and for submitting this information by the required deadlines. Schools and academies are alerted to the Authority's intention to require schools and academies to sign a 'Funding Agreement' with the Local Authority for their delivery of all the entitlements from 1 April 2024. PVI providers already do this. This Funding Agreement sets out the terms and conditions and the local procedures for the administration of entitlement funding, including provisions for the 'fining' of providers or for the charging of an administration fee where the Authority has to intervene either to collect or to clarify the delivery data that a provider is required to submit and in circumstances where required information is submitted after deadlines.
- Adjustments:
 - Will be made to the funding of providers that open or close (or cease to deliver entitlement hours) mid-term, to reflect the proportion of the term applicable. This adjustment applies to the funding of all the entitlements. Adjustments to funding will not normally be made where closure is only short term and for a public health reason, or for another circumstance that is not within the control of the provider e.g. local or national elections or damage to premises.
 - May be made to funded hours for the intake of children after the census is taken for that term where this is the result of re-allocation from the closure of a setting, including the closure (or the paused delivery) of an inadequate setting. This adjustment applies to the funding of all the entitlements.
 - No other adjustments will normally be made to funded hours after the census date in each term. Exceptional circumstances may be considered (via provider application), where a provider admits a significant number of children after the census has been taken in that term (please see section h).
- Please note that the 2nd headcount for the 2-year-olds entitlement is discontinued and is not part of our funding arrangements in 2024/25.
- Please also note that the technical provision for the funding of 'staggered intakes' relating to the delivery of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements in the autumn term prior to the October census has also

been discontinued and is not part of our funding arrangements in 2024/25. This means that providers will only be funded in the autumn term based on the headcount that is recorded in their October 2024 census.

- For the purposes of calculating Indicative Budgets for maintained schools and academies, published before the start of the financial year, the Authority will use estimates of the funded hours that will be recorded in each of the termly censuses.
- The Authority reserves the right to adjust estimates (and initial payments), or not to make any payment, where the entitlement delivery information that is submitted by a provider is demonstrably incorrect or is missing. As provided for within the Funding Agreement, the Authority also will charge an administration fee where there are issues with the quality or the timeliness of funded hours information that is submitted by providers.

d) Only children that are eligible for the entitlements will be funded via the respective Early Years Single Funding Formulae (EYSFF).

- Further guidance from the Authority on processes and eligibility checking is available [here](#) and [here](#). (links to be updated for new 2024/25 guidance)
- For the 3&4-year-olds entitlements:
 - The EYSFF for the 3&4-year-olds entitlements will allocate funding for children in providers that are accessing these entitlements only from the term after their 3rd birthday. The 1 September, 1 January and 1 April are taken as start dates for each of the terms.
 - The maximum number of hours any child will be funded for, for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, for the universal entitlement is 15 hours per week (for 38 weeks) or the annual equivalent of this total (570 hours). This is the same for any child regardless of their age, so a four or five-year-old child staying in nursery (rather than moving into Reception at statutory school age) will only be funded for the maximum on this basis, unless they are eligible for the extended 30 hours or they continue to be placed at the request of the Authority, most commonly in the case of children with SEND placed in early years resourced provisions attached to maintained nursery schools, where children can access 25 hours per week.
 - Although a child can take up their entitlement over two providers, the maximum universal entitlement is still the equivalent of 15 hours per week over 38 weeks per year (570 hours). Where a child attends two providers, the Authority will fund each provider on a pro-rata basis only up to a maximum of 15 hours. Where a child attends two providers, the individual providers should ensure they are aware of the entitlement hours being accessed by that child at another provider; this should help to avoid funding discrepancies regarding duplicate pupils. This may involve discussion with the providers involved, in cases where the pro-rata split is not clear from the census returns.
 - Children of [eligible working parents](#) (link to be updated for 2024/25) are entitled to 30 hours per week (for 38 weeks per year), and, for these children, 30 hours x 38 weeks is the maximum number of hours that will be funded by the EYSFF between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025. Detailed guidance on the eligibility requirements for the extended 30 hours entitlement, the processes for determining this and how the Authority is required to verify eligibility (code checking), can be found on Bradford Schools Online [here](#) (link to be updated for 2024/25). All providers are reminded that they must check eligibility codes prior to confirming with parents their child's eligibility for the extended entitlement, and also prior to the submission of their censuses. Providers must regularly monitor codes through the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal to ensure that children remain eligible for the extended entitlement and must prompt parents to renew codes with HMRC where necessary. The Authority will not fund a provider for the extended entitlement where eligibility codes are not valid or where these have not been issued before the deadline date for eligibility in the current term.

- Although a child can stretch their entitlements over more than 38 weeks, the Authority will fund providers on the basis that all children are taking their entitlements over 38 weeks. It is for the individual provider to then manage funding. To ensure providers are funded correctly, these children should still be recorded in the censuses as accessing 15 hours or 30 hours, where they access an annual total of 570 hours (equivalent to 15 hours x 38 weeks) or 1,140 hours (equivalent to 30 hours x 38 weeks).
- The ESYFF does not apply a cap on the number of hours funded based on the published admission number of a maintained school or academy provider. However, schools and academies are expected to remain within their agreed Published Admission Number (PAN).
- For the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement:
 - The EYSFF for the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement will allocate funding for eligible children in providers that are accessing the entitlement only from the term after their 2nd birthday. The 1 September, 1 January and 1 April are taken as start dates for each of the terms.
 - The maximum number of hours any child will be funded for, for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, for the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement, is 15 hours per week (for 38 weeks) or the annual equivalent of this total (570 hours).
 - Further information on eligibility for the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement can be found [here](#) (link to be updated for 2024/25). It is the responsibility of providers to confirm a child's eligibility before confirming a place and before submitting their census information. Eligibility is checked by the Local Authority. The Authority will not fund a provider for the entitlement, where eligibility is not confirmed or where a child is confirmed to be ineligible.
 - Although a child can take up their entitlement over two providers, the maximum entitlement is still the equivalent of 15 hours per week over 38 weeks per year. Where a child attends two providers, the Authority will fund each provider on a pro-rata basis only up to a maximum of 15 hours. Where a child attends two providers, the individual providers should ensure they are aware of the entitlement hours being accessed by that child at another provider; this should help to avoid funding discrepancies regarding duplicate pupils. This may involve discussion with the providers involved, in cases where the pro-rata split is not clear from the census returns.
 - Although a child can stretch their entitlement over more than 38 weeks, the Authority will fund providers on the basis that all children are taking their entitlement over 38 weeks. It is for the individual provider to then manage funding. To ensure providers are funded correctly, these children should still be recorded in the censuses as accessing 15 hours, where they access an annual total of 570 hours (equivalent to 15 hours x 38 weeks).
 - Where there may be a movement of eligibility of children between the 2-year-olds Disadvantage and 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlements, the Authority will simply / always fund on the basis of the delivery and eligibility information that is returned by the provider within the term's census. The Authority's wider communications with providers will provide guidance on the approach providers should take where a child is eligible for both entitlements.
 - The ESYFF does not apply a cap on the number of hours funded based on the published admission number of a maintained school or academy provider. However, schools and academies are expected to remain within their agreed Published Admission Number (PAN).
- For the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement:
 - The EYSFF for the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement will allocate funding for eligible children in providers that are accessing these entitlements only from the term after their 2nd birthday. The 1 September, 1 January and 1 April are taken as start dates for each of the terms.

- The maximum number of hours any child will be funded for, for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, for the 2-year-olds Working Parents is 15 hours per week (for 38 weeks) or the annual equivalent of this total (570 hours).
- Although a child can take up their entitlement over two providers, the maximum entitlement is still the equivalent of 15 hours per week over 38 weeks per year. Where a child attends two providers, the Authority will fund each provider on a pro-rata basis only up to a maximum of 15 hours. Where a child attends two providers, the individual providers should ensure they are aware of the entitlement hours being accessed by that child at another provider; this should help to avoid funding discrepancies regarding duplicate pupils. This may involve discussion with the providers involved, in cases where the pro-rata split is not clear from the census returns.
- Guidance on the eligibility requirements for this entitlement, the processes for determining this and how the Authority is required to verify eligibility (code checking), can be found on Bradford Schools Online [here](#) (link to be updated for 2024/25). All providers are reminded that they must check codes prior to confirming with parents their child's eligibility for the Working Parents entitlement, and also prior to the submission of their censuses. Providers must regularly monitor codes through the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal to ensure that children remain eligible for the entitlement and must prompt parents to renew codes with HMRC where necessary. The Authority will not fund a provider for the entitlement where eligibility codes are not valid or where these have not been issued before the deadline date for eligibility in the current term.
- Although a child can stretch their entitlement over more than 38 weeks, the Authority will fund providers on the basis that all children are taking their entitlement over 38 weeks. It is for the individual provider to then manage funding. To ensure providers are funded correctly, these children should still be recorded in the censuses as accessing 15 hours, where they access an annual total of 570 hours (equivalent to 15 hours x 38 weeks).
- Where there may be a movement of eligibility of children between the 2-year-olds Disadvantage and 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlements, the Authority will simply / always fund on the basis of the delivery and eligibility information that is returned by the provider within the term's census. The Authority's wider communications with providers will provide guidance on the approach providers should take where a child is eligible for both entitlements.
- The ESYFF does not apply a cap on the number of hours funded based on the published admission number of a maintained school or academy provider. However, schools and academies are expected to remain within their agreed Published Admission Number (PAN).
- For the Under 2s Working Parents Entitlement, beginning 1 September 2024:
 - The EYSFF for Under 2s Working Parents entitlement will allocate funding for eligible children in providers that are accessing the entitlements only from the term after their '9 month' birthday. The 1 September and 1 January are taken as start dates for the autumn and spring terms respectively for the 2024/25 financial year.
 - The maximum number of hours any child will be funded for, for the period 1 September 2024 to 31 March 2025, for the Under 2s Working Parents entitlement, is 15 hours per week (for 26 weeks; 14 weeks of delivery in autumn and 12 weeks of delivery in spring). The annual equivalent of this is 15 hours over 38 weeks (570 hours).
 - Although a child can take up their entitlement over two providers, the maximum entitlement is still the equivalent of 15 hours per week over 38 weeks per year (pro-rata in the 2024/25 financial year, from September 2024). Where a child attends two providers, the Authority will fund each provider on a pro-rata basis only up to a maximum of 15 hours. Where a child attends two providers, the individual providers should ensure they are aware of the entitlement hours being accessed by that child at another provider; this should help to avoid

funding discrepancies regarding duplicate pupils. This may involve discussion with the providers involved, in cases where the pro-rata split is not clear from the census returns.

- Guidance on the eligibility requirements for this entitlement, the processes for determining this and how the Authority is required to verify eligibility (code checking), can be found on Bradford Schools Online [here](#) (link to be updated for 2024/25). All providers are reminded that they must check codes prior to confirming with parents their child's eligibility for the Working Parents entitlement, and also prior to the submission of their censuses. Providers must regularly monitor codes through the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal to ensure that children remain eligible for the entitlement and must prompt parents to renew codes with HMRC where necessary. The Authority will not fund a provider for the entitlement where eligibility codes are not valid or where these have not been issued before the deadline date for eligibility in the current term.
- Although a child can stretch their entitlement over more than 38 weeks (on a full annual basis), the Authority will fund providers on the basis that all children are taking their entitlement over 38 weeks. It is for the individual provider to then manage funding. To ensure providers are funded correctly, these children should still be recorded in the censuses as accessing 15 hours, where they access an annual total of 570 hours (equivalent to 15 hours x 38 weeks).

e) The Confirmed Indicative Budget, published in March 2024, for maintained nursery schools and for maintained school and academy nursery classes only gives an estimate of funding. A pre-calculated Indicative Budget for PVI providers has been replaced with a flexible Ready Reckoner.

- A pre-calculated 1st draft Indicative Budget for 2024/25 will be published at the end of February 2024 only for maintained school and academy providers. This will show the Base Rates and the provider's individual Deprivation and SEND Supplement rates for each of the entitlements, which are fixed for 2024/25. For the purposes of calculating these Indicative Budgets, simple estimates of funded hours for the following year will be used. The pre-calculated Indicative Budget will be based on the hours that were delivered by each school and academy in the previous year i.e. these budgets will estimate that a school's / academy's delivery numbers in the new year will be the same as in the previous year. This applies only to the continuation of the existing 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement and the 3&4-year-olds entitlements. For the new entitlements, where we do not yet have any delivery information, in the 1st Draft Indicative Budgets we will not estimate funded numbers. So, although the school / academy will have a fixed rate of funding for these new entitlements, they won't have an estimate of budget allocation at this stage.
- Maintained school providers and academies will then have the opportunity to revise and add to their estimates, should they wish, to incorporate their latest information on admissions for the coming year. This includes where they wish to add estimated delivery relating to the new entitlements. A Confirmed Indicative Budget for 2024/25 will then be published in mid-March 2024. This budget will then be used to begin payments to maintained schools and academies within the Authority's established whole-school monthly advances system. A ready reckoner for maintained school and academy providers to use to estimate any funding adjustments will be published alongside the Confirmed Indicative Budgets.
- Following feedback from PVI providers, pre-calculated Indicative Budgets are no longer published for PVI providers. Instead, an electronic (Excel) Ready Reckoner will be published in February 2024, showing the per hour rates of funding for each provider for each of the entitlements. This Ready Reckoner then allows providers to calculate their own indicative budgets, based on their own estimates of hours that they expect to deliver across the coming year, including relating to the new entitlements.

f) A provider's actual funding will be adjusted to reflect the differences between estimated and actual entitlement hours that are delivered during the financial year. This applies across all the entitlements.

- Adjustments to funding will be calculated following each of the termly censuses for all the entitlements:
 - Please see the timetable at the end of this statement for when adjustments will be published and actioned in 2024/25. These adjustments will alter the amounts of funding that are physically paid to providers.
 - The adjustments will reflect the differences between estimated and actual funded hours delivered at each provider for each of the entitlements.
 - A ready reckoner is provided by the Authority, which providers should use to anticipate these funding adjustments and to plan their provision and spending accordingly.
 - A statement of the value of adjustments is published in advance of the adjustments being actioned through the payments system. Please see the timetable.
- Additional notes on the calculation of funding adjustments during the financial year:
 - The values of adjustments are influenced by the accuracy of the estimates of funded hours that are used. Adjustments are likely to be larger in value for providers that have more volatile numbers. Providers should use the ready reckoner to anticipate these.
 - Adjustments can be both positive and negative.
 - Adjustments will take account of any sustainability funding for maintained nursery schools that is funded via the DfE's supplement. The ready reckoner provided by the Authority for nursery schools incorporates this.
 - All adjustments for the 2024/25 financial year will be calculated and actioned before 31 March 2025. However, because of the very tight timescale for processing the data after the January 2025 census, the adjustments for the spring term 2025 will be based on summary information. Where amendments to funding are subsequently identified e.g. for duplicate children, following the processing of the more accurate individual child level census data, these amendments will be incorporated into the adjustments made to the funding for the summer term 2025. Where a provider does not pay back, via separate cheque or by BACs, any monies owed to the Authority at year-end, the value of funding owed will be taken from the provider's summer term payment.
 - Where closed or closing providers owe funding to the Authority, where the value owed cannot be recovered through the adjustment of future payments, the provider will be required to pay the funding back via cheque or via BACs.
- The first payment of the financial year, in April 2024, and then the first payments in each subsequent term, for schools and classes will be based on the Confirmed Indicative Budget.
- For PVI providers, the first payments in April 2024 will be based either on latest actual delivery information or on updated estimates that have been submitted by providers through the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal. Providers should include their estimates of delivery of the new 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement. However, if such is not captured initially (or accurately) in April, providers do have the opportunity to ask the Authority to amend payments in subsequent months using more accurate estimates. This option should ensure that providers do not face cashflow issues in the first few months of delivery of the new entitlement. The same is so for the amendment of payments in autumn and spring terms to better reflect actual delivery of the new Under 2s Working Parents entitlement.

g) In 2024/25 EYSFF funding for all the entitlements will continue to be paid monthly to all providers

- For maintained schools and academies, the Authority operates a well-established whole-school monthly advances payment system. All EYSFF funding will continue to be paid using this. The adjustments to EYSFF funding will be incorporated into the September 2024, December 2024 and March 2025 advances adjustments. Please see the timetable.
- The Authority has a now long-established monthly payments system for PVI providers. 2024/25 arrangements continue as follows:
 - Summer Term 2024:
 - Funding calculated on the latest delivery information / latest estimates will be divided by 5 (no. of months in the term) for 5 equal payments to be made between April and July.
 - 2 payments will be made in April, firstly for April and then for May. Payments for the remaining 3 months of summer term will be paid in May, June and July respectively.
 - Any positive or negative adjustments following the re-calculation of funding using the May Census actual numbers will be added to or deducted from the July payment.
 - Where the July payment is insufficient to recoup the full value of any negative adjustment, the August payment will also be reduced. Where a negative balance is still outstanding after this, a deduction will be made from September payment (and so on).
 - Autumn Term 2024:
 - Funding calculated on the latest delivery information / latest estimates will be divided by 4 (no. of months in the term) for 4 equal payments to be made each month between August and November.
 - The payment for September will be made in August, with payments for the remaining 3 months of the term made in September, October and November.
 - Any positive or negative adjustments following the re-calculation of funding using the October Census actual numbers will be added to or deducted from the November payment.
 - Where the November payment is insufficient to recoup the full value of any negative adjustment, the December payment will also be reduced. Where a negative balance is still outstanding after this, a deduction will be made from the January payment (and so on).
 - Spring Term 2025:
 - Funding calculated on the latest delivery information / latest estimates will be divided by 4 (no. of months in the term) for 4 equal payments to be made each month between December and March.
 - The payment for January will be made in December, with payments for the remaining 3 months of the term made in January, February and March.
 - Any positive or negative adjustments following the re-calculation of funding using the January Census actual numbers will be added to or deducted from the March payment.
 - A provider that has still been overpaid after the March payment must repay the value of overpayment by cheque or by BACs by 30 April 2025. Where a cheque or BACs payment is not received by 30 April 2024, the Authority will deduct the value of the outstanding overpayment from the next available monthly payment in the summer term. This is likely to be in May 2025.
- Adjustments to payments for PVI providers can be made during the term and prior to the final adjustments being enacted. Where a PVI provider experiences exceptional cash flow difficulties, they should contact the Authority to discuss this further.
- Providers will receive one single payment each month, which combines EYSFF entitlement funding and other grant allocations (such as EYPP, DAF, EYIF and EHCP funding) applicable for that month. A breakdown of the values paid for each type of funding and / or grant allocation will be shown on the advances (payments) update schedules. These schedules will continue to be updated and published on Bradford Schools Online monthly. We strongly recommend that providers download and check these schedules each month.

- Monthly payments pull together the main recurrent funding streams, which in 2024/25 are the Under 2s Working Parents entitlement (from September 2024), the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement, the 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement, the 3 & 4-year-old universal and extended entitlements, Early Years Pupil Premium, Disability Access Fund, Early Years Inclusion Fund and SEND top up funding for children with Education Health and Care Plans.
- Early Years Pupil Premium payments are made on a termly retrospective actuals basis and are added to monthly payments as a lump sum in September, December and March. All other non-entitlement payments (EYIF, DAF, EHCP top-up) are made on an actuals basis in the next available monthly payment following their confirmation.

h) All providers are expected to manage the cost of their delivery within the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) funding that is allocated by the Local Authority for each of the entitlements. The Local Authority applies the following approach to supporting sustainability & exceptional circumstances:

- The EYSFF for the delivery of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements continues in 2024/25 to include a “sustainability” lump sum factor, which works on a sliding scale basis to allocate funding specifically and only to Maintained Nursery Schools, in addition to the funding that is received on a per child per hour basis. This factor ensures that 3&4-year-olds entitlement funding allocations for Maintained Nursery Schools continue to reflect specific:
 - Site related costs: buildings and grounds maintenance costs, business rates and insurance.
 - Fixed type costs incurred by maintained providers in leadership and management and administration and premises staffing.
 - Teacher Pay and Pensions Grant funding streams.
 - The additional supplementary funding that was allocated via the Early Years Supplementary Grant in 2023/24.
- All maintained schools, academies and PVI providers can access advice on sufficiency and sustainability that is provided by the Local Authority’s Sufficiency Officers.
- The Schools Forum has established a process, which is used to consider the allocation of additional funding, on a one-off exceptional basis, to maintained primary schools that request financial support in response to exceptional cost pressures. Requests for funding are reviewed on an individual case basis against set criteria. Such requests are rare, but the most likely cause of a request is a significant increase in pupil numbers during the financial year, where the maintained school has had to make additional provision, such as establish a new class, but where the school’s funding has not responded to this increase in pupil numbers in real time due to the ‘lag’ in the funding system.

This established process will continue to be used in 2024/25 to consider any requests for additional exceptional EYSFF entitlement funding that may be made by any maintained school, academy or PVI provider. The Authority expects to consider submissions of this nature only where providers evidence that they have admitted a significant number of entitlement children after the census for that term has been collected, and so evidences that the term’s census does not accurately reflect their true higher net entitlement delivery.

In such cases, exceptional circumstances will be measured in terms of the level of additional cost pressure that has been / is faced by the provider in admitting these additional children, rather than simply in terms of measuring this on the number of additional children that have not been counted in that term’s census. The Authority will also look at the provider’s actual delivery weekly across the term. The Authority would not expect providers to seek to claim additional entitlement funding only for small variances in numbers and, for example, where numbers following the term’s census may have increased but where this is balanced by numbers being much lower in the weeks prior to the census. We remind providers that a single termly count is designed to protect funding against smaller fluctuations in numbers during each term. We would also remind providers of the standard adjustments that are made within our normal arrangements, as explained in section c. For clarity, the Authority in 2024/25 will not consider exceptional circumstances requests in relation to either the

discontinuation of the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement 2nd headcount or the discontinuation of the staggered intake autumn term adjustment.

i) The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) in 2024/25 is continued and extended

- The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) in 2024/25 is extended to all eligible children taking the Under 2s Working Parents (from September 2024), the 2-year-olds Disadvantage, the 2-year-olds Working Parents and the 3&4-year-olds universal entitlements.
- The per hour rate of EYPP is the same for all eligible children. Providers will receive up to £388 per year, or £0.68 per child per hour, for each eligible child. The maximum number of annual hours funded for eligible children is 570 (15 hours x 38 weeks). For the 3&4-year-olds entitlement, where a child is also eligible for the additional 15 hours entitlement for working parents, this mean that EYPP is paid on the universal 15 hours only, up to a total of 570 hours in the year.
- The DfE's guidance on the EYPP eligibility and processes is available here (please note that guidance has still to be updated for 2024/25 in places):

[Early years entitlements: local authority funding operational guide 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/early-years-entitlements-local-authority-funding-operational-guide-2024-to-2025)

<https://www.gov.uk/get-extra-early-years-funding> (DfE has still to update this for 2024/25)

- Providers should also refer to the specific guidance on EYPP that is available on Bradford Schools Online here (link to be updated for 2024/25):

<https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/Secure/CMSPage.aspx?mid=3346>

- As with the statutory school-age Pupil Premium Grant, the Government expects that providers are best placed to take decisions on how to support their disadvantaged pupils. Restrictions, therefore, are not imposed on how providers spend the Early Years Pupil Premium. Ofsted, through the regular inspection process, however, will hold providers to account on how they have used their Early Years Pupil Premium to support their disadvantaged children.
- EYPP is paid to providers using the process explained in section g.

k) Disability Access Funding (DAF) in 2024/25 is continued and extended

- The Disability Access Fund (DAF) in 2024/25 is extended to all eligible children taking the Under 2s Working Parents (from September 2024), the 2-year-olds Disadvantage, the 2-year-olds Working Parents and the 3&4-year-olds universal entitlements.
- The rate of DAF funding is the same for all eligible children. Providers will receive £910 per year per eligible child.
- The DfE's process and eligibility guidance for DAF is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-funding-2024-to-2025/early-years-entitlements-local-authority-funding-operational-guide-2024-to-2025#disability-access-fund-daf>

- DAF is allocated to children who are accessing their entitlement hours at an early years provider in Bradford and who are also in receipt of the Disability Living Allowance (DLA). Children in receipt of the DLA do not have to be accessing all their entitlement hours to be eligible. Please note however, that 4-year-olds in reception classes in maintained schools, academies or free schools are not eligible. DAF funding is allocated to support providers to make reasonable adjustments that will benefit the child and the setting as a whole. DAF cannot be used to pay for additional non-

entitlement hours and non-entitlement services. Providers must discuss how the funding will be used with the child's parent or guardian.

- Parents / guardians are required to apply online. This can be accessed via the Authority's website ([link to be updated for 2024/25](#)):

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/looking-for-childcare/childrens-disability-access-funding/>

- The application requires basic details about the parent / guardian, the name of the chosen provider, and a copy of the child's Disability Living Allowance award letter. Support is available for parents / guardians who may require help to make an application. Providers should signpost the Authority's website and provide the contact number 01274 431386. Applications are processed by the Authority, who checks that the child is attending a provider in Bradford and that the child is in receipt of DLA. The parent / guardian is informed of the outcome of the application and, if successful, is given an award date and the date they can re-apply if their child is still accessing their early years entitlement. The provider the parent / guardian has chosen to receive the funding is also informed and is provided with details of the funding period.
- DAF is a lump sum payment, which the DfE states must be £910 per year per child in 2024/25. DAF funding cannot be split between providers, so if a child is splitting their entitlement hours with more than one provider, the parent / guardian is required to nominate only one provider that will receive the full amount.
- The DAF is allocated for one calendar year with the funding period based on the grant award date. So, for example, if a child is awarded funding on the 30 October 2024 they can re-apply to be awarded again on the 30 October 2025 if they are still accessing their early years entitlement.
- If a child leaves after the funding has been awarded, the provider is not required to pay back any monies to the Authority.
- DAF is paid to providers using the process explained in section g.

I) Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund (EYIF) in 2024/25 is continued and extended

- From 1 April 2024, local authorities are required to have an Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund (EYIF) in place to support eligible children who are taking up any of the entitlements, regardless of the number of hours taken. This means that eligibility for EYIF is formally extended to all the entitlements from 1 April 2024, where previously this was only mandatory for the 3&4-year-olds entitlements. In Bradford, we have previously extended our EYIF arrangements already to eligible children taking the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement. Therefore, the DfE's formal extension of arrangements means that we are required to extend our EYIF only to the new 2-year-olds Working Parents and Under 2s Working Parents entitlements in 2024/25.
- EYIF funds are intended to support local authorities to work with providers to address the needs of individual children with SEND. These funds also support local authorities to undertake their responsibilities to strategically commission SEND services, as required under the Children and Families Act 2014. Local authorities are expected to target SEND Inclusion Funds at early years entitlement children with lower-level emerging SEND. All early years providers that are eligible to receive funding for the entitlements are eligible to receive support from the Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund.
- The Authority's approach to EYIF in 2024/25 is set out in detail in Appendix 2.
- EYIF is paid to providers using the process explained in section g.
- Whilst we continue our existing core approach to the allocation of EYIF in 2024/25, the Authority will pilot in 2024/25, with sample providers across all sectors, an amended approach, which seeks to explore further the options for reducing bureaucracy and reducing / removing the need for providers

with consistent numbers of entitlement children in receipt of EYIF to claim funding. We will seek to explore further how we could allocate EYIF funding 'in advance' (rather than via application) based on predictive data, then review termly with an expectation that settings will evidence how they have used their funding and the impact that this has had on the child. The outcomes of this pilot, together with the DfE's stated national review on EYIF approaches, will help inform the potential for wider changes and improvements in our EYIF from April 2025. Further information on the pilot will be published shortly.

WHO DO I CONTACT

- The key Local Authority contacts for any queries about the EYSFF are:

Maintained school and academy providers: School Funding Team
schoolfundingteam@bradford.gov.uk

Private, Voluntary & Independent providers: Early Education Funding Team
EarlyEducationFund@bradford.gov.uk

- Key contact details will be included in all correspondence relating to Indicative Budgets and adjustments to funding.

Appendix 1 – Timetable

Appendix 2 – Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund

Appendix 3 – Consultation Responses Questionnaire

Appendix 1: Bradford District Early Years Single Funding Formula 2024/25 Timetable

This timetable explains how the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) will be applied across the Bradford District in the 2024/25 financial year.

Date	Key Activity
January / early February 2024	<p>a) Department for Education (DfE) January Census: w/c 15 January (18 Jan)</p> <p>b) Deadline for consultation responses: 5 February</p>
February 2024	<p>a) 1st draft of Indicative Budgets for 2024/25 published week commencing 19 February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u> will be able to access on the Bradford Schools Online (BSO) website pre-calculated annual forecasted allocations for 2024/25 (calculated on estimated entitlement hours) as part of their S251 Budget Statements. Providers will then have approximately 2 weeks to review their estimates of entitlement hours, with the opportunity to change these up or down, prior to the publication of Confirmed Indicative Budgets. • <u>PVI providers</u> will be able to access on the Bradford Schools Online (BSO) website an electronic (Excel) Ready Reckoner, showing rates of funding for 2024/25 and allowing providers to calculate forecasted annual allocations using their own estimates of entitlement hours. <p>b) Spring Term 2024 Adjustments Statement published week commencing 26 February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An initial reconciliation statement for all providers will be published, which will show the differences between estimated and actual spring term entitlement funded hours delivered and the value of adjustments due. • <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u> and <u>PVI providers</u> will be able to access this statement on the BSO website.
March 2024	<p>a) Confirmed Indicative Budgets for 2024/25 published week commencing 11 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u>: Confirmed Indicative Budgets will establish the starting point for funding / payments for the 2024/25 financial year. These budgets will be different from the 1st draft where providers have asked for their estimates of funded hours to be altered. Where a provider has not asked for their estimates to be altered their Confirmed Indicative Budget will be the same as their 1st draft. • Confirmed Indicative Budgets will be published with a warning that these budgets are subject to change, for differences between currently estimated and actually delivered entitlement hours still to be recorded in the termly censuses. • Confirmed Indicative Budgets will be published in the same way as the 1st Draft Indicative Budgets. • At the same time the Confirmed Indicative Budgets are published, the Authority will provide a 'ready reckoner', which providers can use to anticipate likely adjustments to funding for their actual entitlement delivery.

	<p>b) Monthly Advances for <u>Maintained / Academy and PVI providers</u> amended to incorporate the Spring Term 2024 adjustment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u>, the value of 2023/24 Local Authority I01 funding used to calculate the monthly advances will be amended in the final advances update in March 2024 to take account of the adjustment due from the January Census. This adjustment will impact on each school's March 2024 carry forward balances position. Schools should use the ready reckoner provided by the Authority to ensure that this adjustment is incorporated into their forecast of their year end balances position. • For <u>PVI providers</u>, any positive adjustment following the re-calculation of funding using the January Census actual numbers will be paid in a single additional payment. A provider that has been overpaid must repay the value of overpayment by cheque or BACs by 30 April 2024. Where a cheque or BACs payment is not received by 30 April 2024, the Authority will deduct the value of the outstanding overpayment from the next available monthly advance. This is likely to be in May 2024.
<p>April 2024</p>	<p>a) For <u>Maintained / Academy and PVI providers</u> initial payments for 2024/25 will begin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u>, monthly advances for 2024/25 will be calculated from the final Section 251 Budget Statements and a schedule and breakdown of payments will be published at the beginning of April. • For <u>PVI Providers</u>, monthly payments for 2024/25 will begin. These will be based on the latest delivery information / latest estimates received from providers. Providers should consult the advances statement published on Bradford Schools Online at the beginning of April.
<p>May 2024</p>	<p>a) May (Summer Term) Census: w/c 13 May 2024 (16 May)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u>: schools and academies will submit all their entitlement delivery information to the Authority Early Education Funding Team via the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal. • <u>PVI providers</u> will submit their entitlement delivery information to the Authority Early Education Funding Team via the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal.
<p>June / July 2024</p>	<p>a) Summer Term Adjustments Statement published week commencing 24 June and payment adjustments actioned for PVI providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reconciliation statement for all providers will be published, which will show the differences between estimated and actual summer term entitlement hours delivered and the values of adjustments due. The adjustment will be a positive value (meaning that the Authority owes the provider more funding) where the number of entitlement hours delivered actually recorded in the May Census is greater than the delivery information used to make initial payments. The adjustment will be a negative value (meaning the provider must repay funding back to the Authority) where the number of entitlement hours delivered recorded in the May Census is lower than the delivery information used to make initial payments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Maintained / Academy and PVI providers</u> will be able to access the adjustment statements on the BSO website. • Adjustments will be made to the July 2024 payment for <u>PVI providers</u> (both positive and negative) for the re-calculation of summer term funding from the May Census. The August and September payments may also be adjusted, where the value of the July advance is not sufficient to permit full recovery of a negative adjustment. <p>b) Deadline for <u>PVI providers</u> to notify the Local Authority, through the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal, of estimated delivery in the autumn term: Friday 26 July</p>
September 2024	<p>a) Monthly Advances for <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u> amended to incorporate Summer Term adjustments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Maintained / Academy providers, the value of Local Authority I01 funding used to calculate the monthly advances will be amended in September to take account of the adjustment due from the summer term.
October 2024	<p>a) October (Autumn Term) Census: w/c 30 September 2024 (3 October)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u>: schools and academies will submit all their entitlement delivery information to the Authority Early Education Funding Team via the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal. • <u>PVI providers</u> will submit their entitlement delivery information to the Authority Early Education Funding Team via the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal.
November 2024	<p>a) Autumn Term Adjustments Statement published week commencing 4 November and payment adjustments actioned for <u>PVI providers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reconciliation statement for all providers will be published, which will show the differences between estimated and actual autumn term entitlement hours delivered and the value of adjustments due. • <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u> and <u>PVI providers</u> will be able to access this statement on the BSO website. • Adjustments will be made to the November 2024 payment for <u>PVI providers</u> (both positive and negative) for the re-calculation of autumn term funding from the October Census. The December and January payments may also be adjusted, where the value of the November advance is not sufficient to permit full recovery of a negative adjustment. <p>b) Deadline for <u>PVI providers</u> to notify the Local Authority, through the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal, of estimated delivery in the spring term: Friday 29 November</p>
December 2024	<p>a) Monthly Advances for <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u> amended to incorporate Autumn Term adjustments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Maintained / Academy providers, the value of Local Authority I01 funding used to calculate the monthly advances will be amended in December to take

	account of the adjustment due from the autumn term.
January 2025	<p>a) DfE January (annual) Census: w/c 13 January 2025 (16 January)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u>: schools and academies will submit all their entitlement delivery information to the Authority Early Education Funding Team via the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal. • <u>PVI providers</u> will submit their entitlement delivery information to the Authority Early Education Funding Team via the Bradford Early Years Provider Portal.
February 2025	1st Draft of Indicative Budgets / Ready Reckoners for 2025/26 Published (see notes for February 2024)
February / March 2025	<p>a) Spring Term 2025 Adjustments Statement Published week commencing 24 February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reconciliation statement for all providers will be published, which will show the differences between estimated and actual spring term entitlement hours delivered and the value of adjustments due. • <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u> and <u>PVI providers</u> will be able to access this statement on the BSO website. <p>b) Monthly Advances for <u>Maintained / Academy and PVI providers</u> amended to incorporate the Spring Term 2025 adjustment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For <u>Maintained / Academy providers</u>, the value of Local Authority I01 funding used to calculate the monthly advances will be amended in the final advances update in March 2025 to take account of the adjustment due from the January Census. This adjustment will impact on each school's March 2025 carry forward balances position. Schools should use the ready reckoner to ensure that this adjustment is incorporated by schools into their forecast of their year end balances position. • For <u>PVI providers</u>, any positive adjustment following the re-calculation of funding using the January Census actual numbers will be paid in a single additional payment. A setting that has been overpaid, must repay the value of overpayment by cheque or by BACs by 30 April 2025. Where a cheque or BACs payment is not received by 30 April 2024, the Authority will deduct the value of the outstanding overpayment from the next available monthly advance. This is likely to be in May 2025. <p>c) Confirmed Indicative Budgets / Ready Reckoners for 2025/26 Published (see notes for March 2024)</p>

The Local Authority has sought to plan this timetable as comprehensively as possible. Please note however, that all dates in this timetable are provisional and subject to change. Where we anticipate that any dates will significantly change, the Local Authority will do its best to notify all providers as soon as possible.

Appendix 2 – Early Years SEND Inclusion (EYIF) Funding 2024/25

Introduction

1. From 1 April 2024, local authorities are required to have an Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund (EYIF) in place to support eligible children who are taking up any of the entitlements, regardless of the number of hours taken. This means that eligibility for EYIF is formally extended to all the entitlements from 1 April 2024, where previously this was only mandatory for the 3&4-year-olds entitlements. In Bradford, we have previously extended our EYIF arrangements to eligible children taking the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement. Therefore, the DfE's formal extension of arrangements in 2024/25 means that we are required to extend our EYIF to the new 2-year-olds Working Parents and Under 2s Working Parents entitlements.
2. For 2024/25, we continue our existing EYIF arrangements and processes, with these arrangements extended to the new entitlements. For the new 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement, applications for EYIF will be considered from 1 April 2024. For the new Under 2s Working Parents entitlement, applications for EYIF will be considered from 1 September 2024.
3. Whilst we continue our existing core arrangements and processes for the allocation of EYIF in 2024/25, the Authority will pilot in 2024/25, with sample providers across all sectors, an amended approach, which seeks to explore further the options for reducing bureaucracy and reducing / removing the need for providers with consistent numbers of entitlement children in receipt of EYIF to claim funding. We will seek to explore further how we could allocate EYIF funding 'in advance' (rather than via application), based on predictive data, then review termly with an expectation that settings evidence how they have used their funding and the impact that this has had on the child. The outcomes of this pilot, together with the DfE's stated national review on EYIF approaches, will help inform the potential for wider changes and improvements in our EYIF from April 2025. Further information on the pilot will be published shortly.
4. EYIF funding is allocated to promote the inclusion of children within a pre-5 setting who may require additional or different provision due to their Special Educational Need and / or Disability. This funding also supports local authorities to undertake their responsibilities to strategically commission SEND services as required under the Children and Families Act 2014. Local authorities are expected to target their Early Years SEND Inclusion Funds at children with lower-level emerging SEND. 'Emerging SEND' is not defined within the DfE's guidance. We define this as children, assessed as requiring SEND Support with assessed needs at the top of SEND Support, who do not have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). At the point an EHCP is put in place for a child, the resources allocated via this EHCP will replace EYIF funding.
5. All early years providers located in Bradford that are eligible to receive funding for the entitlements are eligible to receive support from Bradford's Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund.
6. Through the enhancement of the Base Rate for the delivery of the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement, and the Deprivation and SEND Supplement within the formulae that are used for the funding of the other entitlements, providers already receive an amount of additional funding that should be used to meet the needs of children with emerging SEND. Additional grant funding is also available to support these children, including the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and the Disability Access Fund (DAF). This funding must be utilised in the first instance prior to claiming EYIF funding.

Bradford – Holistic Model:

7. Our Early Years Inclusion Funding model has been established and continues in 2024/25 on the following basis:

- Applications are made by providers on an individual child basis using a prescribed referral form. Providers are required to fully evidence that the needs of the child have been appropriately assessed, that the provider has already made adjustments to meet the child's needs and that the provider has also accessed all available resources e.g. DAF and the Early Years Pupil Premium. The referral form asks the provider to set out why additional funding is now required, and the level of support (number of hours of support) requested. Decisions will be taken by a Panel.
- This Panel will consider 4 matters in each application:
 - **Decision 1:** Whether, against the agreed criteria, the child is eligible for Inclusion Funding.
 - **Decision 2:** The number of hours (of the child's entitlement) support will be funded for.
 - **Decision 3:** The rate of funding per hour.
 - **Decision 4:** The number of terms (or weeks) that support is to be funded for and the expiry date.

8. **Decision 1** – the **eligibility criteria** are:

- The provider must be registered with Ofsted on either the Early Years Register or the Childcare Register or must be legally exempt from this registration.
- Inclusion Funding will only be allocated to entitlement children:
 - Who are taking their early years entitlements, up to a maximum of 15 hours (Under 2s and 2-year-olds entitlements) and 30 hours (3&4-year-olds entitlements), and
 - Where the provider, in their application, evidences that a child is eligible for Early Years Inclusion funding. This evidence could include:
 - *Under 2s and 2-year-olds:* EYFS development levels are approximately from 10 to 17 months behind chronological age in two or more prime areas (for example, Cognition and Learning, Communication and Interaction, Social Emotional and Mental Health Needs and Sensory and/or Physical).
 - *3-year-olds:* EYFS development level are approximately from 18 to 25 months behind chronological age in two or more prime areas (for example, Cognition and Learning, Communication and Interaction, Social Emotional and Mental Health Needs and Sensory and/or Physical).
 - *4-year-olds:* EYFS development levels are approximately from 21 to 31 months behind chronological age in two or more prime areas (for example, Cognition and Learning, Communication and Interaction, Social Emotional and Mental Health Needs and Sensory and/or Physical).
 - The child may have been referred to and / or be known to one or more health and/or education professionals.

- It would be expected that the early years provider intends to or has put in place a cycle of Assess, Plan, Do and Review.
- Information required to demonstrate that the child is experiencing a delay in some of their developmental milestones.

and

- Are likely to require small group interventions and / or structured early years experiences with high adult to child ratio of support required for up to 50% - 60% of time at setting, and
 - Do not have an Education Health and Care Plan, and
 - Are not placed in an Early Years Enhanced Specialist Provision or in a special school (as these places are already funded at a higher level), and
 - Are not in paid for childcare, and
 - Are not in an upper foundation class in a maintained primary school.
- In their application, the provider must also evidence:
- That Wave 1 interventions (Quality First Teaching) are in place for all children and that a graduated response has taken place, evidencing a clear review process and the need for targeted Wave 2 Interventions as advised by professionals from appropriate services.
 - That the parent or carer of the child has been a partner in the whole process.
 - Where appropriate, an EA1 Notification from Health has been received for the child.
 - Where a child is newly arrived in the country, advice from other services (for example, Health Visitors, Paediatricians, Paediatric Therapists, and Specialist Teaching and Support Services) has been gathered to support the request, as appropriate.
 - That the provider has exhausted all avenues of support available to them from within existing funding.
 - That reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of the child have already been made. This includes how the provider has used the DAF and / or Early Years Pupil Premium if the child is eligible for these.
 - Why existing staffing is insufficient to meet the child's needs.

9. **Decision 2 – The number of hours to be funded.** The approach is as follows:

- The provider must set out in the application both the number of entitlement hours per week the child is taking with the provider as well as the number of hours per week the provider is requesting funded support for.
- The Panel will determine whether the provider's requested hours is accepted or amended. The Panel will translate this into a % of funding based on the hours a child attends their early education entitlement per week.
- The Panel will assume that the weekly entitlement is delivered across 38 weeks per year and providers will be allocated monies on this basis.

10. **Decision 3** – The **rate of funding per hour**, is set at a standard (maximum) of £6.32.

- The national SEND 'Place-Plus' funding framework is based on the financial definition of a 'High Needs' child being one whose education, incorporating all additional support, costs more than £10,000 per annum (1 FTE). This threshold lays the foundation of the definition of the financial responsibility that schools, academies and other education providers have for meeting the needs of children from their delegated budgets.
- Schools are required to meet the first £10,000 of cost for children with SEND, both with and without EHCPs, from their core formula-funded budgets. This £10,000 is separated in the pre-16 national model into Element 1, at a value of £4,000 per 1 FTE (25 hours) and Element 2, at a value of £6,000 per 1 FTE (25 hours). Element 1 £4,000 represents the core funding that all pupils attract. In the Early Years Single Funding Formula, Element 1 is allocated through the Base Rates (UBRs), which, for 2024/25, are shown on Page 23. Element 2 £6,000 is the contribution that schools are required to make from their 'notional SEND' budgets, which are derived from additional funding allocated using proxy indicators of additional needs, such as deprivation and low prior attainment. Element 2 is not present in the Early Years Single Funding Formula, although the Deprivation and SEND Supplement does allocate a small amount of additional funding. As a result, the primary function of the Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund is to allocate Element 2 funding to children with lower levels or emerging SEND.
- So we define Element 2 as an amount per child per hour as follows:

$\text{£6,000} / 25 \text{ hours (1 FTE)} / 38 \text{ weeks} = \text{£6.32 per hour}$. So, for example:

A 2-year-old Working Parents entitlement child accessing 15 hours early education entitlement per week, term time only, with 5 hours of funded support = $\text{£6.32} \times 5 \times 38 = \text{£1,201}$ (this would equate to 33% funding).

A 3&4-year-old entitlement child accessing 30 hours early education entitlement per week, term time only, with 15 hours of funded support = $\text{£6.32} \times 15 \times 38 = \text{£3,602}$ (this would equate to 50% funding).

11. **Decision 4** – The number of weeks or terms that support is to be funded for and the expiry date. This would be determined by the Panel, taking account of the pupil's age, needs-assessment and timescale for transfer into reception. We would typically expect the time period to be expressed in terms e.g. 1, 2 or 3 terms and we would expect all funding decisions to be reviewed at least annually. Funding is non-transferrable between providers and would cease when a child leaves a provider. Where a child leaves a provider part way through a half term then there would be a grace period for the remainder of that half term. The provider must inform Bradford Council if a child in receipt of Inclusion Funding leaves their setting/school. Any additional unspent funding after the end of that half term would be reclaimed by Bradford Council. Funding will cease when an EHCP is put in place.

Note - Payment of EYIF Funding to Private, Voluntary and Independent Providers (PVI)

12. Following each monthly panel meeting, confirmation is sought from the Early Education Funding Team, to ensure that a child is eligible for early education entitlement before funding is released to the provider. This check take place after the termly headcount deadline. Therefore, there may be a delay in payment at the start of a term.
13. All EYIF applications are funded at the hourly rate of £6.32. Providers in the Bradford Local Authority will receive payment via the Schools Funding Team (SFT) and Inclusion Funding will be paid alongside the

early education funding, directly into the provider's bank account. Please note that Inclusion Funding payments are not itemised on the SFT payment remittance. However, providers can log onto Bradford Schools Online to refer to their payment schedule, which will identify how much Inclusion Funding will be paid that month. This payment schedule will have a reference of 'Spring/Summer/Autumn Term SEND (EYIF)'. Providers will also receive an EYIF Outcome Summary via email, which will confirm how much funding has been agreed for individual children and the period of funding allocated.

RESPONSES FORM

Consultation on the Early Years Single Funding Formula 2024/25

Name _____ Setting Name _____

THE DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES TO THIS CONSULTATION IS MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2024

We encourage you to submit your response via the web-based questionnaire [here](#).

Alternatively, please send a completed questionnaire to:

School Funding Team
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
6th Floor, Britannia House,
Hall Ings
Bradford
BD1 1HX

Email: schoolfundingteam@bradford.gov.uk

Please complete the questionnaire by marking the appropriate boxes. There is a space for you to record comments.

Initial explanation of our proposals is given between pages 2 and 13 of this document. A summary is given in pages 2-4 and pages 15-20. We recommend that providers fully read these sections. The 'Technical Statement' beginning on page 23 then provides more technical detail regarding operation.

Question 1 – Do you agree with our proposal for the funding of the new Under 2s Working Parents entitlement from September 2024: to fund delivery using a Base Rate and a Deprivation and SEND Supplement, with spending on this Supplement being set at 2% of funding? If not, please can you explain why not.

Strongly Agree On Balance Agree (some reservations) Strongly Disagree

If not, please provide further explanation here:

Question 2 – Do you agree with our proposal to continue to fund the delivery of the existing 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement via a separate formula, which uses a single Base Rate of funding for all providers and no Supplements? If not, please can you explain why not.

Strongly Agree On Balance Agree (some reservations) Strongly Disagree

If not, please provide further explanation here:

Question 3 – Do you agree with our proposal for the funding of the new 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement from April 2024: to fund delivery using a Base Rate and a Deprivation and SEND Supplement, with spending on this Supplement being set at 2% of funding? If not, please can you explain why not.

Strongly Agree **On Balance Agree (some reservations)** **Strongly Disagree**

If not, please provide further explanation here:

Question 4 – Do you have any additional comments on our proposed approaches to the funding of the Under 2s and 2-year-olds entitlements, including any comments on the values of the proposed Base Rates or on the proposed use of the existing 3&4-year-olds entitlements Index of Multiple Deprivation data in the calculation of the Deprivation and SEND Supplements?

Please comment here:

Question 5 – Do you agree with our proposal for the continuation of funding the delivery of the existing 3&4-year-olds entitlements via a Base Rate and a Deprivation and SEND Supplement, with no other Supplements? If not, please can you explain why not.

Strongly Agree **On Balance Agree (some reservations)** **Strongly Disagree**

If not, please provide further explanation here:

Question 6 – Do you agree with our proposal to reduce spending on the Deprivation and SEND Supplement in the 3&4-year-olds entitlements formula from 7% to 5%, to bring us better in line with the average of our statistical neighbours and supporting the value of the Base Rate? If not, please can you explain why not.

Strongly Agree **On Balance Agree (some reservations)** **Strongly Disagree**

If not, please provide further explanation here:

Question 7 – Do you agree with our proposal to discontinue the Employer’s Contribution to Teacher Pensions Supplement in the 3&4-year-olds entitlement formula, to bring us in line with benchmarking and supporting the value of the Base Rate? If not, please can you explain why not.

Strongly Agree **On Balance Agree (some reservations)** **Strongly Disagree**

If not, please provide further explanation here:

Question 8 – Do you have any additional comments on our proposed approach to the funding of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements, including any comments on the value of the proposed Base Rate?

Please comment here:

Question 9 – Do you agree with our proposal to retain our existing core timetabling and termly counting arrangements for the operation of all the entitlements? If not, please can you explain why not.

Strongly Agree **On Balance Agree (some reservations)** **Strongly Disagree**

If not, please provide further explanation here:

Question 10 – Do you agree with our proposal to discontinue the 2nd termly headcount for the funding of the 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement? If not, please can you explain why not.

Strongly Agree **On Balance Agree (some reservations)** **Strongly Disagree**

If not, please provide further explanation here:

Question 11 – Do you agree with our proposal to discontinue the staggered intakes provision for the funding of the 3&4-year-olds entitlements in the autumn term? If not, please can you explain why not.

Strongly Agree **On Balance Agree (some reservations)** **Strongly Disagree**

If not, please provide further explanation here:

Question 12 – Do you have any additional comments on how we could improve our proposed operational and counting arrangements?

Please comment here:

Question 13 – Do you agree with our proposal to continue, with the uplifts and amendments that are proposed, our protection arrangements for maintained nursery schools? If not, please can you explain why not.

Strongly Agree **On Balance Agree (some reservations)** **Strongly Disagree**

If not, please provide further explanation here:

Question 14 – Do you agree with our proposal to continue to use our existing holistic Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund (EYIF) approach as set out in Appendix 2? If not, please can you explain why not.

Strongly Agree **On Balance Agree (some reservations)** **Strongly Disagree**

If not, please provide further explanation here:

Question 15 – Do you have any comments or suggestions for the Authority’s intended piloting of a new EYIF approach and / or are there any changes that you would like to see made to the Authority’s EYIF fund?

Please comment here:

Question 16 – Do you have any other comments that you have not made elsewhere in your response, including matters that you would wish to be included in the Authority’s continued review of the early Years Single Funding Formula for future years?

Please comment here:

Agenda Item 7/

2024/25 Planned Budget (Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Income and Expenditure Summary)					
	Schools Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Central Schools Services Block	Total DSG
A) ESTIMATED 2024/25 DSG ALLOCATION (before academy recoupment and other ESFA direct funding reductions)	537,890,765	122,343,428	66,014,069	3,628,323	729,876,585
% of total DSG by Block	73.7%	16.8%	9.0%	0.5%	
B) 2023/24 DSG ALLOCATION (latest) (please note that final 2023/24 Early Years Block allocation will not be confirmed until July 2024)	509,389,606	116,875,377	44,000,936	3,558,643	673,824,562
C) DIFFERENCE IN DSG ALLOCATION A - B (positive = income increase)	28,501,159	5,468,051	22,013,133	69,680	56,052,023
D) TOTAL ESTIMATED PLANNED EXPENDITURE 2024/25 SCHOOLS BUDGET	537,882,983	143,963,905	67,275,961	3,686,977	752,809,825
E) VALUE OF SPENDING SAFETY NET PROVISION WITHIN PLANNED EXPENDITURE ROW D	0	0	0	0	0
F) VALUE OF 2024/25 SCHOOLS BUDGET (ROW D) PROPOSED TO WRITE OFF DEFICIT BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2023/24	0	0	0	0	0
G) TOTAL UNDERSPEND / OVERSPEND ON 2024/25 DSG ALLOCATION A - D (negative = overspend)	7,783	-21,620,477	-1,261,892	-58,654	-22,933,240
H) PROPOSED TRANSFER OF DSG INCOME BETWEEN BLOCKS 2024/25	0	0	0	0	0
I) PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2023/24 TO SUPPORT SPECIFIC AGREED ITEMS INCLUDED IN ROW D	154,335	0	1,261,892	0	1,416,227
J) BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 23/24 TO SUPPORT BLOCK OVERSPEND IN 24/25 (POSITIVE) OR UNDER SPEND IN 24/25 TO RETAIN (NEGATIVE)	-162,118	21,620,477	0	58,654	21,517,013
K) ADDITIONAL NON-DSG FUNDS ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT DSG SPENDING ACTIVITY	0	0	0	0	0
L) ESTIMATED FINAL OVER OR UNDER SPEND POSITION BY BLOCK IN 2024/25 G + H + I + J + K (negative = overspend)	0	0	0	0	0
M) ESTIMATED BLOCK BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2023/24 (positive = surplus)	3,295,397	22,646,187	3,854,667	178,717	29,974,969
N) ESTIMATED BLOCK BALANCE TO BE CARRIED FORWARD INTO 2025/26 AFTER ROWS I + J (positive = surplus)	3,303,180	1,025,710	2,592,775	120,063	7,041,729
O) ESTIMATED SCHOOLS BLOCK DE-DELEGATED / EARLY YEARS FUNDS BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 23/24 WITHIN ROW M (positive = surplus)	625,148		71,709		696,857
P) ESTIMATED SCHOOLS BLOCK GROWTH FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 23/24 WITHIN ROW M (positive = surplus)	1,149,175				1,149,175
Q) ESTIMATED SCHOOLS BLOCK FALLING ROLLS FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 23/24 WITHIN ROW M (positive = surplus)	500,000				500,000
R) ESTIMATED EARLY YEARS BLOCK DAF (DISABILITY ACCESS FUND) BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 23/24 WITHIN ROW M (positive = surplus)			544,715		544,715

Further Explanation of the 2024/25 DSG Forecasted Position

	Schools Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Central Schools Services Block	Total DSG
S) Change in Estimated DSG Income vs. 2023/24 (ROW C) (negative = reduction)					
Adjustment to Schools, High Needs & Central Schools Services Block funding from the net change in pupil / place numbers October 2023 vs. October 2022	1,120,687	265,688		4,629	1,391,003
Transfer of Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MSAG) funding into the Schools Block	17,065,557				17,065,557
Additional Schools & Central Schools Services Block funding from NFF-led increases in per pupil monies (Primary +1.7%; Secondary +1.7%; CSSB +3.0%)	8,382,957			101,073	8,484,030
Reduction in the Central Schools Services Block from the continued NFF-led reduction in historic commitments funding (reduced by a further 20%)				-36,022	-36,022
Additional RPIX-based allocation for the BSF (PFI) factor within the Schools Block (RPIX at 10.4%)	1,122,357				1,122,357
Change in Schools Block funding for premises related non-NFF factors (Business Rates (NNDR). Inclusive of one off £0.397m reimbursement for 2023/24 cost	844,396				844,396
Change in Schools Block funding for premises related NFF factor (new NFF Split Sites factor introduced April 2024)	-18,544				-18,544
Change in Schools Block Growth Fund funding (from the net change in pupil numbers October 2023 vs. October 2022 at LSOA level	-16,250				-16,250
New funding stream within the Schools Block for Falling Rolls introduced by the DfE at April 2024 (highlighting that we do not receive any funding)	0				0
Additional High Needs Block funding as a result of the DfE's National Funding Formula announced in July 2023 (prior to the application of the ceiling)		5,764,277			5,764,277
Impact of the application of the 5.0% per pupil ceiling in the High Needs Block (limiting to + 5.0% per pupil increase; 4.5% cash increase)		-627,802			-627,802
Change in High Needs Block funding related to Education in Hospital / Medical Needs provision (5% increase on the 2023/24 discrete allocation)		65,888			65,888
Existing Entitlements - Estimated change in Early Years Block 24/25 settlement, incorporating entitlement no.s changes - 3&4 Year Olds (+9.9%; excluding EYSG)			3,507,206		3,507,206
Existing Entitlements - Estimated change in Early Years Block 24/25 settlement, incorporating entitlement no.s changes - 2 Year Olds Disadvantage (+42.8%; excluding EYSG)			2,743,142		2,743,142
New Entitlement - Estimated change in Early Years Block 24/25 funding relating to the new 2 Year Old Working Parents Entitlement			8,755,669		8,755,669
New Entitlement - New funding in the Early Years Block for the 'Under 2s' entitlement for working parents from September 2024 (part year 7/12ths allocation)			6,052,808		6,052,808
Estimated change in the Disability Access Fund & Early Years Pupil Premium within the Early Years Block (including changes in rates of funding & extended entitlements)			659,368		659,368
Estimated change in the value of the Maintained Nursery School Supplement within the Early Years Block (including uplifts, estimated numbers adjustments)			294,940		294,940
Total of Change in 2024/25 DSG Income vs. 2023/24	28,501,159	5,468,051	22,013,133	69,680	56,052,023

T) Highlight of Specific Expenditure Items within 2024/25 Planned Budget shown in ROW D

	Schools Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Central Schools Services Block	Total DSG
New value of De-Delegated funds to be 'top-sliced' from maintained primary & secondary school budgets in 2024/25 within the Schools Block	790,330				790,330
New value of Growth Fund taken from the 2024/25 Schools Block allocation for primary & secondary schools and academies (after recoupment adjustment)	1,119,343				1,119,343
New value of Falling Rolls Fund taken from the 2024/25 Schools Block allocation for primary schools and academies (highlighting that no new budget is taken)	0				0
Cost of (value of) Minimum Funding Guarantee protection for individual primary & secondary schools and academies within the Schools Block (MFG set at +0.5%)	1,296,276				1,296,276
Cost of (value of) Minimum Levels of Per Pupil Funding for primary & secondary schools and academies within the Schools Block (£4,610 primary; £5,995 secondary)	2,170,826				2,170,826
Cost of (value of) DSG Affordability Gap charge for BSF (PFI) within the Schools & High Needs Blocks	8,570,722	1,013,000			9,583,722
New value of the Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund funded from the 2024/25 Early Years Block allocation (£1.08m 3&4 year olds; £0.40m 2 year olds; £0.083m under 2s)			1,563,000		1,563,000
New value of centrally retained budgets funded from the 2024/25 Early Years Block allocation (excluding the contribution to EY SEND services - see below)			1,079,962		1,079,962
New value of budget for SEND centrally managed teaching support services funded from the 2024/25 High Needs Block and Early Years Block		6,546,600	593,000		7,139,600
Estimated Cost of (value of) protection of Maintained Nursery Schools within the Early Years Block (3&4 year old Entitlements)			1,922,947		1,922,947
Estimated cost of the Under 2s Working Parents Entitlement Sept 2023 to March 2024, inclusive of central budget (to show the £1.23m diff between funding and cost)			7,333,162		7,333,162
Funding for additional AP places in response to the increase in the number of permanent exclusions		3,360,000			3,360,000
Funding for additional SEND places under development within the 2024/25 High Needs Block Planned Budget		3,868,667			3,868,667

U) Compliance with Regulatory Restrictions on Block spending and the movement of monies between DSG blocks

	Schools Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Central Schools Services Block	Total DSG
Planned Schools Block expenditure ROW D (excluding the use of or addition to brought forward balances ROWS I & J) as a % of DSG allocation 2024/25 ROW A	100.00%				
% spend of the 3&4 year olds EYSFF in the Early Years Block on supplements (excluding MNS protection). Must be <=12%			4.8%		
% spend of the 2 year olds Disadvantage EYSFF in the Early Years Block on supplements. Must be <=12%			0.0%		
% spend of the 2 year olds Working Parents EYSFF in the Early Years Block on supplements. Must be <=12%			2.0%		
% spend of the Under 2s Working Parents entitlement EYSFF in the Early Years Block on supplements. Must be <=12%			2.0%		
% pass through rate to providers of 3&4 year olds funding in the Early Years Block. Must be >=95%			97.4%		
% pass through rate to providers of 2 year olds Disadvantage funding in the Early Years Block. Must be >=95%			96.7%		
% pass through rate to providers of 2 year olds Working Parents funding in the Early Years Block. Must be >=95%			95.5%		
% pass through rate to providers of Under 2s Working Parents funding in the Early Years Block. Must be >=95%			95.5%		

V) Planned DSG expenditure 2024/25 ROW D includes the following spending changes against the 2023/24 Planned Budget

	Schools Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Central Schools Services Block	Total DSG
High Needs, Early Years and Central Schools Services Blocks - Adjustment in the cost of the DfE Copyright Licences charge (estimated +10% increase)		65,121	60,953	-73,977	52,097
CSSB - Adjustments to CSSB budgets for pay and inflation funded from the CSSB headroom				148,600	148,600
SB - Primary & Secondary formula funding increased cost (formula as proposed using Oct 2023 Census data) including de-delegated funds	9,473,438				9,473,438
SB - Allocation of transferred Mainstream Schools Additional Grant monies to primary & secondary schools and academies via core funding formula (estimated)	17,065,557				17,065,557
SB - Estimated change in the cost of Business Rates (NNDR) for Maintained Primary & Secondary schools only vs. 23/24 initial planned budget	205,079				205,079
SB - Change in the cost of the Split Site factor for Primary & Secondary schools and academies (new NFF factor)	47,707				47,707
SB - Change in the on-going value of the Growth Fund (including provision for new Growth at September 2024) - Primary Phase	-27,728				-27,728
SB - Change in the on-going value of the Growth Fund (including provision for new Growth at September 2024) - Secondary Phase	350,187				350,187
SB - Change in the cost of 'Implicit Growth' (pupil numbers adjustments for core formula funding for new establishing free schools & academies)	-975,761				-975,761
SB & HNB - Increase in Building Schools for the Future (PFI) DSG Affordability Gap cost, incorporating RPIX increase and re-profiling for academies	567,779	96,000			663,779
EYB - Adjustment for the change in DSG income for Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Fund (DAF)			937,943		937,943
EYB - Estimated new cost of funding the delivery of the Under 2s Working Parents entitlement from September 2024 (cost of allocations to providers)			7,046,649		7,046,649
EYB - Estimated new cost of funding the delivery of the 2 year olds Working Parents entitlement from April 2024 (cost of allocations to providers)			8,267,601		8,267,601
EYB - Estimated change in the cost of funding the delivery of the 2 year olds Disadvantage entitlement vs. 2023/24 Planned Budget			1,356,612		1,356,612
EYB - Estimated change in the cost of funding the delivery of the 3&4 year olds entitlements vs. 2023/24 Planned Budget (inc. changes in delivered hours)			4,030,608		4,030,608
EYB - Increase in the Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund (EYIF) Budget in response to increase demand and extension to the new entitlements			913,000		913,000
EYB - Change in the value of budget provision, for nursery schools to access de-delegated funds, funded from the 2024/25 Early Years Block allocation			3,211		3,211
EYB - Adjustment to the Early Years Block PVI Area Sencos budget; uplift for pay and inflation, including additional capacity following entitlement expansions			82,000		82,000
EYB - Adjustment to the Early Years Block budget for the Authority's Early Years Function and EYSFF capacity, including uplift for pay and inflation			32,000		32,000
EYB - Adjustment to the Early Years Block contribution to Early Years SEND			227,000		227,000
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of existing special schools and special school academies, includes additional places		1,138,490			1,138,490
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of existing Primary & Secondary School-led resourced provisions, including additional places		494,357			494,357
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of Early Years Enhanced Specialist Provisions in Maintained Nursery Schools		250,000			250,000
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of Sensory Primary & Secondary LA-led resourced provisions		165,592			165,592
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of Primary & Secondary LA-Led resourced provisions SEMH & ASD, including additional places		19,271			19,271
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of PRUs, AP Academies and placements with Alternative Providers		3,213,062			3,213,062
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of Further Education Settings and SPLs (Post 16 EHCPs)		458,000			458,000
HNB - Estimated growth in the cost of top-up for EHCPs in mainstream primary & secondary schools and academies (pre & post 16), Early Years PVI, Personal Budgets		8,306,000			8,306,000
HNB - Estimated growth in cost of the SEND Funding Floor, including estimated provision for EHCP growth during 2024/25		150,000			150,000
HNB - Estimated change in cost of Teacher Pay and Pensions Grants to special schools, school-led RPs and AP providers vs. the 2023/24 planned budget		17,061			17,061
HNB - Estimated growth in the cost of places in OLA, NMSS and Independent provisions, including medical OLA provisions vs. the 2023/24 planned budget		7,050,000			7,050,000
HNB - Estimated change in the cost of centrally managed Education in Hospital, Tracks and Medical Home Tuition provisions		127,000			127,000

HNB - Estimated change in cost in the allocation of the additional 3.4% in funding per place to Special and PRU / AP as required by the DSG Conditions	11,051	11,051
HNB - capacity building - change in budget provision for additional specialist places not yet allocated to settings to be created over the 2023/24 and 2024/25 academic years	460,000	460,000
HNB - Additional budget for Inclusion Outreach to bring the PRU / AP Academy into this programme (full year basis - budget increases from £240,000 to £300,000)	60,000	60,000
HNB - Change (increase) in cost of SEND Teaching Support Services Budgets, including pay award / inflation provision and Inclusion Investment Plan spending	831,600	831,600
HNB - Net change in the estimated cost of smaller centrally managed HNB budgets (Speech & Language Therapy & specialist equipment)	-33,000	-33,000
Total Value of Change in Planned Spending 2024/25 vs. 2023/24 Planned Budget	26,706,258	22,879,604

High Needs Block

W) Summary of High Needs Block Planned Budget Forecasted Spending 2024/25 by Spending Type

SEND Specialist Places - Special Schools & Special School Academies	39,320,859
SEND Specialist Places - Early Years Resourced Provisions in Maintained Nursery Schools - School Led	1,900,000
SEND Specialist Places - Primary & Secondary Resourced Provisions - School Led	6,590,921
SEND Specialist Places - Primary & Secondary Resourced Provisions - LA Led - Sensory	2,918,051
SEND Specialist Places - Primary & Secondary Resourced Provisions - LA Led - SEMH & ASD	3,540,945
Allocation of the former Teacher Pay and Pensions Grants to special schools, school-led resourced provisions and AP providers	1,556,793
Special Schools & PRUs / AP - Outreach	300,000
AP - Specialist Places - PRUs, AP Academies & Alternative Providers	7,279,766
Top-up for EHCPs in mainstream schools & academies (excluding the SEND Funding Floor), EY PVI EHCPs, Personal Budgets	24,410,000
SEND Funding Floor for mainstream primary & secondary schools and academies	2,800,000
Element 2 and Top-up funding for EHCPs in the Further Education & SPLs sector (Post 16)	9,466,000
Cost of out of Authority / Independent / NMSS Placements	28,800,000
SEND Teaching Support Services funded by the High Needs Block	6,546,600
Other Small Centrally Managed Budgets (Copyright Licences, Speech & Language Therapy, Specialist Equipment)	538,266
Centrally Managed - Hospital Education (inc. OLA / independent), Tracks and Medical Home Tuition	1,710,000
BSF / PFI DSG High Needs Block Affordability Gap	1,013,000
SEND Specialist Places - Further budget provision for new places under development (still to go through statutory processes)	3,868,667
Allocation to continue the additional 3.4% in funding per place to Special and PRU / AP as required by the DSG Conditions	1,404,037
Total Planned High Needs Block Budget 2024/25	143,963,905

X) Schools Block 2024/25 - Phase Breakdown

Primary - value of specific phase-led funding (EGUF of £5,181 per pupil) within the Schools Block	274,628,095
Primary - value of specific phase-led core formula funding spending within the Schools Block, excluding implicit growth, before the use of reserve balances	275,408,536
Primary - Difference (positive = higher spend) *	780,442
Secondary - value of specific phase-led funding (EGUF of £6,888 per pupil) within the Schools Block	247,627,439
Secondary - value of specific phase-led core formula funding spending within the Schools Block, excluding implicit growth, before the use of reserve balances	247,956,025
Secondary - Difference (positive = higher spend) *	328,587

* note that these calculations exclude spending from combined-phase budgets (where a single non-phase specific allocation is received within the Schools Block e.g. Growth Fund, Falling Rolls Fund, Business Rates)

Notes to the Table Above (referenced by row A to R)

A) Estimated DSG 2024/25 allocation

As announced by the DfE on 19 December 2023. The DSG allocation across the 4 blocks at local authority level now follows a National Funding Formula methodology.

Local authorities are permitted to transfer monies between the Early Years, Central Schools Services and High Needs Blocks provided that, for the Early Years Block, the central spending restriction of 5% is not breached. Local authorities are permitted to transfer monies into the Schools Block from other blocks. However, the Schools Block itself is 'ring-fenced', except that a maximum of 0.5% of the Schools Block can be transferred to the High Needs Block with the approval of the Schools Forum following consultation with schools. Transfers of a value greater than 0.5% require Secretary of State approval.

The Schools Block and High Needs Block values are shown prior to recoupment and NNDR deductions for academies. The ESFA funds academies directly and deducts this cost from the DSG paid to the Local Authority.

The Central Schools Services Block was established at April 2018. A no. of items previously funded in the Schools Block are transferred. This ended Schools Block 'topslicing' for all but de-delegated funds and Growth / Falling Rolls Funds. The Central Schools Services Block contains within it a sum of £144,091 relating to historic commitments. This is reduced by 20% on the value funded in 2023/24 and is expected to reduce further in 2025/26 and eventually cease. The Central Schools Services Block income is otherwise calculated on the formula of £39.17 per pupil x October 2023 census numbers (primary & secondary numbers only).

There are elements of High Needs Block income that are still to be confirmed, including the adjustment for imports and exports between authority areas. We were set to receive an increase of 5.0% per pupil in funding through the High Needs Block National Funding Formula (NFF) in 2024/25, as announced in July 2023. The High Needs Block includes a specific allocation for Education in Hospital provision of £2.26m. We still await the publication of the DfE's consultation on future funding arrangements in this area. Within the NFF there is an allocation of £4,661 for all places in special schools occupied in Oct 2023. We have 57 more pupils in our special schools and in independent special schools and have received £266k more funding through this NFF factor.

Early Years Block income is significantly estimated and will only be confirmed following the collection of Jan 2024 and Jan 2025 censuses. Cash income estimates are calculated using the DfE's numbers, which go back to the January 2023 Census and are also based on working estimates of delivery of the newly establishing 2 year old and under 2s entitlements for eligible working parents.

Our confirmed Early Years Block 3 / 4 year old rate of funding per FTE pupil / per hour received from the DfE in 2024/25 is	£5,273	£5.55	per hour
This 2024/25 3 & 4 year old funding rate is (+ 9.9%) per hour compared with 2023/24, prior to the addition of the Early Years Supplementary Grant			
Our confirmed Early Years Block 2 year old Disadvantage rate of funding per FTE pupil / per hour received from the DfE in 2024/25 is	£7,638	£8.04	per hour
This 2024/25 2 year old funding rates is + 42.8% per hour compared with 2023/24, prior to the addition of the Early Years Supplementary Grant			
Our confirmed Early Years Block 2 year old Working Parents rate of funding per FTE pupil / per hour received from the DfE in 2024/25 is	£7,638	£8.04	per hour
Our confirmed Early Years Block Under 2s Working Parents rate of funding per FTE pupil / per hour received from the DfE in 2024/25 is	£10,422	£10.97	per hour
The estimate of Early Years Block income includes the Maintained Nursery School Supplement at an estimated value of	£1,629,197		

Under National Funding Formula, the Schools Block is now funded on phase-specific primary and secondary £apps plus specific additional cash allocations for premises and for other factors. The phase-specific £app allocations for core formula funding are detailed above in section X. The additional Schools Block cash allocations for 2024/25 are as follows:

Business Rates (NNDR)	4,583,380	allocated on the 2023/24 planned budget
Split Sites	406,854	allocated on the DfE's new NFF-led split sites factor
PFI (Building Schools for the Future)	8,835,249	allocated on the 2023/24 planned budget + RPIX
In year Growth (explicit and implicit)	1,809,749	allocated via the DfE National Funding Formula
Total Schools Block Additional Cash Allocations	15,635,232	

B) 2023/24 DSG allocation

The 2023/24 DSG figures for the Schools, High Needs and Central Schools Services Blocks match the allocations published by the DfE, updated in November 2023. The 2023/24 Early Years Block figure is still estimated and still based on January 2023 Census numbers. The final allocation will only be confirmed in July 2024 (with 7/12ths based on January 2024 numbers)

C) Difference in DSG allocation

This row shows by how much the 2024/25 DSG allocation is estimated to increase or to reduce by vs. the current 2023/24 DSG figures. A breakdown of the reasons for growth or reduction in income is given in Section S.

D) Total estimated planned expenditure 2024/25 Schools Budget

This row shows the total planned expenditure by block, which incorporates all items and adjustments listed under Section V of this report. Any changes to these items will affect the total block positions shown in Row G and Row L. The main recommendations document (Document RC) lists the key decisions that form the basis of the calculations. Costs in the Schools Block and High Needs Block are calculated on the assumption that the Schools Forum will recommend the formula funding proposals that have already been set out for consultation. Costs in the Early Years Block are calculated on the assumption that the Early Years Single Funding Formula, as proposed in Document QW (but still to go through wider consultation with providers), will be agreed and implemented. Planned High Needs Block expenditure is calculated on the planned places presented in Document RB Appendix 2. Planned Central Schools Services Block expenditure, and centrally managed funds held within the Schools and Early Years Blocks, are shown in more detail in Document QZ Appendix 1. Please note that the final cost of business rates (NNDR) to be charged to the Schools Block in 2024/25, in respect of maintained schools, is still to be confirmed. The charges are currently based on estimates. Please note however, that the NNDR charges to the 2024/25 Schools Block, in respect of academies, will not change from the figures we have used within the planned budget calculations.

E) Value of spending safety net

This row shows that there is no safety net provision (unallocated contingency provision) held within the 2024/25 DSG planned budget. Any increases in costs during 2024/25, that cannot be met elsewhere within the 2024/25 planned budget, will be required to be met from balances brought forward (or from the 2025/26 Dedicated Schools Grant allocation).

F) Value of 2024/25 Schools Budget proposed to write off a deficit balance brought forward from 2023/24

This row confirms that no value of Schools Budget in 2024/25 is being allocated to write off a deficit balance brought forward from 2023/24.

G) Total underspend / overspend on 2024/25 DSG allocation

This row shows the difference between total planned expenditure (Row D) and total DSG income (Row A) in 2024/25, by block. It shows the position before brought forward balances (reserves) are allocated in support of the expenditure, that is already included within 2024/25 Schools Budget Row D. It also shows the position before the transfer of any monies between blocks.

H) Proposed transfer of DSG income between blocks 2024/25

This row confirms that there are no transfers of income between DSG blocks in 2024/25.

I) Proposed allocation of balance brought forward from 2023/24 to support specific agreed items

This row shows the allocation of balances brought forward from 2023/24 (reserves) to specific expenditure items in 2024/25, which are:
a) the allocation of an estimated £1.262m of Early Years Block reserve balance to support the cost of our the Early Years Single Funding Formula in 2024/25, the the DfE's confirmation of the 26 vs. 22 weeks funding issue.
b) the allocation of £0.154m to cover the estimated increased cost of NNDR for maintained schools (prior to reimbursement for this increase in 2025/26).

J) Proposed allocation of balance brought forward from 2023/24 to support block spend in 2024/25 (positive) or to Retain (negative)

For the Schools Block, this row shows the small underspend of £0.162m against the full Schools Block allocation, prior to the additional NNDR cost. For the High Needs Block, this row shows the allocation of £21.621m of High Needs Block balance to cover the estimated gap between expenditure and income in 2024/25. Please see Document RB (DSG Management Plan). For the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB), this shows the allocation of £0.06m of CSSB balance to the cover the estimated small gap between expenditure and income in 2024/25.

K) Additional non-DSG funds allocated to support DSG spending activity

This row confirms that there is no additional non-DSG sourced income allocated into the 2024/25 DSG planned budget.

L) Estimated final over or underspend position by block in 2024/25

This row shows the final 'balancing' position (to zero) of the DSG planned budget by block, and in total, after the allocation of brought forward balances (reserves) in support of expenditure. Row M then shows (repeats from Document QY Appendix 1) the estimated values of balances to be brought forward from 2023/24. Row N then shows (repeats from Document QY Appendix 2) the estimated values of balances to be carried forward into 2025/26. Row O then shows (repeats from Document QZ Appendix 2) the estimated total value of Schools Block de-delegated funds balances to be brought forward from 2023/24. Row P then shows (repeats from Document QY Appendix 1) the estimated value of the Schools Block Growth Fund balance to be brought forward from 2023/24. Row Q then shows (repeats from Document QY Appendix 1) the estimated value of the Schools Block Falling Rolls Fund balance to be brought forward from 2023/24.

Row R then shows (repeats from Document QY Appendix 1) the estimated value of the Early Years Block DAF Fund balance to be brought forward from 2023/24.

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DSG BLOCK and FUND NAME	Confirmed Balance Brought Forward (BFB) from 2022/23	2023/24 Planned Budget (excluding use of BFB)	Planned Use of BFB in 2023/24 (January 2023)	Total of Planned Spending in 2023/24 (January 2023)	Adjustment for academy ESFA direct funding (inc. estimates)	Adjustment to DSG after January 23 (inc. estimates)	2023/24 Revised Planned Budget Spending after DSG adjustments	Total Forecasted Actual Spending up to 31 March 2024	Variance between Actual Forecasted & Revised Planned Budget (negative = overspend)	Estimated Carry Forward Balance at 31 March 2024 (negative = deficit)	Comments
SCHOOLS BLOCK											
Primary and Secondary mainstream formula funding allocations, including NNDR provision & cost	2,701,976	507,645,286	1,787,119	509,432,405	-395,292,938		114,139,467	114,033,250	106,217	1,021,075	Estimated adjustment to NNDR (Business Rates).
Growth Fund (all new & existing expansions & bulge classes)	1,319,606	796,883	0	796,883	374,337		1,171,221	1,341,652	-170,431	1,149,175	Over-spend planned. Balance is ring-fenced. New allocations presented Document QV. Forum agreed existing growth on 11 January 2023.
Falling Rolls Fund Primary Phase	500,000	0	0	0			0	0	0	500,000	Allocations will be presented to Forum in March 2024. However, we do not anticipate any spend. Balance is ring-fenced.
De-Delegated Funds (see separate breakdown Document QU Appendix 2)	869,588	947,437	0	947,437	-99,159		848,277	1,092,718	-244,440	625,148	Balance ring-fenced. Overspend, from deliberate use of balance for the maternity scheme, SIMB & exceptional circumstances.
Total Schools Block	5,391,170	509,389,606	1,787,119	511,176,725	-395,017,760		116,158,965	116,467,620	-308,654	3,295,397	
CENTRAL SCHOOLS SERVICES BLOCK											
Schools Block Copyright Licences (Schools Block element only)		406,355	0	406,355			406,355	406,355	0	0	Cost was confirmed in December 2022 and was budgeted for on an actuals basis.
Schools Forum cost contribution		11,700	0	11,700			11,700	11,700	0	0	This is a fixed contribution to Schools Forum services, where the total cost of these services exceeds this contribution. No variance.
Pupil Admissions		987,000	0	987,000			987,000	987,000	0	0	Services costs expected to be on budget; final year-end reconciliation will report any variance (presented to Forum in July 24).
Former Education Services Grant Local Authority duties all schools & academies		1,559,300	0	1,559,300			1,559,300	1,559,300	0	0	This is a fixed contribution to the cost of services, where the total cost of these services exceeds this contribution. No variance.
Education Access Officers		500,000	0	500,000			500,000	500,000	0	0	Services costs expected to be on budget; final year-end reconciliation will report any variance (presented to Forum in July 24).
Education Planning and Consultation		148,000	0	148,000			148,000	148,000	0	0	This is a fixed contribution to the cost of services, where the total cost of these services exceeds this contribution. No variance.
CSSB reserve brought forward from 2022/23 / Resilience reserve	232,429	-53,712	53,712	0			0	0	0	178,717	We currently do not anticipate any further spend from reserve in 2023/24. However, TBC to the Forum in July 2024.
Total Central Schools Services Block	232,429	3,558,643	53,712	3,612,355			3,612,355	3,612,355	0	178,717	
EARLY YEARS BLOCK											
3&4 Year Old Early Years Single Funding Formula Allocations & EYB DSG funding 2023/24	3,847,148	33,505,570	837,386	34,342,956		-204,648	34,138,308	33,396,469	741,839	3,751,601	This is the estimated position prior to the confirmation of spring term 2023 costs and EYB funding.
2 Year Old Early Years Single Funding Formula Allocations & EYB DSG funding 2023/24		7,510,346		7,510,346		-1,138,772	6,371,574	5,960,652	410,922	410,922	This is the estimated position prior to the confirmation of spring term 2023 costs and EYB funding.
Early Years Disability Access Fund (DAF)	719,715	0	120,000	120,000		0	120,000	175,000	-55,000	544,715	Earmarked balance. Planned overspend from use of reserve. Estimated - Final year-end reconciliation will report final variance (July 24).
Early Years Pupil Premium		437,089		437,089		110,431	547,520	773,800	-226,280	-226,280	Forecasted spend above budget (increase in EYPP numbers following Portal). Final year-end reconciliation will report final variance (July 24).
Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund		650,000		650,000			650,000	900,000	-250,000	-250,000	Forecasted overspend due to increased number of claims. Significant spend pressure. Budget for 2024/25 reviewed (increased).
Early Years Block access to De-Delegated Funds	71,709	119,330		119,330			119,330	119,330	0	71,709	This balance remains ring-fenced (alongside the de-delegated funds balance within the Schools Block).
Local Authority capacity Early Years Function and EYSFF		530,000		530,000			530,000	530,000	0	0	This is a fixed contribution to the cost of services, where the total cost of these services exceeds this contribution. No variance.
SEND Management (EY PVI Area SENCOS & EY SEND and Portage)		582,000		582,000			582,000	730,000	-148,000	-148,000	Services costs increased on budget; year-end reconciliation will report final variance (presented in July 24).
Copyright Licences (re-charge of Early Years Block element)		36,468		36,468			36,468	36,468	0	0	Cost was confirmed in December 2022 and was budgeted for on an actuals basis.
Estimated Overspend on Early Years Supplementary Grant to Charge to DSG		0		0			0	300,000	-300,000	-300,000	Based on estimated EYSG spending. Comes from the issue of 26 vs. 22 weeks as discussed with the Forum 13 Sept 23.
Total Early Years Block	4,638,572	43,370,802	957,386	44,328,188			43,095,199	42,921,719	173,480	3,854,666	
HIGH NEEDS BLOCK											
Place Plus - Special Schools and Special School Academies		38,182,369	0	38,182,369	-10,373,000		27,809,369	27,535,831	273,538	273,538	Spend estim. at Dec 23; year-end reconciliation will report final variance (in July 24). Inclusive of additional places
Place Plus - Early Years Enhanced Provisions		1,650,000	0	1,650,000			1,650,000	1,869,863	-219,863	-219,863	Spend estim. at Dec 23; year-end reconciliation will report final variance (in July 24). Current places exceeding budget. In review.
Place Plus - Primary & Secondary School-led Resourced Provisions		6,096,565	0	6,096,565	-2,074,667		4,021,898	3,999,738	22,160	22,160	Spend estim. at Dec 23; year-end reconciliation will report final variance (in July 24). Inclusive of additional places
Place Plus - Sensory Primary & Secondary LA-led Resourced Provisions		2,752,459	0	2,752,459	-405,000		2,347,459	2,354,055	-6,596	-6,596	Spend estim. at Dec 23; year-end reconciliation will report final variance (in July 24).
Place Plus - LA-led Resourced Provisions		3,521,674	0	3,521,674			3,521,674	3,413,809	107,865	107,865	Spend estim. at Dec 23; year-end reconciliation will report final variance (in July 24).
Place Plus - PRUs & Alternative Providers		4,066,704	0	4,066,704	-650,000		3,416,704	4,178,491	-761,787	-761,787	Budget funded capacity for 165 places. Additional places commissioned during the year in response to increased need. Offset P-X adjusts.
Place Plus - Post 16 Further Education & SPIs		9,008,000	0	9,008,000	-2,780,000		6,228,000	5,531,946	696,054	696,054	Spend estim. at Dec 24. Budget anticipated an increase in the cost of placements in SPIs & growth in post 16 high needs top up numbers.
Place Plus - Former Teacher Pay and Pension Grants (allocated in addition to top-up)		1,539,732	0	1,539,732			1,539,732	1,540,202	-470	-470	Small adjustment to actual allocations for confirmed occupied places
Place Plus - Budget Provision for Additional Places		3,408,667	0	3,408,667			3,408,667	40,000	3,368,667	3,368,667	FFE pre-opening spend. Planned Budget built on-going capacity for 180 places (inc. part year). Please see 6.12.23 (SEND Statement).
Place Plus - Additional Place-Led Funding (3.4%) for Special & PRUs / AP as per DfE Conditions		1,392,986	0	1,392,986			1,392,986	1,397,229	-4,243	-4,243	Small adjustment to actual allocations for DfE confirmed base data.
Mainstream EHCPs including SEND Funding Floor, Early Years PVI, Personal Budgets		18,754,000	0	18,754,000			18,754,000	19,754,434	-1,000,434	-1,000,434	Spend estim. at Dec 23; year-end reconciliation will report final variance (in July 24).
Independent, Non Maintained Special School & OLA Placements		21,750,000	0	21,750,000			21,750,000	23,600,000	-1,850,000	-1,850,000	Spend estimated at Dec 2023. TBC. This is a volatile budget. Significantly increasing costs (numbers and costs of placements).
Special Schools Inclusion Outreach Support		240,000	0	240,000			240,000	300,000	-60,000	-60,000	Additional spending on the Authority's inclusion investment plan. Addition of £60k for PRUs / AP.
Education in Hospital & Medical Home Tuition Centrally Managed Services		1,583,000	0	1,583,000			1,583,000	1,583,000	0	0	Services spend expected to be around budget; final year-end reconciliation will report any final variance (in July 24).
Speech and Language Therapy Services		328,000	0	328,000			328,000	292,000	36,000	36,000	Current estimate; final year-end reconciliation will report any final variance (in July 24).
Specialist Equipment		100,000	0	100,000			100,000	80,000	20,000	20,000	Current estimate; final year-end reconciliation will report any final variance (in July 24).
Copyright Licences (re-charge of High Needs Block element)		78,145	0	78,145			78,145	78,145	0	0	Cost was confirmed in December 2022 and was budgeted for on an actuals basis.
Building Schools for the Future DSG Affordability Gap - Special Schools & Special School Academies		917,000	0	917,000			917,000	917,000	0	0	Spend expected to be on budget; final year-end reconciliation will report any final variance (in July 24).
SEND Teaching Support Services		5,715,000	0	5,715,000			5,715,000	6,075,000	-360,000	-360,000	Inclusive of spending on the Authority's inclusion plan. Year-end reconciliation will report final variance (July 24).
High Needs Block reserve brought forward from 2022/23	26,594,220	-4,199,924	4,199,924	0		-9,000	-9,000	0	-9,000	22,385,296	Small adjustments to DSG income for import / export and places recruitment differences
Total High Needs Block	26,594,220	116,884,377	4,199,924	121,084,301	-16,282,667		104,792,634	104,540,743	251,891	22,646,187	
Totals	36,856,391		6,998,140						116,717	29,974,968	

SUMMARY

	Confirmed Balance Brought Forward (BFB) from 2022/23
Total Schools Block	5,391,170
Total Central Schools Services Block	232,429
Total Early Years Block	4,638,572
Total High Needs Block	26,594,220
GRAND TOTAL	36,856,391
CHANGE IN OVERALL VALUE OF DSG SURPLUS MARCH 2024 VS. MARCH 2023	

Variance between Actual Forecasted & Revised Planned Budget Spending (negative = overspend)	Estimated Carry Forward Balance at 31 March 2024 (negative = deficit)
-308,654	3,295,397
0	178,717
173,480	3,854,666
251,891	22,646,187
116,717	29,974,968
	-6,881,424

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	Schools Block	Early Years Block	High Needs Block	Central Schools Services Block	Total	Comments
Total of Balances (by Block) carried forward from 2022/23 into 2023/24	5,391,171	4,638,572	26,594,220	232,429	36,856,392	As confirmed with the Schools Forum 13 September 2023
Total of Balances (by Block) estimated to be carried forward from 2023/24 into 2024/25	3,295,397	3,854,667	22,646,187	178,717	29,974,969	Balances are informally "ring-fenced" by Block
<i>Balance as a % of 2023/24 Block value</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>9.3%</i>	<i>18.5%</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	
1) Proposed to be allocated within the 2024/25 Schools Budget for specific agreed additional expenditure						
Balance to be used in support of NNDR (Business Rates) cost increases until reimbursement via the APT	154,335				154,335	NNDR cost change will be reimbursed in future years via APT
Balance to be used in support of the 2024/25 Early Years Single Funding Formula - estimated		1,261,892			1,261,892	Please see Document RC (main recommendations document)
Total proposed to be allocated into the 2023/24 Schools Budget for specific additional expenditure (estimated)	154,335	1,261,892	0	0	1,416,227	
2) Proposed either to be allocated to the 2024/25 Schools Budget in order to remove a deficit, or an underspending (surplus) proposed to be added to balances to be carried forward						
2024/25 Schools Budget Support or Retention (Underspend). A negative = surplus retention into 2025/26	-162,118		21,620,477	58,654	21,517,013	Please see Document RC (main recommendations document)
Total allocated to remove a deficit from the 2022/23 Schools Budget or to add an under-spend to balances	-162,118	0	21,620,477	58,654	21,517,013	
3) Proposed Balances to be retained at 1 April 2024						
Retention of the De-Delegated Funds net total of balances forecasted to be held at 31 March 2024	625,148	71,709			696,857	Retained to support the cost of de-delegated funds in 2024/25 & on-going
Retention of the earmarked Disability Access Funds (DAF) monies within the Early Years Block		544,715			544,715	Estimated balance to be held at the end of 2023/24
Retention of the Estimated Falling Rolls Fund balance carried forward from 2023/24	500,000				500,000	Allocations for 23/24 will be presented in Mar 2024. However, no spend anticipated
Retention of the Estimated Growth Fund balance carried forward from 2023/24	1,149,175				1,149,175	Retained to support Growth Fund cost in 2024/25 & on-going
Block Resilience Reserve	1,028,857	1,976,351	1,025,710	120,063	4,150,982	Held for for DSG management planning in future years.
Total of Balances Proposed to be Retained at 1 April 2024	3,303,180	2,592,775	1,025,710	120,063	7,041,729	
<i>Retained Balance as a % of 2024/25 Block value</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>6.2%</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>1.2%</i>	
GRAND TOTAL BY BLOCK	3,295,397	3,854,667	22,646,187	178,717	29,974,969	

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1) De-Delegated Funds held within the Schools Block (Maintained Primary & Secondary Schools)

Ref	Fund	Initial New Cash Value Retained from 2023/24 Schools Budget	Local Authority Recommendation for the 2024/25 Financial Year	Recommended INITIAL New Cash Value Retained from 2024/25 Schools Budget	Change in Fund Value in 2024/25 (negative = reduction)	Estimated Fund Specific Balance Carried Forward from 2023/24	Total Funding Available 2024/25 inc. specific carry forward balance
1	School Re-Organisation Costs (actual cost of existing safeguarded salaries)	£14,842	Continue De-Delegation from both primary & secondary phases for existing safeguarded salaries at actual cost.	£14,842	£0	£0	£14,842
2	School Re-Organisation Costs (school deficit provision Primary phase only)	£0	Continue to pause new budget de-delegation from the primary phase in 2024/25 and review for 2025/26 (use Balance Carried Forward where necessary). No secondary phase De-Delegation.	£0	£0	£98,437	£98,437
3	Exceptional Costs & Schools In Financial Difficulty (Primary phase only)	£54,500	Continue De-Delegation from the primary phase, recovering the same £app as in 2023/24. Continue existing criteria. No secondary phase De-Delegation.	£45,900	£-8,600	£85,486	£131,386
4	Costs of FSM Eligibility Assessment	£38,007	Continue De-Delegation from both the primary and secondary phases on the 2023/24 £apFSM contribution plus 6%.	£30,511	£-7,496	£-5,498	£25,013
5	Fischer Family Trust - School Licences (Primary phase only)	£24,238	The decision to cease de-delegation from the primary phase in 2024/25 has already been taken by the Schools Forum on 11 October 2023. No secondary phase de-delegation.	£0	£-24,238	£-946	£-946
6	Trade Union Main Facilities Time	£113,813	Continue De-Delegation from both the primary and secondary phases on same basis as 2023/24 but with a 5% reduction in the £amount per pupil contribution.	£84,205	£-29,609	£310,102	£394,307
7	Trade Union Health & Safety Facilities Time	£17,392	Continue De-Delegation from both the primary and secondary phases on same basis as 2023/24 but with a 5% reduction in the £amount per pupil contribution.	£12,867	£-4,524	£0	£12,867
8	School Improvement	£112,655	Continue De-Delegation from both primary and secondary phases on the same basis as 2024/25 (same £amount per pupil contribution).	£87,735	£-24,921	£0	£87,735
9	School Maternity / Paternity 'insurance' fund (Primary phase only)	£552,523	Continue De-Delegation from the primary phase at a value forecasted to afford the scheme in 2024/25, minus the deployment of a proportion (£0.10m) of the estimated fund balance carried forward from 2023/24. No secondary phase De-Delegation. Cessation of the primary phase de-delegation at the end of the 2024/25 academic year.	£497,922	£-54,601	£136,324	£634,246
10	School Staff Public Duties & Suspensions Fund (Primary Phase only)	£19,466	Continue De-Delegation from the primary phase recovering the same £app as in 2023/24. Continue existing criteria. No secondary phase De-Delegation.	£16,348	£-3,117	£1,243	£17,591
Total Schools Block De-Delegated Funds		£947,437		£790,330	£-157,106	£625,148	£1,415,478

2) Schools Block Growth Fund & Falling Rolls Fund

Ref	Fund	Initial New Cash Value Retained from 2023/24 Schools Budget	Local Authority Recommendation for the 2024/25 Financial Year	Recommended INITIAL New Cash Value Retained from 2024/25 Schools Budget	Change in Fund Value in 2024/25 (negative = reduction)	Estimated Fund Specific Balance Carried Forward from 2023/24	Total Funding Available 2024/25 inc. specific carry forward balance
11	Growth Fund (net of the reimbursement via recoupment for academies growth fund allocations for the period April - Aug)	£796,883	Continue the existing Growth Fund allocation criteria and make budget provision at a value to meet forecasted costs in 2024/25. The fund that is proposed does not take budget for new growth in the primary phase, with carried forward balance available. A value of £0.950m is proposed to be taken for growth allocations to the secondary phase, for expansions at 1 September 2024. A list of known (existing expansion) allocations will be presented for the Schools Forum's approval at Document RC Appendix 1.	£1,119,343	£322,459	£1,149,175	£2,268,518
12	Falling Rolls Fund (Primary Phase Only)	£0	Continue the Falling Rolls Fund as proposed in the autumn consultation, but do not take new budget provision from the 2024/25 Schools Block. £0.50m expected balance to be carried forward into 2024/25.	£0	£0	£500,000	£500,000
Total Growth Fund & Falling Rolls Fund		£796,883		£1,119,343	£322,459	£1,649,175	£2,768,518

3) Central Schools Services Block (Maintained Schools and Academies)

Ref	Fund	Initial New Cash Value Retained from 2023/24 Schools Budget	Local Authority Recommendation for the 2024/25 Financial Year	Recommended INITIAL New Cash Value Retained from 2024/25 Schools Budget	Change in Fund Value in 2024/25 (negative = reduction)	Estimated Fund Specific Balance Carried Forward from 2023/24	Total Funding Available 2024/25 inc. specific carry forward balance
13	Schools Forum Running Costs	£11,700	Continue at the 2023/24 cash value, adjusted for pay / inflation funded from the CSSB headroom, supported by CSSB balance.	£12,400	£700	£0	£12,400
14	Pupil Admissions	£987,000	Continue at the 2023/24 cash value, adjusted for pay / inflation funded from the CSSB headroom supported by CSSB balance.	£1,066,000	£79,000	£0	£1,066,000
15	DfE Copyright Licences (national framework for all state funded schools)	£406,355	Continue to charge to the Central Schools Services Block at actual cost set by the DfE. This is now confirmed. Early Years and High Needs elements are charged to their respective Blocks on a pro-rata basis.	£332,377	-£73,977	£0	£332,377
16	Former ESG funded Statutory Duties (the Council's statutory responsibilities relating to all state funded schools and academies). Please see Appendix 3.	£1,559,300	Continue to passport the value of the transferred Grant back to the Authority at the same cash value as 2023/24 plus some allowance fo pay / inflation funded from the CSSB headroom, supported by CSSB balance.	£1,579,300	£20,000	£0	£1,579,300
17	Education Access Officers (attendance and education welfare)	£500,000	Continue at the 2023/24 cash value, adjusted for pay / inflation funded from the CSSB headroom, supported by CSSB balance.	£540,000	£40,000	£0	£540,000
18	Education Services Planning and Consultation	£148,000	Continue at the 2023/24 cash value, adjusted for pay / inflation funded from the CSSB headroom, supported by CSSB balance.	£156,900	£8,900	£0	£156,900
19	CSSB 'Resilience' Provision (DSG Management Planning)	£0	We do not propose to hold new resilience provision in 2024/25.	£0	£0	£120,063	£120,063
Total Central Schools Services Block Funds		£3,612,355		£3,686,977	£74,623	£120,063	£3,807,040

4) Centrally Managed Funds held in the Early Years Block

Ref	Fund	Initial New Cash Value Retained from 2023/24 Schools Budget	Local Authority Recommendation for the 2024/25 Financial Year	Recommended INITIAL New Cash Value Retained from 2024/25 Schools Budget	Change in Fund Value in 2024/25 (negative = reduction)	Estimated Fund Specific Balance Carried Forward from 2023/24	Total Funding Available 2024/25 inc. specific carry forward balance
20	Maintained Nursery Schools access to Schools Block de-delegated funds	£119,330	Continue current arrangements, whereby Nursery Schools access Schools Block de-delegated items.	£122,541	£3,211	£71,709	£194,250
21	DfE Copyright Licences (national framework for all state funded schools) - EYB element	£36,468	Continue to charge the Early Years Block for the Early Years proportion of the actual cost set by the DfE. Apportionment adjusted for new and expanded entitlements in 2024/25.	£97,421	£60,953		£97,421
22	EYSFF - Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund Under 2s Working Parents entitlement	£0	EYIF is extended across all entitlements from April 2024, so a new EYIF budget for under 2s must be created for the beginning of this entitlement at Sept 2024 (part year). The cost of EYIF here is significantly estimated at this stage. Note that EYIF budgets are allocated to providers during the year (only centrally retained at the beginning of the year until allocated).	£83,000	£83,000		£83,000
23	EYSFF - Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund 2 Year Olds Disadvantage and Working Parents entitlements	£100,000	EYIF extended across all entitlements from April 2024, so an extended EYIF budget for 2 year olds must be put in place at April 2024 in order to cover the cost of EYIF for the new Working Parents entitlement. The cost of EYIF here is significantly estimated at this stage. Note that EYIF budgets are allocated to providers during the year (only centrally retained at the beginning of the year until allocated).	£400,000	£300,000		£400,000
24	EYSFF - Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund 3 & 4 Year Olds entitlements	£550,000	Note that EYIF budgets are allocated to providers during the year (only centrally retained at the beginning of the year until allocated). The number of EYIF applications has significantly increased in 2023/24 (+40%) and cost is expected to continue to grow in 2024/25. We have sought to reflect this by increasing budget provision in 2024/25.	£1,080,000	£530,000		£1,080,000
25	EYSFF - Early Years Pupil Premium	£437,089	To be delegated to providers for eligible children during the year, with the fund held centrally at the start of the year. EYPP is extended across all the early years entitlements in 2024/25 (previously limited to just the 3&4 year old entitlements).	£952,672	£515,583		£952,672
26	EYSFF - Disability Access Fund	£120,000	To be delegated to providers for eligible children during the year, with the fund held centrally at the start of the year. DAF is extended across all the early years entitlements in 2024/25 (previously limited to just the 3&4 year old entitlements).	£542,360	£422,360	£544,715	£1,087,075
27	Early Years Support Capacity (provider sustainability, quality, EYSFF delivery and communication, funding compliance)	£530,000	Continue the Early Years Block's contribution to early years provider support functions / services at the 2023/24 budget value plus allowance for pay award / inflation.	£562,000	£32,000		£562,000
28	Early Years High Needs Support (Centrally Managed Area SENCOs for PVI providers, EY SEND Support, including Portage)	£582,000	Continue existing 2023/24 budget contributions with allowance for pay award / inflation, plus additional budget allocated in response to growth in service pressures and to enable additional capacity in response to EYIF pressures and from the extension of the entitlements. As set out 6.12.23 in Document QU.	£891,000	£309,000		£891,000
Total Early Years Block Funds		£2,474,886		£4,730,994	£2,256,107	£616,424	£5,347,418
Value of EYB Funds counted towards the Central Budget restriction		£1,267,797		£1,672,962			
<i>Sub total - under 2s working parents entitlement</i>		<i>£0</i>		<i>£154,891</i>			
<i>Sub total - 2 year olds disadvantage entitlement</i>		<i>£0</i>		<i>£135,313</i>			
<i>Sub total - 2 year olds working parents entitlement</i>		<i>£0</i>		<i>£258,924</i>			
<i>Sub total - 3&4 year olds entitlements</i>		<i>£1,267,797</i>		<i>£1,123,834</i>			

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	2023/24 DSG Planned Budget	Total Indicative Proposed Value 2024/25	Early Years Total Value	Primary Total Value	Secondary Total Value	2024/25 Value £PP			2023/24 Value £PP			Difference £pp			
						Maintained Early Years £ Per Pupil	Maintained Primary £ Per Pupil	Maintained Secondary £ Per Pupil	Maintained Early Years £ Per Pupil	Maintained Primary £ Per Pupil	Maintained Secondary £ Per Pupil	Maintained Early Years £ Per Pupil	Maintained Primary £ Per Pupil	Maintained Secondary £ Per Pupil	
Costs of FSM Eligibility Assessment	38,007	30,511		26,494	4,017										
Fischer Family Trust - School Licences	24,238	0								£1.16					-£1.16
School Maternity / Paternity 'insurance' fund	650,000	600,000	102,078	497,922		£28.32	£28.32		£26.44	£26.44				£1.87	£1.87
Trade Union Facilities Time	129,790	99,048	14,843	72,404	11,800	£4.12	£4.12	£4.12	£4.33	£4.33	£4.33			-£0.22	-£0.22
Trade Union Health & Safety Time	19,833	15,135	2,268	11,064	1,803	£0.63	£0.63	£0.63	£0.66	£0.66	£0.66			-£0.03	-£0.03
School Staff Public Duties & Suspensions Fund	22,900	19,700	3,352	16,348		£0.93	£0.93		£0.93	£0.93				£0.00	£0.00
Exceptional Costs & Schools In Financial Difficulty	54,500	45,900		45,900			£2.61			£2.61				£0.00	
School Re-Organisation Costs (Safeguards)	14,842	14,842		13,818	1,024		£0.79	£0.36		£0.66	£0.19			£0.12	£0.17
School Re-Organisation Costs (Deficits)	0	0		0			£0.00			£0.00				£0.00	
School Improvement	112,655	87,735		75,440	12,295		£4.29	£4.29		£4.29	£4.29			£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL Value Of De-Delegated Funds / £APP	1,066,766	912,871	122,541	759,391	30,939	£33.99	£41.68	£9.39	£32.37	£41.09	£9.48	£1.62	£0.59	-£0.08	-£0.08

Please note that the initial planned budget cash value of de-delegated funds in 2024/25 is subject to confirmation (taking account of 1 January 2024 academy conversions).

De-Delegated Funds: Estimated 2023/24 Spending Position / End of Financial Year Balance (to be carried forward into 2024/25)

Fund	Brought Forward Balance from 22/23	Estimated 23/24 In Year Under / Over (-) Spend Position	Estimated Carry Forward Balance into 24/25	Comments
Costs of FSM Eligibility Assessment	0	-5,498	-5,498	Assumed overspend due to budget reductions following academy conversions.
Fischer Family Trust - School Licences	1,305	-2,251	-946	Small adjustment for confirmed buy in & academy conversions.
School Maternity / Paternity 'insurance' fund	309,352	-101,319	208,033	Planned £0.10m release of balance. Proposed to continue release (£0.10m) in 24/25
Trade Union Facilities Time inc. Health and Safety	327,135	-17,033	310,102	Estimated on projected income and re-charges, which are TBC. Proposal to reduce to 95%
School Staff Public Duties & Suspensions Fund	-8,691	9,934	1,243	Possible spend in 23/24 still to add TBC.
Exceptional Costs & Schools In Financial Difficulty	150,399	-64,913	85,486	Allocation using criteria to maintained primary schools.
School Re-Organisation Costs (Safeguards & Deficits)	100,000	-1,564	98,437	Assumed budget adjust. for conversions. Held for deficit primary sponsored academies.
School Improvement	61,797	-61,797	0	Please see 6.12.23 Document QU. Balance and 23-24 budget estimated to be fully spent.
Total Balance of De-Delegated Funds	941,297	-244,440	696,857	

Schools Block proportion of estimated de-delegated funds balance	625,148
Early Years Block proportion of estimated de-delegated funds balance	71,709

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Schools Forum - Change in Contributions to De-Delegated Funds by Individual Maintained School 2024/25 vs. 2023/24

Document QZ Appendix 3

positive = increase in cost

Phase	School	2023/24 Total De-Delegated Funds Contribution	2024/25 Indicative Total De-Delegated Funds Contribution	Total Diff
PRIMARY	Addingham Primary School	7,883	8,266	383
PRIMARY	All Saints' CE Primary School (Ilkley)	14,533	14,292	-241
PRIMARY	Bankfoot Primary School	9,060	9,069	9
PRIMARY	Ben Rhydding Primary School	7,795	8,136	341
PRIMARY	Blakehill Primary School	17,459	17,820	360
PRIMARY	Brackenhill Primary School	16,787	17,741	954
PRIMARY	Burley & Woodhead CE Primary School	8,282	8,527	244
PRIMARY	Crossflatts Primary School	17,940	18,165	225
PRIMARY	Eastburn Junior and Infant School	8,581	8,881	301
PRIMARY	Eldwick Primary School	20,996	21,422	426
PRIMARY	Fagley Primary School	9,478	9,443	-35
PRIMARY	Farfield Primary	17,588	17,731	143
PRIMARY	Foxhill Primary School	8,774	8,679	-95
PRIMARY	Frizinghall Primary School	15,935	16,266	330
PRIMARY	Girlington Primary School	18,004	18,135	131
PRIMARY	Heaton St Barnabas' CE Primary School	17,545	16,989	-557
PRIMARY	Hill Top CE Primary School	8,872	8,879	7
PRIMARY	Home Farm Primary School	17,836	18,179	343
PRIMARY	Hoyle Court Primary School	12,364	12,505	141
PRIMARY	Idle CE Primary School	17,438	17,385	-53
PRIMARY	Ingrow Primary School	16,183	16,199	16
PRIMARY	Keelham Primary School	4,367	4,504	137
PRIMARY	Keighley St Andrew's CE Primary School	13,829	13,145	-684
PRIMARY	Killinghall Primary School	26,575	26,898	324
PRIMARY	Ley Top Primary School	17,197	16,860	-337
PRIMARY	Long Lee Primary School	14,855	14,847	-8
PRIMARY	Low Ash Primary School	18,655	18,972	317
PRIMARY	Low Moor CE Primary School	17,124	17,799	675
PRIMARY	Myrtle Park Primary School	8,903	8,853	-50
PRIMARY	Newby Primary School	17,607	17,969	362
PRIMARY	Newhall Park Primary School	16,626	16,731	105
PRIMARY	Peel Park Primary School	23,582	24,172	590
PRIMARY	Poplars Farm Primary School	14,756	16,895	2,139
PRIMARY	Riddlesden St Mary's CE Primary	15,753	16,313	560
PRIMARY	Russell Hall Primary School	8,860	9,030	171
PRIMARY	Saltaire Primary School	17,541	17,850	309
PRIMARY	Sandal Primary School and Nursery	17,272	17,417	145
PRIMARY	Sandy Lane Primary School	13,272	13,381	109
PRIMARY	Silsden Primary School	25,000	25,932	932
PRIMARY	St Luke's CE Primary School	9,047	9,062	16
PRIMARY	St Matthew's CE Primary School	16,022	16,819	797
PRIMARY	St Paul's CE Primary School	8,766	8,830	63
PRIMARY	St Stephen's CE Primary School	17,198	17,681	483
PRIMARY	Stanbury Village School	4,296	4,188	-109
PRIMARY	Steeton Primary School	12,001	12,145	144
PRIMARY	Stocks Lane Primary School	8,632	8,747	115
PRIMARY	Swain House Primary School	18,315	19,084	770
PRIMARY	Thackley Primary School	17,507	17,764	257

positive = increase in cost

Phase	School	2023/24 Total De-Delegated Funds Contribution	2024/25 Indicative Total De-Delegated Funds Contribution	Total Diff
PRIMARY	Wellington Primary School	18,072	18,296	225
PRIMARY	Wibsey Primary School	26,829	27,400	571
PRIMARY	Worthinghead Primary School	9,071	9,097	26
Total Maintained Primary		746,862	759,391	12,529

Phase	School	2023/24 Total De-Delegated Funds Contribution	2024/25 Indicative Total De-Delegated Funds Contribution	Diff
SECONDARY	Bingley Grammar School	16,742	17,204	462
SECONDARY	Titus Salt School	13,845	13,735	-110
Total Maintained Secondary		30,587	30,939	352

Grand Total

777,449	790,330	12,881
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This analysis shows the difference in cost for schools that remain maintained (at 1 January 2024) for access to the proposed set of de-delegated services.

SCHOOLS FORUM AGENDA ITEM

For Action

For Information

Brief Description of Item (including the purpose / reason for presenting this for consideration by the Forum)

Appendices 1a, 1b and 1c show the indicative values of allocations to be delegated to individual primary and secondary maintained schools and academies within the Schools Block. Appendix 1d provides an analysis of the change in cost of Schools Block formula funding following the use of the data collected in / based on the October 2023 Census. Appendices 2a, 2b and 2c show the proposed indicative rates of funding for early years settings for the 2024/25 financial year. Appendix 3 provides a more detailed analysis of how the High Needs Block planned budget has been constructed at individual setting level. Appendices 4 and 5 show the draft Primary and Secondary and Early Years pro-formas, which summarise the Authority's proposed formula funding arrangements.

Date(s) of any Previous Discussion at the Forum

Indicative modelling for the Schools Block was most recently presented on 6 December.

Background / Context

The modelling presented for the Schools Block (Appendices 1 and 4) is calculated on the proposals that were set out for consultation and reported back to the Forum on 6 December (Document QO).

The modelling presented for the High Needs Block (Appendix 3) is calculated on the proposals that were set out for consultation and reported back to the Forum on 6 December (Document QQ).

The modelling presented for the Early Years Block (Appendices 2 and 5) is calculated on the proposals that are set out to the Forum for consultation in Document QW and that will now be consulted on.

Details of the Item for Consideration

Primary & Secondary Schools Block Modelling

The modelling, shown in Appendices 1a, 1b and 1c, provides Members with an updated view of mainstream Primary and Secondary school and academy indicative formula funding allocation totals for 2024/25 now using confirmed pupil numbers and the dataset provided by the DfE taken from the October 2023 Census. This modelling is calculated using the same formula funding assumptions and proposals as those used to construct the modelling, which accompanied the consultation document in the autumn term.

Please note that the allocations in Appendices 1a, 1b and 1c exclude early years, high needs and post 16 funding i.e. these show Reception – Year 11 primary and secondary mainstream formula funding. They are also calculated on the Authority's financial year 1 April to 31 March. The main factors that will influence final allocations for 2024/25, and variances for individual schools and academies, not yet built into the modelling (because the data is not yet available), are:

- Final Pupil Premium allocations, which are to be confirmed by the DfE.
- New Growth Fund allocations, which will be based on October 2024 census numbers.
- Any allocations that come from our Falling Rolls Fund, where it is agreed that one should continue for the primary phase in 2024/25.

Change in the Cost of Schools Block Formula Funding October 2023 Census

Appendix 1d presents the changes in the cost of our funding formulae when the October 2023 Census dataset is used rather than the October 2022 Census dataset. This modelling does not show the differences in costs that come from changes in pupil numbers. It shows the impact of the year on year change in other data (FSM%, IDACI, EAL, prior attainment etc). The changes in cost affect the headroom that is available within the Schools Block and this can potentially affect what we can afford to deliver in terms of uplift for schools. This analysis also highlights data trends across the District, which are useful for the Forum to understand as these that will affect the allocations received by individual schools and academies.

Details of the Item for Consideration

Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) – Hourly Rates

Modelling, which shows the impact of the Authority's EYSFF proposals on rates of funding for the delivery of the early years entitlements, is presented in Appendices 2a, 2b and 2c. Due to data sensitivity, averages by type of provider are presented for the PVI sector. All early years providers should note that our Early Years Single Funding Formula proposals for 2024/25 are still to be consulted on. The consultation will close on 5 February.

High Needs Planned Budget Modelling

Appendix 3 is presented to give the Forum a deeper understanding of how the 2024/25 High Needs Block planned budget is constructed at individual setting level. We would stress however, that this appendix does not show the values of allocations that high needs providers will actually receive in 2024/25. These will be calculated on the occupancy of settings recorded on a monthly basis during the year. This appendix should be viewed alongside Document QX (DSG summary) and Document RB Appendix 1 (commissioned places).

Pro-Formas

Appendix 4 gives the pro-forma, extracted from the ESFA's APT, which sets out our primary & secondary funding formula for 2024/25 as the Authority has proposed. If recommended by the Forum under agenda item 12, we will submit our APT to the ESFA on this basis.

Appendix 5 gives a pro-forma, which sets out the proposed Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) for 2024/25. Our EYSFF pro-forma is still subject to the finalisation of our early years arrangements following our consultation with the early years sector. If agreed by Council, following this consultation, this pro-forma gives a summary of the formulae we will use to calculate EYSFF allocations in 2024/25.

Implications for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) (if any)

This is an item for information. The implications for the DSG are set out in separate reports to this meeting (including Document QX).

Recommendations

The Forum is asked to note the information provided. This will inform decisions and recommendations to be made under agenda item 12.

List of Supporting Appendices / Papers (where applicable)

- Appendix 1a - Indicative Variances Analysis 2024/25 - Individual Primary School / Academy Modelling
- Appendix 1b - Indicative Variances Analysis 2024/25 - Individual Secondary School / Academy Modelling
- Appendix 1c - Indicative Variances Analysis 2024/25 - Individual All Through Schools Modelling
- Appendix 1d – Formula Funding Cost Change October 2023 Census
- Appendix 2a – EYSFF Maintained Nursery Schools
- Appendix 2bi / 2bii – EYSFF Nursery Classes
- Appendix 2c – EYSFF PVI Providers
- Appendix 3 – Breakdown of the High Needs Block planned budget at individual provider level
- Appendix 4 – Primary & Secondary Pro-forma
- Appendix 5 – EYSFF Pro-Forma

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		2023/24 Actuals				2024/25 Estimated - see notes below				Variances				MFG	Core Formula Funding				2023/24			
Phase	School	Formula Funding (excluding rates, PFI and Split Sites)		MSAG Grant	Growth Fund / Safeguarde d Salaries	Pupil Premium Grant (latest published)	Total 2023/24 Actual	Formula Funding (excluding rates, PFI and Split Sites)		Growth Fund / Safeguarde d Salaries	ESTIMATED Pupil Premium Grant	Total 2024/25 Estimated	Formula Funding (including MFL & MFG)	Growth Fund / Safeguarde d Salaries	Pupil Premium Grant	Total Variances	MFG 2024/25 (included in figures to the left)	2023/24 £app	2024/25 £app	£app Variance	Pupil Number Difference	2023/24 Funded No.s (October 2023)
		MSAG Grant	Growth Fund / Safeguarde d Salaries					Pupil Premium Grant (latest published)	Total 2023/24 Actual													
PRIMARY	Addingham Primary School	850,531	27,868		73,953	14,010	966,362	909,525	66,183		11,330	987,039	31,126	-7,770	-2,680	20,676	0	4,599	4,617	18	6	197
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	All Saints' CE Primary School (Bradford)	3,073,304	102,760		0	359,385	3,535,448	3,247,104	0		362,600	3,609,704	71,040	0	3,215	74,255	0	5,232	5,341	108	1	608
PRIMARY	All Saints' CE Primary School (Ilkley)	1,546,155	48,263	3,168		30,510	1,628,096	1,572,010	6,650		29,550	1,608,210	-22,408	3,482	-960	-19,886	0	4,543	4,610	67	-10	341
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Allerton Primary Academy	1,915,821	63,172		0	173,480	2,152,473	1,988,819	0		172,020	2,160,839	9,827	0	-1,460	8,367	0	5,100	5,248	147	-9	379
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Ashlands Primary School	1,451,217	46,982		0	60,665	1,558,863	1,350,407	0		55,770	1,406,177	-147,791	0	-4,895	-152,686	8,897	4,568	4,641	73	-37	291
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Atlas School	988,255	31,283		0	81,480	1,101,018	1,077,834	0		87,320	1,165,154	58,296	0	5,840	64,136	0	5,793	5,826	33	9	185
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Baildon CE Primary School	1,819,265	56,370		0	43,515	1,919,150	1,903,930	0		44,250	1,948,180	28,295	0	735	29,030	0	4,541	4,610	69	0	413
PRIMARY	Bankfoot Primary School	1,098,235	34,766		0	70,155	1,203,156	1,128,615	0		71,350	1,199,965	-4,386	0	1,195	-3,191	3,647	5,294	5,324	29	-2	212
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Barkerend Primary Leadership Academy	2,637,330	85,703		0	274,615	2,997,647	2,672,210	0		267,490	2,939,700	-50,823	0	-7,125	-57,948	0	5,267	5,344	77	-17	500
PRIMARY	Ben Rhydding Primary School	832,076	28,135	2,048		25,050	887,309	901,668	2,048		28,400	931,756	41,457	0	2,990	44,447	0	4,576	4,672	96	5	193
PRIMARY	Blakehill Primary School	1,842,692	59,967	5,500		109,600	2,017,758	1,931,590	5,500		105,960	2,043,050	28,932	0	-3,640	25,292	0	4,563	4,610	47	2	419
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Bowling Park Primary School	3,245,182	106,875		0	428,085	3,780,142	3,390,657	0		432,470	3,823,127	38,599	0	4,385	42,984	0	5,550	5,661	111	-5	599
PRIMARY	Brackenhill Primary School	1,966,024	61,509		0	136,770	2,164,303	2,184,302	0		143,560	2,327,862	156,769	0	6,790	163,559	0	5,133	5,341	208	14	409
PRIMARY	Burley & Woodhead CE Primary School	886,981	28,850		0	14,080	929,911	940,440	0		11,740	952,180	24,609	0	-2,340	22,269	0	4,556	4,610	54	3	204
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Burley Oaks Primary School	1,775,215	54,452		0	27,645	1,857,312	1,807,120	0		26,640	1,833,760	-22,547	0	-1,005	-23,552	0	4,540	4,610	70	-11	392
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Byron Primary Academy	3,071,990	99,031		0	300,425	3,471,446	3,309,176	0		308,540	3,617,716	138,156	0	8,115	146,271	0	5,156	5,337	181	5	620
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Carrwood Primary School	1,514,392	51,637		0	232,350	1,798,380	1,550,795	0		231,900	1,782,695	-15,235	0	-450	-15,685	5,171	6,094	6,130	36	-4	253
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Cavendish Primary School	2,138,769	74,380		0	286,925	2,500,074	2,264,394	0		293,330	2,557,724	51,245	0	6,405	57,650	0	5,346	5,443	97	2	416
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Christ Church Primary Academy	987,852	36,157		0	157,075	1,181,084	1,042,712	0		146,440	1,189,152	18,703	0	-10,635	8,068	0	5,851	5,891	40	2	177
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Clayton St John's CE Primary Academy	1,734,280	59,692		0	176,190	1,970,162	1,826,368	0		177,710	2,004,078	32,397	0	1,520	33,917	0	4,928	5,059	131	-3	361
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Clayton Village Primary School	1,045,975	32,758		0	58,515	1,137,249	1,083,455	0		58,030	1,141,485	4,722	0	-485	4,237	48,417	5,262	5,285	23	0	205
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Copthorne Primary Academy	2,131,269	66,060		0	162,580	2,359,908	2,217,826	0		165,370	2,383,196	20,497	0	2,790	23,287	0	5,219	5,268	49	0	421
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Cottingley Village Primary School	1,832,480	60,472		0	111,525	2,004,477	1,885,490	0		111,930	1,997,420	-7,462	0	405	-7,057	0	4,550	4,610	60	-7	409
PRIMARY	Crossflatts Primary School	1,885,340	61,796		0	106,420	2,053,556	1,968,470	0		103,080	2,071,550	21,334	0	-3,340	17,994	0	4,549	4,610	61	-1	427
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Crossley Hall Primary School	2,988,657	95,536		0	277,905	3,362,098	3,180,464	0		287,120	3,467,584	96,271	0	9,215	105,486	0	5,166	5,248	82	9	606
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Cullingworth Village Primary Academy	1,405,195	47,263		0	91,330	1,543,788	1,470,590	0		92,860	1,563,450	18,132	0	1,530	19,662	0	4,553	4,610	57	0	319
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Denholme Primary Academy	923,995	32,800		0	92,650	1,049,445	1,027,950	0		97,190	1,125,140	71,155	0	4,540	75,695	0	5,117	5,272	155	8	195
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Dixons Marchbank Academy	2,152,618	64,053		0	135,315	2,351,986	2,202,110	0		136,160	2,338,270	-14,561	0	845	-13,716	152,080	5,290	5,319	29	-5	414
RECOUPMENT FREE SCH	Dixons Music Primary	1,929,509	61,156		0	101,058	2,091,722	1,977,737	0		102,040	2,079,777	-12,927	0	983	-11,945	44,502	4,740	4,766	26	-5	415
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	East Morton CE Primary Academy	925,050	30,961		0	22,900	978,911	945,050	0		23,290	968,340	-10,961	0	390	-10,571	0	4,552	4,610	58	-5	205
PRIMARY	Eastburn Junior and Infant School	914,509	31,109		0	29,100	974,718	993,697	0		29,600	1,023,297	48,079	0	500	48,579	0	4,590	4,732	142	4	210
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Eastwood Primary Academy	1,903,062	61,462		0	163,688	2,128,212	2,092,094	0		171,680	2,263,774	127,569	0	7,993	135,562	0	5,197	5,351	153	13	391
PRIMARY	Eldwick Primary School	2,237,740	67,157		0	53,325	2,358,222	2,351,100	0		54,210	2,405,310	46,203	0	885	47,088	0	4,537	4,610	73	2	510
PRIMARY	Fagley Primary School	1,211,503	41,037		0	153,850	1,406,389	1,242,523	0		155,010	1,397,533	-10,016	0	1,160	-8,856	6,067	5,799	5,833	35	-3	213
PRIMARY	Farfield Primary	2,105,919	74,645		0	308,370	2,488,934	2,197,392	0		310,360	2,507,752	16,828	0	1,990	18,818	0	5,493	5,577	85	-3	394
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Farnham Primary Academy	2,117,868	66,193		0	169,508	2,353,568	2,208,649	0		170,200	2,378,849	24,588	0	693	25,281	0	5,250	5,348	98	-3	413
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Fearnville Primary Academy	1,885,599	62,466		0	254,625	2,202,690	1,931,528	0		253,080	2,184,608	-16,537	0	-1,545	-18,082	0	5,833	5,907	74	-7	327
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Feversham Primary Academy	2,064,102	65,999		0	173,145	2,303,246	2,182,832	0		177,600	2,360,432	52,731	0	4,455	57,186	0	5,195	5,285	90	3	413
PRIMARY	Foxhill Primary School	936,349	32,105		0	50,100	1,018,554	952,667	0		52,030	1,004,697	-15,787	0	1,930	-13,857	7,617	4,612	4,647	35	-5	205
PRIMARY	Frizinghall Primary School	1,821,451	59,827		0	151,320	2,032,598	1,908,839	0		155,400	2,064,239	27,561	0	4,080	31,641	12,548	5,044	5,063	20	4	377
PRIMARY	Girlington Primary School	2,162,135	70,353		0	219,705	2,452,193	2,251,991	0		222,000	2,473,991	19,503	0	2,295	21,798	0	5,367	5,453	86	-3	413
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Baildon Glen Primary School	898,686	32,039		0	115,640	1,046,365	952,193	0		114,660	1,066,853	21,468	0	-980	20,488	0	5,675	5,914	239	-3	161
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Green Lane Primary School	2,762,326	88,973		0	302,640	3,153,940	2,928,915	0		310,800	3,239,715	77,616	0	8,160	85,776	0	5,410	5,495	85	6	533
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Greengates Primary School	1,041,887	36,042		0	100,395	1,178,324	1,039,712	0		94,720	1,134,432	-38,217	0	-5,675	-43,892	0	5,336	5,415	79	-10	192
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Grove House Primary School	1,835,422	61,805		0	157,140	2,054,367	1,928,978	0		159,840	2,088,818	31,751	0	2,700	34,451	0	4,902	4,984	82	0	387
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Harden Primary Academy	911,407	31,525		0	38,145	981,077	981,930	0		40,270	1,022,200	38,998	0	2,125	41,123	0	4,577	4,610	33	7	213
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Haworth Primary Academy	1,257,493	41,433		0	43,650	1,342,576	1,242,936	0		41,440	1,284,376	-55,990	0	-2,210	-58,200	2,846	4,574	4,621	47	-15	269
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Heaton Primary Academy	3,090,509</																				

		2023/24 Actuals				2024/25 Estimated - see notes below				Variances				MFG	Core Formula Funding				2023/24	
Phase	School	Formula Funding (excluding rates, PFI and Split Sites)	Growth Fund / Safeguarded Salaries	Pupil Premium (latest published)	Total 2023/24 Actual	Formula Funding (excluding rates, PFI and Split Sites)	Growth Fund / Safeguarded Salaries	ESTIMATED Pupil Premium Grant	Total 2024/25 Estimated	Formula Funding (including MFL & MFG)	Growth Fund / Safeguarded Salaries	Pupil Premium Grant	Total Variances	MFG 2024/25 (included in figures to the left)	2023/24 £app	2024/25 £app	£app Variance	Pupil Number Difference	Funded No.s (October 2023)	
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Merlin Top Primary Academy	1,734,690	61,066	0	281,445	2,077,201	1,787,170	0	281,820	2,068,990	-8,586	0	375	-8,211	0	5,793	5,860	67	-5	305
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Miriam Lord Community Primary School	1,886,330	59,691	0	176,390	2,122,410	1,938,392	0	172,020	2,110,412	-7,629	0	-4,370	-11,999	0	5,451	5,619	167	-12	345
PRIMARY	Myrtle Park Primary School	944,282	32,566	0	38,165	1,015,014	978,397	0	37,340	1,015,737	1,549	0	-825	724	0	4,586	4,704	118	-5	208
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Nessfield Primary Academy	1,298,764	43,141	0	79,555	1,421,460	1,242,949	0	74,990	1,317,939	-98,955	0	-4,565	-103,520	0	4,793	4,874	82	-25	255
PRIMARY	Newby Primary School	2,026,066	66,326	0	180,420	2,272,812	2,146,194	0	185,000	2,331,194	53,802	0	4,580	58,382	0	5,091	5,197	106	2	413
PRIMARY	Newhall Park Primary School	1,908,404	64,791	0	207,620	2,180,816	2,010,383	0	203,070	2,213,453	37,188	0	-4,550	32,638	0	5,125	5,304	179	-6	379
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Oakworth Primary Academy	1,738,940	55,342	0	64,960	1,859,242	1,820,950	0	66,060	1,887,010	26,668	0	1,100	27,768	0	4,566	4,610	44	2	395
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Oldfield Primary School	393,714	11,844	0	19,205	424,763	412,154	0	19,530	431,684	6,596	0	325	6,921	36,183	7,799	7,776	-23	1	53
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Our Lady & St Brendan's Catholic Primary School	1,087,769	35,491	0	112,370	1,235,630	1,117,906	0	109,860	1,227,766	-5,354	0	-2,510	-7,864	4,470	5,820	5,853	33	-2	191
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary Academy	1,106,296	33,606	0	54,125	1,194,028	1,141,779	0	55,050	1,196,829	1,876	0	925	2,801	0	5,352	5,437	85	-3	210
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Oxenhope CE Primary Academy	901,126	30,692	0	46,785	978,603	907,615	0	46,090	953,705	-24,202	0	-695	-24,897	1,157	4,683	4,727	45	-7	192
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	The Co-op Academy Parkland	1,131,799	40,127	0	172,650	1,344,576	1,185,635	0	174,130	1,359,765	13,709	0	1,480	15,189	0	5,949	5,988	39	1	198
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Parkwood Primary School	1,180,399	36,799	0	120,765	1,337,963	1,190,991	0	121,360	1,312,351	-26,207	0	595	-25,612	13,718	6,179	6,015	-164	1	198
PRIMARY	Peel Park Primary School	2,695,857	91,309	0	301,185	3,088,351	2,878,820	0	309,320	3,188,140	91,653	0	8,135	99,788	0	5,123	5,244	120	5	549
PRIMARY	Poplars Farm Primary School	1,685,662	55,974	45,939	145,120	1,932,696	1,994,529	31,588	162,800	2,188,917	252,893	-14,351	17,680	256,222	0	5,048	5,127	79	44	389
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Priestthorpe Primary School	895,325	30,527	0	50,925	976,777	925,578	0	51,800	977,378	-274	0	875	601	5,708	4,925	4,950	25	-1	187
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	The Co-op Academy Princeville	2,000,919	62,384	0	162,960	2,226,263	2,208,986	0	173,160	2,382,146	145,683	0	10,200	155,883	0	5,373	5,441	68	22	406
RECOUPMENT FREE SCH	Rainbow Primary Leadership Academy	1,644,414	51,258	0	140,408	1,836,080	2,039,705	0	173,160	2,212,865	344,032	0	32,753	376,785	43,050	5,505	5,454	-52	66	374
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Reevy Hill Primary School	1,184,584	42,432	0	191,235	1,418,251	1,216,410	0	191,540	1,407,950	-10,602	0	305	-10,301	6,184	5,985	6,022	36	-3	202
PRIMARY	Riddlesden St Mary's CE Primary	1,760,717	59,648	0	157,140	1,977,504	1,861,183	0	162,800	2,023,983	40,818	0	5,660	46,478	0	4,947	4,976	30	6	374
PRIMARY	Russell Hall Primary School	979,189	34,884	0	93,705	1,107,777	1,036,118	0	92,720	1,128,838	22,046	0	-985	21,061	0	4,875	4,958	82	1	209
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Ryecroft Primary Academy	1,199,249	39,741	0	157,140	1,396,131	1,205,465	0	153,920	1,359,385	-33,526	0	-3,220	-36,746	55,300	6,226	6,278	52	-7	192
PRIMARY	Saltaire Primary School	1,841,290	60,814	0	127,375	2,029,479	1,931,590	0	123,690	2,055,280	29,486	0	-3,685	25,801	0	4,550	4,610	60	1	419
PRIMARY	Sandal Primary School and Nursery	1,823,670	58,465	0	77,295	1,959,430	1,899,320	0	78,260	1,977,580	17,185	0	965	18,150	0	4,546	4,610	64	-2	412
PRIMARY	Sandy Lane Primary School	1,487,638	49,758	0	123,578	1,660,974	1,561,952	0	127,510	1,689,462	24,556	0	3,933	28,488	0	4,928	5,039	111	-2	310
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Shibden Head Primary Academy	1,784,025	59,059	0	95,850	1,938,934	1,867,050	0	97,480	1,964,530	23,966	0	1,630	25,596	0	4,551	4,610	59	0	405
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Shipleigh CE Primary Academy	897,155	30,719	0	65,475	993,349	969,552	0	65,120	1,034,672	41,678	0	-355	41,323	0	5,155	5,213	58	6	186
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Shirley Manor Primary Academy	1,029,269	36,203	0	130,525	1,195,997	1,039,450	0	126,840	1,166,290	-26,022	0	-3,685	-29,707	0	5,759	5,906	147	-9	176
PRIMARY	Silsden Primary School	2,623,047	85,209	0	155,440	2,863,695	2,798,270	0	153,330	2,951,600	90,015	0	-2,110	87,905	0	4,552	4,610	58	12	607
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Southmere Primary Academy	1,900,806	63,402	0	266,265	2,230,473	2,072,223	0	284,160	2,356,383	108,014	0	17,895	125,909	0	5,881	5,904	23	17	351
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Dixons Manningham Primary Academy	2,098,377	66,978	0	208,065	2,373,420	2,175,830	0	208,680	2,384,510	10,475	0	615	11,090	0	5,427	5,522	95	-5	394
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Anne's Catholic Primary Academy	1,097,879	33,888	0	59,655	1,191,423	1,159,406	0	59,200	1,218,606	27,638	0	-455	27,183	0	5,364	5,495	131	0	211
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Anthony's Catholic Primary School (Clayton)	1,001,021	32,654	0	54,910	1,088,585	1,037,722	0	55,850	1,093,572	4,047	0	940	4,987	0	5,042	5,112	70	-2	203
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Anthony's Catholic Primary School (Shipleigh)	672,155	22,806	0	52,000	746,961	646,004	0	46,970	692,974	-48,957	0	-5,030	-53,987	0	5,605	5,820	215	-13	111
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Clare's Catholic Primary School	1,135,678	37,053	0	110,580	1,283,311	1,168,701	0	108,040	1,276,741	-4,030	0	-2,540	-6,570	0	5,665	5,844	178	-7	200
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Columba's Catholic Primary School	1,740,572	59,093	0	210,595	2,010,259	1,886,242	0	214,210	2,100,452	86,578	0	3,615	90,193	0	5,437	5,664	127	8	339
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Cuthbert & the First Martyrs' Catholic Primary	1,068,664	34,082	0	65,095	1,167,840	1,100,569	0	64,730	1,165,299	-2,176	0	-365	-2,541	0	5,251	5,369	117	-5	205
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Francis' Catholic Primary School	990,483	31,481	0	33,040	1,055,004	1,035,577	0	32,120	1,067,697	13,613	0	-920	12,693	0	4,866	4,979	112	-2	208
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St James Primary Academy	1,411,620	48,517	0	187,315	1,647,452	1,563,470	0	194,970	1,758,440	103,334	0	7,655	110,989	0	5,681	5,812	131	12	269
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St John The Evangelist Catholic Primary	968,473	32,282	0	68,970	1,069,725	1,019,739	0	68,650	1,088,389	18,984	0	-320	18,664	0	4,979	5,176	197	-4	197
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St John's CE Primary School	1,933,535	64,066	0	161,035	2,158,636	2,014,299	0	160,830	2,175,129	16,698	0	-205	16,493	0	4,920	5,036	116	-6	400
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Bingley)	852,647	28,551	0	29,415	910,613	884,296	0	29,910	914,206	3,098	0	495	3,593	0	4,687	4,780	93	-3	185
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Bradford)	1,655,700	54,201	0	178,965	1,888,866	1,712,671	0	182,040	1,894,711	2,770	0	3,075	5,845	12,053	5,516	5,543	27	-1	309
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Joseph's Catholic Primary, Keighley	1,444,830	48,122	40,922	114,520	1,648,394	1,547,773	16,973	119,440	1,684,186	54,821	-23,949	4,920	35,792	0	4,977	5,058	82	6	306
PRIMARY	St Luke's CE Primary School	1,083,181	36,385	0	97,105	1,216,671	1,115,014	0	97,290	1,212,304	-4,552	0	185	-4,367	0	5,306	5,367	55	-3	208
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Mary's and St Peter's Catholic	1,133,136	37,067	0	119,310	1,289,513	1,129,299	0	113,960	1,243,259	-40,904	0	-5,350	-46,254	0	5,822	6,007	185	-13	188
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Matthew's Catholic Primary School	1,078,695	34,378	0	87,615	1,200,688	1,141,892	0	90,590	1,232,482	28,819	0	2,975	31,794	0	5,510	5,543	33	4	206
PRIMARY	St Matthew's CE Primary School	1,874,135	61,996	0	174,600	2,110,731	2,118,592	0	187,570	2,306,162	182,461	0	12,970	195,431	0	5,205	5,489	284	14	386
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Oswald's CE Primary Academy	2,019,462	64,834	0	222,235	2,306,531	2,167,734	0	231,970	2,399,704	83,437	0	9,735	93,172	0	5,573	5,645	72	10	384
PRIMARY	St Paul's CE Primary School	1,011,829	34,438	0	78,190	1,124,457	1,063,214	0	78,050	1,141,264	16,947	0	-140	16,807	0	5,079	5,238	159	-3	203
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Philip's CE Primary Academy	1,059,052	33,559	0	75,660	1,168,272	1,152,760	0	79,920	1,232,680	60,148	0	4,260	64,408	0	5,575	5,707	132	6	202
PRIMARY	St Stephen's CE Primary School	2,065,315	69,503	0	253,170	2,387,988	2,180,124	0	260,480	2,440,604	45,306	0	7,310	52,616	7,065	5,418	5,464	46	5	399
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Walburga's Catholic Primary School	950,983	32,016	0	41,055	1,024,054	1,019,327	0	41,750	1,061,077	36,328	0	695	37,023	0	4,659	4,808	149	1	212
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St William's Catholic Primary School	739,103	24,440	0	75,660	839,203	834,532	0	84,360	918,892	70,989	0	8,700	79,689	0	6,259	6,228	-31	12	134
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Winefride's Catholic Primary	1,814,687	60,498	0	132,405	2,007,590	1,813,184	0	127,280	1,940,464	-62,000	0	-5,125	-67,125	0	4,808	4,914	106	-21	369
PRIMARY	Stanbury Village School	552,766	17,914	0	17,080	587,760	555,835	0	17,370	573,205	-14,845	0	290	-14,555	29,894	5,401	5,614	74	-4	99
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		Formula Funding (excluding rates, PFI and Split Sites)	Growth Fund (Apr 23-Aug 23) / MSAG Grant	Pupil Premium Grant (latest published)	Total 2023/24 Actual	Formula Funding (excluding rates, PFI and Split Sites)	Growth Fund (Apr 24-Aug 24) / Safeguarded Salaries	ESTIMATED Pupil Premium Grant	Total 2024/25 Estimated	Formula Funding (including MFL & MFG)	Growth Fund / Safeguarded Salaries	Pupil Premium Grant	Total Variances		MFG 2024/25 (included in figures to the left)	2023/24 £app	2024/25 £app	£app Variance	Pupil Number Difference	2024/25 Funded No.s (October 2023 + new estab)
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Academy	7,902,608	278,653	0	263,010	8,444,271	8,333,839	0	266,880	8,600,719	152,578	0	3,870	156,448	0	6,011	6,110	99	3	1,364
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Upper Heaton Academy	5,146,303	177,591	0	312,570	5,636,464	5,328,080	0	315,000	5,643,080	4,186	0	2,430	6,616	163,029	7,405	7,441	37	-3	716
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Belle Vue Girls' Academy	5,919,974	209,760	0	329,648	6,459,381	5,963,961	0	318,150	6,282,111	-165,772	0	-11,498	-177,270	0	6,950	7,058	108	-37	845
SECONDARY	Bingley Grammar School	9,431,112	336,200	0	378,020	10,145,332	10,149,338	0	386,270	10,535,608	382,025	0	8,250	390,275	0	6,186	6,300	114	32	1,611
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College Academy	9,920,989	364,429	34,782	701,670	11,021,869	10,385,893	0	702,420	11,088,313	100,475	-34,782	750	66,444	0	7,045	7,158	113	-9	1,451
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Carlton Bolling College	10,942,729	390,909	0	661,183	11,994,821	11,526,156	52,643	671,290	12,250,089	192,517	52,643	10,108	255,268	0	6,957	7,024	66	12	1,641
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Dixons City Academy	5,754,870	202,917	30,245	268,180	6,256,211	6,171,862	35,959	277,340	6,485,161	214,075	5,714	9,160	228,950	0	6,590	6,680	89	20	924
RECOUPMENT FREE SCH	Dixons McMillan Academy	4,152,408	150,902	36,294	224,930	4,564,535	4,515,190	35,959	233,440	4,784,589	211,879	-335	8,510	220,054	0	6,682	6,800	118	20	664
RECOUPMENT FREE SCH	Dixons Trinity Academy	4,132,635	147,722	24,196	209,070	4,513,623	4,533,802	43,151	220,500	4,797,453	253,445	18,955	11,430	283,831	0	6,709	6,849	140	24	662
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Bradford Forster Academy	7,108,533	256,778	0	515,160	7,880,471	7,243,711	0	504,780	7,748,491	-121,599	0	-10,380	-131,979	0	7,387	7,499	111	-31	966
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Feversham College	4,056,383	140,539	0	186,703	4,383,624	4,363,286	38,286	196,240	4,597,812	166,364	38,286	9,538	214,188	73,028	6,824	6,850	25	22	637
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Co-op Academy Grange	10,545,668	387,315	0	785,450	11,718,432	10,826,720	0	764,290	11,591,010	-106,262	0	-21,160	-127,422	0	7,255	7,410	156	-46	1,461
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Hanson School	9,465,015	351,347	0	686,175	10,502,537	9,542,312	0	662,520	10,204,832	-274,050	0	-23,655	-297,705	0	7,072	7,185	113	-60	1,328
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Ilkley Grammar School	8,966,835	295,666	59,650	120,375	9,442,525	9,556,030	44,949	123,210	9,724,189	293,529	-14,701	2,835	281,663	0	5,903	5,995	92	25	1,594
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Immanuel College Academy	8,990,111	320,140	103,961	409,570	9,823,781	9,627,326	30,565	417,620	10,075,511	317,076	-73,395	8,050	251,730	0	6,430	6,572	142	17	1,465
RECOUPMENT FREE SCH	Dixons Kings Academy	5,392,398	192,427	0	265,995	5,850,821	5,663,094	0	270,900	5,933,994	78,268	0	4,905	83,173	0	6,657	6,734	77	2	841
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Laisterdyke Leadership Academy	6,322,746	223,882	0	433,148	6,979,775	6,609,802	0	434,700	7,044,502	63,174	0	1,553	64,726	0	7,439	7,571	132	-7	873
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Oakbank Academy	9,246,838	335,730	0	546,240	10,128,808	9,572,696	0	541,560	10,114,256	-9,872	0	-4,680	-14,552	0	6,772	6,862	90	-20	1,395
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Oasis Academy Lister Park	5,569,946	199,744	0	367,425	6,137,115	6,051,646	31,905	380,100	6,463,651	281,956	31,905	12,675	326,536	0	7,212	7,380	168	20	820
RECOUPMENT FREE SCH	One In A Million (Free School)	2,747,664	97,442	0	176,985	3,022,091	2,907,861	0	178,500	3,086,361	62,755	0	1,515	64,270	0	7,567	7,713	146	1	377
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Parkside School	6,271,348	225,917	0	290,305	6,787,569	6,567,826	0	285,125	6,852,951	70,562	0	-5,180	65,382	0	6,223	6,309	86	-3	1,041
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Trinity Academy Bradford	5,666,750	206,461	19,659	313,393	6,206,263	5,947,576	27,119	316,360	6,291,055	74,364	7,460	2,968	84,792	85,576	6,644	6,675	31	7	891
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Dixons Cottingley Academy	5,768,961	208,442	0	342,585	6,319,988	6,081,293	0	349,650	6,430,943	103,890	0	7,065	110,955	34,538	6,910	6,942	32	11	876
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Bede's & St Joseph's Catholic College	9,271,918	325,697	0	419,405	10,017,020	9,754,981	0	424,450	10,179,431	157,366	0	5,045	162,411	0	6,516	6,627	111	-1	1,472
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	The Holy Family Catholic School	4,927,500	171,738	0	255,510	5,354,747	5,112,371	0	251,865	5,364,236	13,134	0	-3,645	9,489	0	6,995	7,170	175	-16	713
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Thornton Academy	8,634,416	308,972	0	516,350	9,459,738	9,026,985	0	519,670	9,546,655	83,597	0	3,320	86,917	0	6,885	6,992	107	-8	1,291
SECONDARY	Titus Salt School	7,919,112	282,644	1,024	419,705	8,622,484	8,242,378	1,024	402,080	8,645,482	40,623	0	-17,625	22,998	0	6,463	6,568	104	-14	1,255
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Tong Leadership Academy	5,717,244	208,486	0	410,165	6,335,894	5,834,501	0	402,460	6,236,961	-91,228	0	-7,705	-98,933	0	7,352	7,432	80	-21	785
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Carlton Keighley Academy	4,871,969	165,515	0	248,860	5,286,344	5,417,454	47,858	267,170	5,732,481	379,970	47,858	18,310	446,138	91,743	7,125	7,147	22	51	758
RECOUPMENT FREE SCH	Bronte Girls' Academy	4,296,811	155,505	0	208,553	4,660,868	4,744,819	0	255,150	4,999,969	292,503	0	46,598	339,101	0	6,750	6,807	57	37	697
RECOUPMENT FREE SCH	Eden Boys Leadership Academy	3,617,561	123,988	0	134,550	3,876,099	4,250,888	0	171,150	4,422,038	509,339	0	36,600	545,939	0	6,778	7,015	236	54	606
SECONDARY TOTALS		208,679,352	7,443,456	309,809	11,400,885	227,833,502	219,853,677	389,419	11,510,840	231,753,935	3,730,869	79,609	109,955	3,920,433	447,914	6,767	6,866	99	82	32,020

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RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Appleton Academy	7,683,259	284,564	12,098	718,120	8,698,041	8,293,350	47,858	738,720	9,079,927	325,526	35,760	20,600	381,886	0	6,520	6,661	141	23	1,245
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Bradford Academy	9,868,442	359,048	0	843,775	11,071,265	10,439,751	0	855,440	11,295,191	212,261	0	11,665	223,926	0	6,607	6,714	107	7	1,555
RECOUPMENT FREE SCH	Bradford Girls Grammar (Free School)	5,793,906	204,986	36,294	365,810	6,400,996	6,362,477	52,141	381,990	6,796,608	363,585	15,847	16,180	395,612	0	5,887	6,115	228	30	1,049
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Dixons Allerton Academy	9,837,121	349,390	0	604,340	10,790,850	10,467,362	7,976	617,610	11,092,949	280,852	7,976	13,270	302,098	0	6,238	6,360	122	14	1,647
ALL THROUGH TOTALS		33,182,729	1,197,988	48,392	2,532,045	36,961,153	35,562,941	107,975	2,593,760	38,264,675	1,182,224	59,583	61,715	1,303,522	0	6,341	6,490	149	74	5,496

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Summary of the change in the cost of formula factors using October 2023 Census data (vs. October 2022 Census data). The same pupil numbers (October 2023) are used in both years – this is just showing the cost difference resulting from change in the other data used to calculate formula funding allocations.

Factor	Prim £	Prim £app	Sec £	Sec £app	Total £
FSM Flat	+ £78,213	+ £1.48	+ £279,896	+ £7.78	+ £358,109
FSM Ever 6	- £24,463	- £0.46	+ £24,548	+ £0.68	+ £85
IDACI	- £11,748	- £0.22	+ £73,564	+ £2.05	+ £61,816
Pupil Mobility	+ £136,721	+ £2.58	+ £69,623	+ £1.94	+ £206,344
Low Prior Attainment	+ £1,149,829	+ £21.69	- £348,739	- £9.69	+ £801,090
English as an Additional Language	+ £152,837	+ £2.88	+ £179,128	+ £4.98	+ £331,965
MFL (Primary £4,610; Secondary £5,995)	- £219,111	- £4.13	+ £5,286	+ £0.15	- £213,825
MFG (+ 0.50%)	- £23,425	- £0.44	+ £148,999	+ £4.14	+ £125,574
Total Change in Cost	+ £1,238,853	+ £23.37	+ £432,307	+ £12.01	+ £1,671,160

Following the use of the October 2023 Census dataset

Primary phase: 31 out of 156 schools (20%), including academies, are funded on the Minimum Funding Guarantee. 25 schools (16%), including academies, are funded at the £4,610 minimum per pupil level. All other schools and academies are funded above £4,610 per pupil.

Secondary phase: 5 out of 31 schools (16%), including academies, are funded on the Minimum Funding Guarantee. 1 academy (3%) is funded at the £5,995 minimum per pupil level. All other schools and academies are funded above £5,995 per pupil.

All through academies: None of the 4 academies are funded on the Minimum Funding Guarantee. All of these academies are also funded above their composite minimum per pupil funding levels.

In total, 36 out of 191 schools and academies (19%) are funded on the Minimum Funding Guarantee. This is reduced from 48 (25%) in 2023/24. In total, 26 out of 191 schools and academies (14%) are funded on the minimum per pupil funding levels. This is reduced from 31 (16%) in 2023/24.

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2024/25 - Maintained Nursery Schools - Proposed Indicative EYSFF Rates - 3 & 4 Year Old Entitlement

Type	Setting	2023/24 3&4 Year Old Total Rate of Funding Per Hour (EYSG Supported)	2023/24 3&4 Year Old Effective Base Rate Funding Per Hour (EYSG Supported)	2023/24 3&4 Year Old Effective Deprivation Rate Funding Per Hour	Protected by MNS Supplement			3&4 Year Old Funding Protection			
					2024/25 3&4 Year Old Total Rate of Funding Per Hour	2024/25 3&4 Year Old Effective Base Rate Funding Per Hour	2024/25 3&4 Year Old Effective Deprivation Rate Funding Per Hour	Base Rate Protection Value	Deprivation Rate Protection Value	Total Value of Rate Protection	Funding Rate Without Protection
NURSERY	Abbey Green Nursery	£7.71	£6.35	£1.36	£8.05	£6.63	£1.42	£1.69	£0.98	£2.67	£5.37
NURSERY	Canterbury Children's Centre	£7.86	£6.35	£1.51	£8.20	£6.63	£1.57	£1.69	£1.16	£2.85	£5.35
NURSERY	Hirst Wood Nursery	£6.82	£6.35	£0.47	£7.12	£6.63	£0.49	£1.69	£0.34	£2.03	£5.09
NURSERY	Lilycroft Nursery	£7.35	£6.35	£1.00	£7.67	£6.63	£1.04	£1.69	£0.72	£2.41	£5.26
NURSERY	Midland Road Nursery	£7.52	£6.35	£1.17	£7.85	£6.63	£1.22	£1.69	£0.88	£2.57	£5.28
NURSERY	St Edmund's Nursery	£7.25	£6.35	£0.90	£7.57	£6.63	£0.94	£1.69	£0.66	£2.35	£5.23
NURSERY	Strong Close Nursery	£6.98	£6.35	£0.63	£7.28	£6.63	£0.65	£1.69	£0.42	£2.11	£5.18

Notes

2023/24 rates of funding are taken from the Confirmed Indicative Budgets published in March 2023, plus the £0.27 Early Years Supplementary Grant that was allocated for the period September 2023 to March 2024. The sustainability lump sum factor allocates protected funding in addition to the values shown here. Please be aware more generally that our EYSFF proposals are out for consultation & are subject to confirmation.

2024/25 - Maintained Nursery Schools - Proposed Indicative EYSFF Rates - 2 Year Old Disadvantage Entitlement (existing entitlement)

Type	Setting	2023/24 2 Year Old Rate of Funding Per Hour (EYSG Supported)	2024/25 3&4 Year Old Total Rate of Funding Per Hour
NURSERY	Abbey Green Nursery	£7.40	£7.60
NURSERY	Canterbury Children's Centre	£7.40	£7.60
NURSERY	Hirst Wood Nursery	£7.40	£7.60
NURSERY	Lilycroft Nursery	£7.40	£7.60
NURSERY	Midland Road Nursery	£7.40	£7.60
NURSERY	St Edmund's Nursery	£7.40	£7.60
NURSERY	Strong Close Nursery	£7.40	£7.60

Notes

2023/24 rates of funding are taken from the Confirmed Indicative Budgets published in March 2023, plus the £1.79 Early Years Supplementary Grant that was allocated for the period September 2023 to March 2024. For 2024/25, the proposed indicative Universal Base Rate is £7.60. Where a school's rate is higher than this, this follows the application of the condition, which requires a setting's rate of funding for the 2 year old disadvantage entitlement to not be lower than their rate for the 2 year old working parents entitlement. Please be aware more generally that our EYSFF proposals are out for consultation & are subject to confirmation.

2024/25 - Maintained Nursery Schools - Proposed Indicative EYSFF Rates - 2 Year Old Working Parents Entitlement (new entitlement from April 2024)

Type	Setting	2024/25 Universal Base Rate	2024/25 Deprivation & SEND Supplement Rate	2024/25 3&4 Year Old Total Rate of Funding Per Hour
NURSERY	Abbey Green Nursery	£7.35	£0.25	£7.60
NURSERY	Canterbury Children's Centre	£7.35	£0.23	£7.58
NURSERY	Hirst Wood Nursery	£7.35	£0.09	£7.44
NURSERY	Lilycroft Nursery	£7.35	£0.18	£7.53
NURSERY	Midland Road Nursery	£7.35	£0.19	£7.54
NURSERY	St Edmund's Nursery	£7.35	£0.16	£7.51
NURSERY	Strong Close Nursery	£7.35	£0.13	£7.48

Notes

For 2024/25, the proposed indicative Universal Base Rate is £7.35. Please note that Deprivation & SEND rates for individual settings will not this year be re-calculated for 2024/25 to incorporate January 2024 census data. Please be aware more generally that our EYSFF proposals are out for consultation & are subject to confirmation.

2024/25 - Maintained Nursery Schools - Proposed Indicative EYSFF Rates - 9 Month Old (Under 2s) Working Parents Entitlement (new entitlement from September 2024)

Type	Setting	2024/25 Universal Base Rate	2024/25 Deprivation & SEND Supplement Rate	2024/25 3&4 Year Old Total Rate of Funding Per Hour
NURSERY	Abbey Green Nursery	£10.15	£0.34	£10.49
NURSERY	Canterbury Children's Centre	£10.15	£0.32	£10.47
NURSERY	Hirst Wood Nursery	£10.15	£0.12	£10.27
NURSERY	Lilycroft Nursery	£10.15	£0.25	£10.40
NURSERY	Midland Road Nursery	£10.15	£0.26	£10.41
NURSERY	St Edmund's Nursery	£10.15	£0.23	£10.38
NURSERY	Strong Close Nursery	£10.15	£0.19	£10.34

Notes

For 2024/25, the proposed indicative Universal Base Rate is £10.15. Please note that Deprivation & SEND rates for individual settings will not this year be re-calculated for 2024/25 to incorporate January 2024 census data. Please be aware more generally that our EYSFF proposals are out for consultation & are subject to confirmation. It is understood that settings may not deliver this entitlement. However, our formula will automatically calculate a rate for all currently live settings that deliver the existing entitlements. It is felt that this is helpful for provision planning.

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2024/25 Early Years Single Funding Formula - Nursery Classes INDICATIVE 3&4 Year Old Funding Rates

Type	Setting	2024/25 Total PROPOSED INDICATIVE Funding Rate	2023/24 Actual Total Funding Rate (EYSG Supported)	Diff in Total Rate v. 2023/24	% Total Rates Diff	Diff in TPENG Supplement Rate	Diff in Universal Base Rate (UBR)	INDICATIVE Diff in Deprivation & SEND Rate
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	All Saints' CE Primary School (Bradford)	£5.32	£5.46	£-0.13	-2.5%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.11
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Allerton Primary Academy	£5.22	£5.33	£-0.10	-2.0%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Appleton Academy	£5.24	£5.36	£-0.11	-2.1%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.09
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Ashlands Primary School	£5.00	£5.04	£-0.04	-0.8%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.02
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Atlas School	£5.35	£5.49	£-0.14	-2.6%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.12
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Baildon CE Primary School	£5.01	£5.05	£-0.04	-0.8%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.02
PRIMARY	Bankfoot Primary School	£5.28	£5.40	£-0.12	-2.3%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.10
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Barkerend Primary Leadership Academy	£5.40	£5.55	£-0.16	-2.8%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.14
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Bowling Park Primary School	£5.31	£5.44	£-0.13	-2.4%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.11
PRIMARY	Brackenhill Primary School	£5.24	£5.35	£-0.11	-2.1%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.09
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Bradford Academy	£5.27	£5.39	£-0.12	-2.2%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.10
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Byron Primary Academy	£5.30	£5.43	£-0.13	-2.3%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.11
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Carrwood Primary School	£5.45	£5.62	£-0.17	-3.0%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.15
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Cavendish Primary School	£5.24	£5.35	£-0.11	-2.1%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.09
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Christ Church Primary Academy	£5.20	£5.30	£-0.10	-1.9%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Clayton St John's CE Primary Academy	£5.16	£5.24	£-0.08	-1.6%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.06
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Copthorne Primary Academy	£5.24	£5.35	£-0.11	-2.0%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.09
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Cottingley Village Primary School	£5.08	£5.15	£-0.06	-1.2%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.04
PRIMARY	Crossflatts Primary School	£5.03	£5.08	£-0.05	-0.9%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.03
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Crossley Hall Primary School	£5.21	£5.31	£-0.10	-1.9%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Denholme Primary Academy	£5.08	£5.14	£-0.06	-1.2%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.04
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Dixons Allerton Academy	£5.22	£5.32	£-0.10	-1.9%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Dixons Marchbank Academy	£5.28	£5.40	£-0.12	-2.3%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.10
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	East Morton CE Primary Academy	£5.11	£5.18	£-0.07	-1.4%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.05
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Eastwood Primary Academy	£5.30	£5.42	£-0.13	-2.3%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.11
PRIMARY	Eldwick Primary School	£5.00	£5.03	£-0.04	-0.7%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.02
PRIMARY	Fagley Primary School	£5.31	£5.44	£-0.13	-2.4%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.11
PRIMARY	Farfield Primary	£5.25	£5.37	£-0.11	-2.1%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.09
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Farnham Primary Academy	£5.26	£5.38	£-0.12	-2.2%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.10
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Fearnville Primary Academy	£5.33	£5.47	£-0.14	-2.5%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.12
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Feversham Primary Academy	£5.34	£5.48	£-0.14	-2.5%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.12
PRIMARY	Foxhill Primary School	£5.07	£5.13	£-0.06	-1.1%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.04
PRIMARY	Frizinghall Primary School	£5.18	£5.27	£-0.09	-1.7%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.07
PRIMARY	Girlington Primary School	£5.30	£5.42	£-0.13	-2.3%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.11
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Baildon Glen Primary School	£5.19	£5.28	£-0.09	-1.8%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.07
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Green Lane Primary School	£5.40	£5.56	£-0.16	-2.8%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.14
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Greengates Primary School	£5.22	£5.32	£-0.10	-1.9%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Grove House Primary School	£5.15	£5.23	£-0.08	-1.6%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.06
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Haworth Primary Academy	£5.08	£5.14	£-0.06	-1.2%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.04
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Heaton Primary Academy	£5.20	£5.30	£-0.10	-1.9%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	High Craggs Primary Leadership Academy	£5.30	£5.43	£-0.13	-2.4%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.11
PRIMARY	Hill Top CE Primary School	£5.14	£5.22	£-0.08	-1.5%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.06
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Hollingwood Primary Academy	£5.15	£5.23	£-0.08	-1.6%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.06
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Holybrook Primary Academy	£5.32	£5.45	£-0.13	-2.4%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.11
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Holycroft Primary Academy	£5.28	£5.40	£-0.12	-2.3%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.10
PRIMARY	Home Farm Primary School	£5.19	£5.29	£-0.10	-1.8%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Horton Grange Primary Academy	£5.26	£5.37	£-0.11	-2.1%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.09
PRIMARY	Hoyle Court Primary School	£5.06	£5.12	£-0.06	-1.1%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.04
PRIMARY	Ingrow Primary School	£5.22	£5.32	£-0.10	-1.9%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Iqra Primary Academy	£5.35	£5.49	£-0.14	-2.6%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.12
PRIMARY	Keelham Primary School	£5.07	£5.13	£-0.06	-1.2%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.04
PRIMARY	Keighley St Andrew's CE Primary School	£5.33	£5.47	£-0.14	-2.5%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.12
PRIMARY	Killinghall Primary School	£5.28	£5.41	£-0.12	-2.3%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.10
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Knowleswood Primary School	£5.46	£5.64	£-0.18	-3.1%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.16
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Lapage Primary School and Nursery	£5.29	£5.42	£-0.12	-2.3%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.10
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Lees Primary Academy	£5.08	£5.14	£-0.06	-1.2%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.04
PRIMARY	Ley Top Primary School	£5.29	£5.41	£-0.12	-2.3%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.10
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Lidget Green Primary School	£5.26	£5.38	£-0.12	-2.2%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.10
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Carlton Mills Primary School	£5.24	£5.35	£-0.11	-2.1%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.09
PRIMARY	Long Lee Primary School	£5.13	£5.21	£-0.08	-1.5%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.06
PRIMARY	Low Ash Primary School	£5.12	£5.19	£-0.07	-1.4%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.05
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Lower Fields Primary School	£5.33	£5.46	£-0.14	-2.5%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.12
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Margaret McMillan Primary School	£5.21	£5.31	£-0.10	-1.9%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Marshfield Primary School	£5.26	£5.38	£-0.12	-2.2%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.10
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Merlin Top Primary Academy	£5.34	£5.48	£-0.14	-2.5%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.12
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Miriam Lord Community Primary School	£5.33	£5.47	£-0.14	-2.5%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.12
PRIMARY	Myrtle Park Primary School	£5.06	£5.11	£-0.05	-1.1%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.03
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Nessfield Primary Academy	£5.15	£5.23	£-0.08	-1.6%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.06
PRIMARY	Newby Primary School	£5.32	£5.45	£-0.13	-2.4%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.11
PRIMARY	Newhall Park Primary School	£5.16	£5.25	£-0.09	-1.6%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.07
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Oakworth Primary Academy	£5.03	£5.08	£-0.05	-0.9%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.03
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Oldfield Primary School	£5.06	£5.12	£-0.06	-1.1%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.04
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary Academy	£5.29	£5.41	£-0.12	-2.3%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.10
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	The Co-op Academy Parkland	£5.28	£5.40	£-0.12	-2.2%	£-0.23	£0.21	£-0.10

Type	Setting	2024/25 Total PROPOSED INDICATIVE Funding Rate	2023/24 Actual Total Funding Rate (EYSG Supported)	Diff in Total Rate v. 2023/24	% Total Rates Diff	Diff in TPENG Supplement Rate	Diff in Universal Base Rate (UBR)	INDICATIVE Diff in Deprivation & SEND Rate
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Parkwood Primary School	£5.29	£5.41	-£0.12	-2.3%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.10
PRIMARY	Peel Park Primary School	£5.27	£5.38	-£0.12	-2.2%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.10
PRIMARY	Poplars Farm Primary School	£5.18	£5.27	-£0.09	-1.7%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.07
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Priestthorpe Primary School	£5.08	£5.14	-£0.06	-1.2%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.04
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	The Co-op Academy Princeville	£5.24	£5.36	-£0.11	-2.1%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.09
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Reevy Hill Primary School	£5.29	£5.41	-£0.12	-2.3%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.10
PRIMARY	Riddlesden St Mary's CE Primary	£5.14	£5.23	-£0.08	-1.5%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.06
PRIMARY	Russell Hall Primary School	£5.11	£5.18	-£0.07	-1.4%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.05
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Ryecroft Primary Academy	£5.43	£5.59	-£0.16	-2.9%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.14
PRIMARY	Sandal Primary School and Nursery	£5.02	£5.07	-£0.04	-0.9%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.02
PRIMARY	Sandy Lane Primary School	£5.10	£5.17	-£0.07	-1.3%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.05
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Shipley CE Primary Academy	£5.15	£5.23	-£0.08	-1.6%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.06
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Shirley Manor Primary Academy	£5.23	£5.34	-£0.11	-2.0%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.09
PRIMARY	Siilsden Primary School	£5.04	£5.09	-£0.05	-1.0%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.03
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Southmere Primary Academy	£5.38	£5.53	-£0.15	-2.7%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.13
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Dixons Manningham Primary Academy	£5.38	£5.53	-£0.15	-2.7%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.13
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Anne's Catholic Primary Academy	£5.26	£5.37	-£0.11	-2.1%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.09
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Anthony's Catholic Primary School (Clayton)	£5.19	£5.29	-£0.10	-1.8%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Columba's Catholic Primary School	£5.35	£5.49	-£0.14	-2.6%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.12
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Cuthbert & the First Martyrs' Catholic Primary	£5.21	£5.32	-£0.10	-1.9%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Francis' Catholic Primary School	£5.12	£5.20	-£0.08	-1.4%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.06
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St James Primary Academy	£5.25	£5.37	-£0.11	-2.1%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.09
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St John's CE Primary School	£5.25	£5.36	-£0.11	-2.1%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.09
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Bradford)	£5.35	£5.49	-£0.14	-2.6%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.12
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Joseph's Catholic Primary, Keighley	£5.21	£5.31	-£0.10	-1.9%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Mary's and St Peter's Catholic	£5.31	£5.44	-£0.13	-2.4%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.11
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Matthew's Catholic Primary School	£5.25	£5.37	-£0.11	-2.1%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.09
PRIMARY	St Matthew's CE Primary School	£5.22	£5.33	-£0.10	-2.0%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Oswald's CE Primary Academy	£5.39	£5.54	-£0.15	-2.8%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.13
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Philip's CE Primary Academy	£5.30	£5.42	-£0.13	-2.3%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.11
PRIMARY	St Stephen's CE Primary School	£5.33	£5.46	-£0.14	-2.5%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.12
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Walburga's Catholic Primary School	£5.10	£5.17	-£0.07	-1.3%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.05
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Winefride's Catholic Primary	£5.17	£5.26	-£0.09	-1.7%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.07
PRIMARY	Stanbury Village School	£5.07	£5.13	-£0.06	-1.2%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.04
PRIMARY	Swain House Primary School	£5.19	£5.28	-£0.09	-1.8%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.07
PRIMARY	Thackley Primary School	£5.08	£5.14	-£0.06	-1.2%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.04
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Thornbury Primary Leadership Academy	£5.33	£5.47	-£0.14	-2.5%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.12
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Thornton Primary School	£5.13	£5.21	-£0.08	-1.5%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.06
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Trinity All Saints CE Primary School	£5.07	£5.13	-£0.06	-1.1%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.04
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Victoria Primary School	£5.30	£5.43	-£0.13	-2.4%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.11
PRIMARY	Wellington Primary School	£5.15	£5.23	-£0.08	-1.6%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.06
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Westbourne Primary School	£5.35	£5.49	-£0.14	-2.6%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.12
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Westminster CE Primary Academy	£5.34	£5.48	-£0.14	-2.5%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.12
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Whetley Primary Academy	£5.33	£5.47	-£0.14	-2.5%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.12
PRIMARY	Wibsey Primary School	£5.15	£5.23	-£0.08	-1.6%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.06
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Woodlands Primary Academy	£5.11	£5.19	-£0.07	-1.4%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.05
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Woodside Academy	£5.19	£5.28	-£0.09	-1.8%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.07
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Worth Valley Primary Academy	£5.26	£5.38	-£0.12	-2.2%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.10
	Min	£5.00	£5.03	-£0.18	-3.1%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.16
	Max	£5.46	£5.64	-£0.04	-0.7%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.02
	Median	£5.24	£5.35	-£0.11	-2.1%	-£0.23	£0.21	-£0.09

Notes

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2024/25 Early Years Single Funding Formula - Nursery Classes INDICATIVE 2 Year Old Funding Rates

Type	Setting	2 Year Old Disadvantage Entitlement			2 Year Old Working Parents Entitlement			2024/25 Diff Between Deprivation and Working Parents Rate
		2023/24 Actual Total Funding Rate (EYSG Supported)	2024/25 PROPOSED INDICATIVE Funding Rate	Diff 2024/25 PROPOSED INDICATIVE v. 2023/24	2024/25 PROPOSED INDICATIVE Funding Rate	Of Which is Universal Base Rate	Of Which is Deprivation & SEND Rate	
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Bradford Academy	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.54	£7.35	£0.19	£0.06
PRIMARY	Carrwood Primary School	£7.40	£7.64	£0.24	£7.64	£7.35	£0.29	£0.00
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Copthorne Primary Academy	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.52	£7.35	£0.17	£0.08
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Crossley Hall Primary School	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.50	£7.35	£0.15	£0.10
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Eastwood Primary Academy	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.55	£7.35	£0.20	£0.05
PRIMARY	Fagley Primary School	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.56	£7.35	£0.21	£0.04
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Feversham Primary Academy	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.57	£7.35	£0.22	£0.03
PRIMARY	Girlington Primary School	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.55	£7.35	£0.20	£0.05
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Green Lane Primary School	£7.40	£7.61	£0.21	£7.61	£7.35	£0.26	£0.00
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Beckfoot Heaton Primary Academy	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.50	£7.35	£0.15	£0.10
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	High Craggs Primary Leadership Academy	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.55	£7.35	£0.20	£0.05
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Horton Grange Primary Academy	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.53	£7.35	£0.18	£0.07
PRIMARY	Hoyle Court Primary School	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.42	£7.35	£0.07	£0.18
PRIMARY	Killinghall Primary School	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.54	£7.35	£0.19	£0.06
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	The Co-op Academy Princeville	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.52	£7.35	£0.17	£0.08
PRIMARY	Riddlesden St Mary's CE Primary	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.47	£7.35	£0.12	£0.13
PRIMARY	Sandy Lane Primary School	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.44	£7.35	£0.09	£0.16
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Columba's Catholic Primary School	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.58	£7.35	£0.23	£0.02
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St James Primary Academy	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.53	£7.35	£0.18	£0.07
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	St Oswald's CE Primary Academy	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.60	£7.35	£0.25	£0.00
PRIMARY	Swain House Primary School	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.49	£7.35	£0.14	£0.11
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Whetley Primary Academy	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.57	£7.35	£0.22	£0.03
RECOUPMENT ACADEMY	Worth Valley Primary Academy	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.53	£7.35	£0.18	£0.07
	Min	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.42	£7.35	£0.07	
	Max	£7.40	£7.64	£0.24	£7.64	£7.35	£0.29	
	Median	£7.40	£7.60	£0.20	£7.54	£7.35	£0.19	

Notes - 2 Year Old Disadvantage Entitlement

2023/24 rates are from the Confirmed Indicative Budgets published in March 2023, plus the £0.27 Early Years Supplementary Grant allocated for the period Sept 2023 to March 2024. For 2024/25, the proposed Base Rate is £7.60. Where a school's rate is higher than this, this follows the application of the condition, which requires a setting's rate of funding to not be lower than their rate for the 2 year old working parents entitlement. Please be aware more generally that our EYSFF proposals are out for consultation & are subject to confirmation.

Notes - 2 Year Old Working Parents Entitlement

For 2024/25, the proposed indicative Base Rate is £7.35. Please note that Deprivation & SEND rates for individual settings will not this year be re-calculated for 2024/25 using January 2024 census data. Please be aware more generally that our EYSFF proposals are out for consultation & are subject to confirmation. Whilst our formula calculates a rate of funding for all schools and academies that are currently delivering the 3&4 year old entitlements, we have just shown rates in this analysis for those that are currently delivering the existing 2 year old disadvantage entitlement. Rates of funding for other schools and academies that are not shown in this analysis are available on request. These rates will also be shown in the ready reckoners that will accompany the consultation document

Notes - Under 2s Working Parents Entitlement

Whilst our formula calculates a rate of funding for all schools and academies that are currently delivering the 3&4 year old entitlement, we have not shown rates of funding in respect of schools and academies. This is because it is generally not expected that many schools and academies will immediately deliver the under 2s entitlement during 2024/25. Rates of funding for schools / academies for the under 2s entitlement are available on request. These rates will also be shown in the ready reckoners that will accompany the consultation document

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2024/25 Indicative (as proposed) Rates of Funding for Private, Voluntary and Independent Providers - EYSFF 3/ 4 Year Old Entitlements

Type of Provider	2023/24			2024/25			Diff		
	Min	Median	Max	Min	Median	Max	Min	Median	Max
Childminder - Base Rate	£4.73	£4.73	£4.73	£4.94	£4.94	£4.94	£0.21	£0.21	£0.21
Childminder - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£0.23	£0.23	£0.57	£0.18	£0.18	£0.44	-£0.05	-£0.05	-£0.13
Childminder - Total Rate	£4.96	£4.96	£5.30	£5.12	£5.12	£5.38	£0.16	£0.16	£0.08
Independent - Base Rate	£4.73	£4.73	£4.73	£4.94	£4.94	£4.94	£0.21	£0.21	£0.21
Independent - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£0.06	£0.25	£0.48	£0.04	£0.19	£0.37	-£0.02	-£0.06	-£0.11
Independent - Total Rate	£4.79	£4.98	£5.21	£4.98	£5.13	£5.31	£0.19	£0.15	£0.10
Private Pre School - Base Rate	£4.73	£4.73	£4.73	£4.94	£4.94	£4.94	£0.21	£0.21	£0.21
Private Pre School - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£0.37	£0.47	£0.55	£0.29	£0.36	£0.43	-£0.08	-£0.11	-£0.12
Private Pre School - Total Rate	£5.10	£5.20	£5.28	£5.23	£5.30	£5.37	£0.13	£0.10	£0.09
Private Day Provider - Base Rate	£4.73	£4.73	£4.73	£4.94	£4.94	£4.94	£0.21	£0.21	£0.21
Private Day Provider - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£0.05	£0.27	£0.60	£0.04	£0.21	£0.46	-£0.01	-£0.06	-£0.14
Private Day Provider - Total Rate	£4.78	£5.00	£5.33	£4.98	£5.15	£5.40	£0.20	£0.15	£0.07
Voluntary Pre School - Base Rate	£4.73	£4.73	£4.73	£4.94	£4.94	£4.94	£0.21	£0.21	£0.21
Voluntary Pre School - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£0.04	£0.12	£0.53	£0.03	£0.09	£0.41	-£0.01	-£0.03	-£0.12
Voluntary Pre School - Total Rate	£4.77	£4.85	£5.26	£4.97	£5.03	£5.35	£0.20	£0.18	£0.09

Please note that deprivation rates for individual settings will not this year be re-calculated for 2024/25 using January 2024 census data.

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2024/25 Indicative (as proposed) Rates of Funding for Private, Voluntary and Independent Providers - EYSFF 2 Year Old Entitlements

Type of Provider	2 Year Old Disadvantage Entitlement			2 Year Old Working Parents Entitlement		
	Min	Median	Max	Min	Median	Max
Childminder - Base Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£7.35	£7.35	£7.35
Childminder - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£0.10	£0.10	£0.25
Childminder - Total Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£7.45	£7.45	£7.60
Independent - Base Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£7.35	£7.35	£7.35
Independent - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£0.02	£0.11	£0.21
Independent - Total Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£7.37	£7.46	£7.56
Private Pre School - Base Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£7.35	£7.35	£7.35
Private Pre School - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£0.16	£0.20	£0.24
Private Pre School - Total Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£7.51	£7.55	£7.59
Private Day Provider - Base Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£7.35	£7.35	£7.35
Private Day Provider - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£0.02	£0.12	£0.26
Private Day Provider - Total Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£7.37	£7.47	£7.61
Voluntary Pre School - Base Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£7.35	£7.35	£7.35
Voluntary Pre School - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£0.02	£0.05	£0.23
Voluntary Pre School - Total Rate	£7.40	£7.40	£7.40	£7.37	£7.40	£7.58

Notes - 2 Year Old Disadvantage Entitlement

2023/24 rates include the £0.27 Early Years Supplementary Grant allocated for the period Sept 2023 to March 2024.

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Notes - 2 Year Old Working Parents Entitlement

For 2024/25, the proposed indicative Universal Base Rate is £7.35.

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2024/25 Indicative (as proposed) Rates of Funding for Private, Voluntary and Independent Providers - EYSFF Under 2s Entitlement

Type of Provider	2024/25		
	Min	Median	Max
Childminder - Base Rate	£10.15	£10.15	£10.15
Childminder - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£0.14	£0.14	£0.34
Childminder - Total Rate	£10.29	£10.29	£10.49
Independent - Base Rate	£10.15	£10.15	£10.15
Independent - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£0.03	£0.15	£0.29
Independent - Total Rate	£10.18	£10.30	£10.44
Private Pre School - Base Rate	£10.15	£10.15	£10.15
Private Pre School - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£0.22	£0.28	£0.33
Private Pre School - Total Rate	£10.37	£10.43	£10.48
Private Day Provider - Base Rate	£10.15	£10.15	£10.15
Private Day Provider - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£0.03	£0.16	£0.36
Private Day Provider - Total Rate	£10.18	£10.31	£10.51
Voluntary Pre School - Base Rate	£10.15	£10.15	£10.15
Voluntary Pre School - Deprivation & SEND Rate	£0.02	£0.07	£0.32
Voluntary Pre School - Total Rate	£10.17	£10.22	£10.47

For 2024/25, the proposed indicative Universal Base Rate is £10.15.

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2024/25 Indicative Analysis - How the 2024/25 DSG High Needs Block Planned Budget has been calculated (estimated) at individual provider level

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Please note - this does not show indicative allocations that will actually be received by high needs providers

		2023/24 FY Planned Budget (January 2023)				2024/25 FY Indicative Planned Budget (January 2024)				Variances		
Phase	School / Academy / Setting	Planned	Planned	Planned	Total	Planned	Indicative	Indicative	Total	Funded	Total	Difference
		Funded	Place	Plus (Top	Funding		Funded	Place	Planned Plus	Indicative	Places	Planned
		Places	Funding	Up)	(exc. Supp)	Places	Funding	Funding	Funding	Difference	24/25 vs.	Difference
				(exc. Supp)	(exc. Supp)					23/24	24/25 vs. 23/24	Place 24/25 vs. 23/24
Maintained Special Schools and Special School Academies												
ACADEMY	Beechcliffe School	248.00	2,480,000	4,043,823	6,523,823	248.00	2,480,000	4,602,791	7,082,791	0.00	£558,968	£2,254
MAINTAINED	Chellow Heights School	250.80	2,508,000	3,463,009	5,971,009	250.80	2,508,000	3,585,094	6,093,094	0.00	£122,085	£487
ACADEMY	Co-op Academy Delius	171.00	1,710,000	2,172,751	3,882,751	171.00	1,710,000	2,487,274	4,197,274	0.00	£314,523	£1,839
ACADEMY	Beckfoot Hazelbeck Academy	144.00	1,440,000	2,388,894	3,828,894	144.00	1,440,000	2,393,714	3,833,714	0.00	£4,820	£33
ACADEMY	High Park School	130.00	1,300,000	2,092,289	3,392,289	130.00	1,300,000	2,190,394	3,490,394	0.00	£98,105	£755
ACADEMY	Beckfoot Phoenix School	102.00	1,020,000	1,412,503	2,432,503	102.00	1,020,000	1,520,328	2,540,328	0.00	£107,825	£1,057
ACADEMY	Co-op Academy Southfield	360.00	3,600,000	4,989,870	8,589,870	360.00	3,600,000	5,015,464	8,615,464	0.00	£25,594	£71
ACADEMY	Oastler School	134.00	1,340,000	2,221,231	3,561,231	134.00	1,340,000	2,127,801	3,467,801	0.00	£-93,430	£-697
TOTAL MAINTAINED SPECIAL SCHOOLS & SPECIAL SCHOOL ACADEMIES		1,539.80	15,398,000	22,784,369	38,182,369	1,539.80	15,398,000	23,922,859	39,320,859	0.00	£1,138,490	£739
Primary & Secondary Resourced Provisions - School Led												
PRIMARY ACADEMY	Carrwood Primary School	12.00	84,000	121,122	205,122	12.00	72,000	126,719	198,719	0.00	£-6,404	£466
PRIMARY ACADEMY	Denholme Primary School	8.00	48,000	104,909	152,909	8.00	48,000	96,857	144,857	0.00	£-8,052	£-1,006
PRIMARY ACADEMY	Green Lane Primary School	24.00	152,000	159,476	311,476	24.00	156,000	178,261	334,261	0.00	£22,785	£783
PRIMARY ACADEMY	High Craggs Primary School	6.00	40,000	73,148	113,148	6.00	52,000	95,008	147,008	0.00	£33,860	£3,643
PRIMARY MAINTAINED	Crossflatts Primary School	16.00	96,000	183,108	279,108	16.00	96,000	161,242	257,242	0.00	£-21,867	£-1,367
SECONDARY ACADEMY	Beckfoot Academy	6.00	36,000	81,933	117,933	6.00	44,000	82,747	126,747	0.00	£8,814	£136
SECONDARY ACADEMY	Oasis Academy Lister Park	16.00	104,000	130,443	234,443	16.00	108,000	156,960	264,960	0.00	£30,517	£1,657
SECONDARY ACADEMY	Co-op Academy Grange	24.00	172,000	219,273	391,273	24.00	196,000	237,405	433,405	0.00	£42,132	£755
SECONDARY ACADEMY	Parkside School	14.00	88,000	174,824	262,824	24.00	212,000	268,301	480,301	10.00	£217,477	£-1,308
SECONDARY ACADEMY	The Holy Family Catholic School	20.00	124,000	176,257	300,257	20.00	132,000	237,523	369,523	0.00	£69,265	£3,063
SECONDARY ACADEMY	Beckfoot Thornton Academy	16.00	96,000	109,118	205,118	16.00	108,000	175,456	283,456	0.00	£78,338	£4,146
SECONDARY MAINTAINED	Titus Salt School	30.00	180,000	296,493	476,493	30.00	180,000	332,223	512,223	0.00	£35,730	£1,191
SECONDARY ACADEMY	Bradford Academy	27.00	162,000	254,704	416,704	27.00	162,000	234,743	396,743	0.00	£-19,960	£-739
SECONDARY ACADEMY	Bradford Forster Academy	5.33	60,000	20,565	80,565	0.00	0	0	0	-5.33	£-80,565	
PRIMARY ACADEMY	Haworth Primary Academy	12.00	84,000	134,605	218,605	12.00	84,000	142,083	226,083	0.00	£7,478	£623
PRIMARY ACADEMY	Crossley Hall Primary School	24.00	164,000	215,185	379,185	24.00	144,000	237,556	381,556	0.00	£2,371	£932
PRIMARY MAINTAINED	Long Lee Primary School	16.00	124,000	175,399	299,399	16.00	116,000	176,166	292,166	0.00	£-7,233	£48
PRIMARY ACADEMY	Cottingley Village Primary School	16.00	136,000	178,951	314,951	16.00	132,000	184,115	316,115	0.00	£1,164	£323
PRIMARY ACADEMY	Worth Valley Primary	8.00	56,000	114,628	170,628	8.00	52,000	125,541	177,541	0.00	£6,914	£1,364
PRIMARY ACADEMY	Parkwood Primary Academy	12.00	80,000	145,750	225,750	12.00	72,000	140,862	212,862	0.00	£-12,888	£-407
PRIMARY ACADEMY	Horton Park Primary	12.00	72,000	114,633	186,633	12.00	76,000	126,462	202,462	0.00	£15,829	£986
SECONDARY ACADEMY	Ilkley Grammar School	22.33	158,000	241,661	399,661	24.00	176,000	298,769	474,769	1.67	£75,108	£1,628
PRIMARY ACADEMY	Holybrook Primary School	16	104,000	250,380	354,380	16.00	96,000	261,923	357,923	0.00	£3,543	£721
TOTAL PRIMARY & SECONDARY RESOURCED PROVISIONS - SCHOOL LED		362.67	2,420,000	3,676,565	6,096,565	369.00	2,514,000	4,076,921	6,590,921	6.33	£494,357	£911
Primary & Secondary Resourced Provisions - LA Led (Sensory)												
PRIMARY MAINTAINED	Girlington Primary School	20.00	120,000	415,181	535,181	20.00	143,050	448,395	591,445	0.00	£56,264	£1,661
PRIMARY MAINTAINED	Swain House Primary School	20.00	142,025	415,181	557,206	20.00	124,610	448,395	573,005	0.00	£15,799	£1,661
PRIMARY ACADEMY	Grove House Primary School	12.00	80,810	268,308	349,118	12.00	90,440	288,237	378,677	0.00	£29,559	£1,661
SECONDARY ACADEMY	Hanson School	48.00	333,720	977,234	1,310,954	48.00	317,975	1,056,949	1,374,924	0.00	£63,970	£1,661
TOTAL PRIMARY & SECONDARY RESOURCED PROVISIONS LA LED (SENSORY)		100.00	676,555	2,075,904	2,752,459	100.00	676,075	2,241,976	2,918,051	0.00	£165,592	£1,661
Primary & Secondary Resourced Provisions - LA Led (SEMH & ASD)												
ALL	Budget Provision for Element 1 Cost to host		517,315		517,315		375,350		375,350		£-141,965	
ALL	Budget Provision for Element 2 Cost (£6,000) to Council	172.00	1,032,000		1,032,000	166.00	996,000		996,000	-6.00	£-36,000	
ALL	Budget Provision for Element 3 Cost (EHCP Model) to Council			1,972,359	1,972,359			2,169,595	2,169,595		£197,236	
TOTAL PRIMARY & SECONDARY RESOURCED PROVISIONS LA LED (newly established)		172.00	1,549,315	1,972,359	3,521,674	166.00	1,371,350	2,169,595	3,540,945	-6.00	£19,271	£1,603
Pupil Referral Units (PRU), Alternative Provision Academies & Alternative Providers												
MAINTAINED PRU	Park Aspire	90.00	900,000	1,388,732	2,288,732	90.00	900,000	1,412,600	2,312,600	0.00	£23,868	£265
ALTERNATIVE PROVISION ACADEMY	Bradford Alternative Provision Academy	65.00	650,000	1,002,973	1,652,973	75.00	750,000	1,177,166	1,927,166	10.00	£274,194	£265
Other Providers	Other Alternative Provision	5.00	50,000	75,000	125,000	135.00	1,350,000	1,690,000	3,040,000	130.00	£2,915,000	£-2,481
TOTAL PRUs & ALTERNATIVE PROVIDERS		160.00	1,600,000	2,466,704	4,066,704	300.00	3,000,000	4,279,766	7,279,766	140.00	£3,213,062	£-1,151
Education in Hospital / Medical Provision, incorporating the newly established LA Central Managed Service												
LA MANAGED SERVICE	LA Managed Service EinH & Medical Home Tuition (notional places)	49.00	1,583,000		1,583,000	49.00	1,710,000		1,710,000	0.00	£127,000	£2,592
TOTAL EDUCATION IN HOSPITAL / TRACKS		49.00	1,583,000	0	1,583,000	49.00	1,710,000	0	1,710,000	0.00	£127,000	£2,592
Early Years Resourced Provisions - School Led												
Early Years Resourced Provision	Abbey Green Nursery School	6.00	36,000	97,400	133,400	6.00	36,000	131,711	167,711	0.00	£34,311	£5,719

Please note - this does not show indicative allocations that will actually be received by high needs providers

2023/24 FY Planned Budget (January 2023)

2024/25 FY Indicative Planned Budget (January 2024)

Variations

Phase	School / Academy / Setting	2023/24 FY Planned Budget (January 2023)		2024/25 FY Indicative Planned Budget (January 2024)			Variations					
		Planned Funded Places	Planned Place Funding	Planned Plus (exc. Supp) Funding	Total Planned Funding	Indicative Planned Place Funding	Indicative Planned Plus (Top Up) Funding	Total Indicative Funding	Funded Places Difference 23/24 vs. 24/25	Total Planned Funding Difference 24/25 vs. 23/24	Difference in Top Up Funding Per Place 24/25 vs. 23/24	
Early Years Resourced Provision	Canterbury Nursery School and Children's Centre	16.80	100,800	194,710	295,510	16.80	100,800	288,023	388,823	0.00	£93,313	£5,554
Early Years Resourced Provision	Hirst Wood Nursery School	6.00	36,000	92,464	128,464	6.00	36,000	147,544	183,544	0.00	£55,080	
Early Years Resourced Provision	Midland Road Nursery School	6.00	36,000	97,400	133,400	6.00	36,000	197,607	233,607	0.00	£100,208	£16,701
Early Years Resourced Provision	St Edmund's Nursery School and Children's Centre	19.80	118,800	209,538	328,338	19.80	118,800	174,786	293,586	0.00	£-34,752	£-1,755
Early Years Resourced Provision	Strong Close Nursery School	18.00	108,000	188,795	296,795	18.00	108,000	212,947	320,947	0.00	£24,152	£1,342
Early Years Resourced Provision	Flex in places to 30 hours	5.40	32,400	301,695	334,095	5.40	32,400	279,382	311,782	0.00	£-22,313	£-4,132
TOTAL EARLY YEARS RESOURCED PROVISIONS		78.00	468,000	1,182,000	1,650,000	78.00	468,000	1,432,000	1,900,000	0.00	£250,000	£3,205
Further Education Settings												
FURTHER EDUCATION	Bradford College	265.33	1,592,000		1,592,000	279.33	1,676,000		1,676,000	14.00	£84,000	
FURTHER EDUCATION	ShIPLEY College	158.67	952,000		952,000	158.67	952,000		952,000	0.00	£0	
FURTHER EDUCATION	Aspire-Igen	36.00	216,000		216,000				0	-36.00	£-216,000	
FURTHER EDUCATION	Estimated Place Element for other Post 16 Provisions	3.33	20,000		20,000	3.67	22,000		22,000	0.33	£2,000	
FURTHER EDUCATION	Top Up (Plus Element) Funding for All FE Providers including OLA			6,228,000	6,228,000			6,816,000	6,816,000		588,000	
TOTAL FURTHER EDUCATION		463.33	2,780,000	6,228,000	9,008,000	441.67	2,650,000	6,816,000	9,466,000	-21.67	£458,000	
ACROSS SPECIALIST PROVIDERS	Budget for Additional Places under development (to go through statutory process)	138.33	1,383,333	2,025,333	3,408,667	158.33	1,583,333	2,285,333	3,868,667	20.00	460,000	
SPECIAL SCHOOLS, SCHOOL-LED RP & AP	Teacher Pay and Pensions Grants (delegated high needs)			1,539,732	1,539,732			1,556,793	1,556,793		17,061	
SPECIAL SCHOOLS & PRUS / AP	Additional 3.4% Per Place Funding (special and PRU / AP)			1,392,986	1,392,986			1,404,037	1,404,037		11,051	
SPECIAL SCHOOLS & PRUS / AP	Outreach			240,000	240,000			300,000	300,000		60,000	
ACROSS MAINSTREAM	EHCPS in mainstream schools & academies and Early Years PVI			16,104,000	16,104,000			24,410,000	24,410,000		8,306,000	
ACROSS P&S MAINSTREAM	SEND Funding Floor mainstream primary & secondary schools & academies			2,650,000	2,650,000			2,800,000	2,800,000		150,000	
OTHER	Out of Authority / Independent / NMSS Placements			21,750,000	21,750,000			28,800,000	28,800,000		7,050,000	
Totals		3,063.13			113,946,156	3,201.80			135,866,039		21,919,883	

Value of Pre 16 Top Up Rates & Post 16 Top up rates for Non-FE Provision	2023/24	2024/25	Difference	% Difference
Band 3L at April 2024 £APP	£2,318	£2,401	£83	3.59%
Band 3M at April 2024 £APP	£4,136	£4,237	£101	2.45%
Band 3H at April 2024 £APP	£5,900	£6,019	£119	2.02%
Band 4L at April 2024 £APP	£9,411	£9,605	£194	2.06%
Band 4M at April 2024 £APP	£13,524	£13,780	£256	1.90%
Band 4H at April 2024 £APP	£17,678	£17,983	£304	1.72%
Protected 7 at April 2024 £APP	£29,048	£29,548	£500	1.72%

LA Name: Bradford
 LA Number: 380

Primary minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS3 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS4 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary minimum per pupil funding level
£4,610.00	£5,771.00	£6,331.00	£5,995.00

Disapportion number where alternative MPPL values are used

Pupil Led Factors

1) Basic Entitlement Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	Reception uplift	No	Pupil Units		0.00					
	Description	Amount per pupil		Pupil Units		Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)	
	Primary (Years R-6)	£3,562.61		53,013.00		£188,864,407	£378,660,920	35.27%	6.25%	
	Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£5,022.85		21,702.00		£109,005,972		20.35%	4.00%	
	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£5,661.96		14,269.00		£80,790,541		15.09%	4.00%	
2) Deprivation	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
	FSM	£490.08	£490.08	15,244.00	11,659.00	£13,184,711	£69,936,373	13.06%	27.00%	27.00%
	FSM6	£820.14	£1,200.20	15,570.00	12,645.00	£27,946,150			27.00%	27.00%
	IDACI Band F	£235.04	£340.06	7,070.74	5,081.86	£3,390,031			27.00%	27.00%
	IDACI Band E	£285.05	£450.08	9,520.25	6,823.81	£5,784,968			27.00%	27.00%
	IDACI Band D	£445.08	£630.11	6,004.15	4,173.50	£5,302,050			27.00%	27.00%
	IDACI Band C	£485.08	£690.12	5,932.21	4,027.41	£5,656,993			27.00%	27.00%
	IDACI Band B	£515.09	£740.13	5,538.48	3,887.12	£5,729,761			27.00%	27.00%
	IDACI Band A	£680.12	£945.16	2,227.78	1,509.33	£2,941,709			27.00%	27.00%
3) English as an Additional Language (EAL)	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
	EAL 3 Primary	£590.10		10,451.26		£6,167,294	£8,612,394	1.46%		
	EAL 3 Secondary		£1,585.27		1,053.88	£1,670,676				
4) Mobility	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
	Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£960.16	£1,380.23	644.00	113.08	£774,424	£8,612,394	0.14%		
5) Low prior attainment	Description	Weighting	Amount per pupil (primary or secondary respectively)	Percentage of eligible pupils	Eligible proportion of primary and secondary NOR respectively	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
	Primary low prior attainment		£1,170.20	34.88%	18,488.56	£21,635,296	£37,077,093	6.92%	100.00%	
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 7)	55.77%		24.44%	8,698.13	£15,441,797				
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 8)	54.47%	£1,775.30	23.86%						
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 9)	54.47%		23.88%						
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 10)	64.53%		24.31%						
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 11)	64.53%		24.43%						

Other Factors

Factor	Lump Sum per Primary School (£)	Lump Sum per Secondary School (£)	Lump Sum per Middle School (£)	Lump Sum per All-through School (£)	Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)		
6) Lump Sum	£134,422.85	£134,422.85			£25,674,764	4.79%			
7) Sparsity factor	£57,109.71	£83,014.11	£83,014.11	£83,014.11	£0	0.00%			
Primary distance threshold (miles)	2.00	Primary pupil number average year group threshold	21.40	Apply primary distance taper	Yes	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity primary lump sum?	NFF		
Secondary distance threshold (miles)	3.00	Secondary pupil number average year group threshold	120.00	Apply secondary distance taper	Yes	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity secondary lump sum?	NFF		
Middle schools distance threshold (miles)	2.00	Middle school pupil number average year group threshold	69.20	Apply middle school distance taper	Yes	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity middle school lump sum?	NFF		
All-through schools distance threshold (miles)	2.00	All-through pupil number average year group threshold	62.50	Apply all-through distance taper	Yes	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity all through lump sum?	NFF		
8) Fringe Payments			Fringe multiplier	1.0000	£0	0.00%			
9) Split Sites		Basic eligibility funding	£53,709.13	Distance funding rate	£26,904.57	£487,467	0.09%		
10) Rates					£4,340,889	0.81%			
11) PFI funding					£8,570,722	1.60%			
12) Exceptional circumstances (can only be used with prior agreement of ESFA)									
Circumstance					Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)		
Additional lump sum for schools amalgamated during FY23-24					£0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Additional sparsity lump sum for small schools					£0	0.00%			
Exceptional Circumstance3					£0	0.00%			
Exceptional Circumstance4					£0	0.00%			
Exceptional Circumstance5					£0	0.00%			
Exceptional Circumstance6					£0	0.00%			

Exceptional Circumstance ⁷		£0	0.00%	
Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG Funding Total)		£533,360,623	99.59%	
13) Additional funding to meet minimum per pupil funding level		£2,170,826	0.41%	48.00%
Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding MFG Funding Total)		£535,531,449	100.00%	
14) Minimum Funding Guarantee		0.50%	£1,296,276	
Where a value less than 0% or greater than 0.5% has been entered please provide the disapplication reference number authorising the value				
Apply capping and scaling factors? (gains may be capped above a specific ceiling and/or scaled)				
No				
Capping Factor (%)		Scaling Factor (%)		
Total deduction if capping and scaling factors are applied				
£0				
MFG Net Total Funding (MFG + deduction from capping and scaling)		Total (£)	Proportion of Total funding(%)	Notional SEN (%)
		£1,296,276	0.24%	
Total Funding for Schools Block Formula		£536,827,725		£76,397,797
Notional SEN	Top-up - proportion of NOR	2.59%	SEN support plus EHCP minus Top-up - proportion of NOR	14.68%
			Notional SEN funding per eligible pupil	£4,789
High Needs threshold (only fill in if, exceptionally, a high needs threshold different from £6,000 has been approved)				
Additional funding from the high needs budget				
£2,800,000.00				
Growth fund (if applicable)				
£1,119,342.52				
Falling rolls fund (if applicable)				
£0.00				
Other Adjustment to 23-24 Budget Shares				
-£64,085				
Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding)		£537,882,982		
% Distributed through Basic Entitlement				
70.71%				
% Pupil Led Funding				
92.30%				
Primary: Secondary Ratio				
1 : 1.37				
24-25 NFF NNDR allocation, excluding prior year adjustments				
£4,186,554				
Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding) after deduction of 24-25 NFF NNDR allocation		£533,696,428		

1. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds): Universal Base Rate (UBR)		Description	Unit Value (£)			Unit Applied	Number of Units (Universal)			Number of Units (Extended)			Anticipated Budget (£)			
1a) Universal Base Rate (UBR)		Universal Base Rate Applicable to all Providers	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL
			£4.94	£4.94	£4.94	per hour	4,144,395	466,088	819,841	1,309,864	96,898	186,688	£26,944,040	£2,781,147	£4,972,253	£34,697,440
2. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds): Other formula factors		Description	Unit Value (£)			Unit Applied	Number of Units (Universal & Additional 15 hours)			Anticipated Budget (£)						
2a) Supplements		All providers (variable rate) calculated using a 3 year rolling average of Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) scores.	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL			
Variable 1 Deprivation (Mandatory)				£0.50	£0.50	£0.50	per hour	2,055,631	248,669	357,249	£1,027,816	£124,334	£178,625	£1,330,775		
Variable 2 Deprivation (Mandatory)		Rates include a weighting, to allocate additional funding to providers that have above average levels of deprivation as measured by IMD.	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	Unit Applied	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL			
			£0.13	£0.13	£0.13	per hour	2,556,714	330,825	408,286	£332,373	£43,007	£53,077	£428,457			
3. EYSFF (3& 4 year olds): Maintained nursery school (MNS) lump sums		Description	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	Unit Applied	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL			
		1) Nursery Schools Sustainability Top-Up: this funding tops up the school to a minimum level of funding based on that school's specific circumstances, taking into account premises, rates, insurance, base allocations, mainstreamed grants (including TPG and TPENG). 2) Additional lump sums allocate the MNS Supplement to ensure that the base per hour rate of funding for each nursery school is £6.63 & the deprivation rate is the same as that used in 2023/24 + 4.4%.		Variable		lump sums		7			£1,922,947		£1,922,947			
TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS SINGLE FUNDING FORMULA (3 & 4 YEAR OLDS):													£38,379,619			

4. EYSFF (2 year olds Disadvantage Entitlement)		Description	Unit Value (£)			Unit Applied	Number of Units			Anticipated Budget (£)			
4a) Universal Base Rate (UBR)		Universal Base Rate Applicable to all Providers	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL
			£7.60	£7.60	£7.60	per hour	1,002,328	107,815	54,405	£7,617,696	£819,391	£413,478	£8,850,565
4b) Supplements - Minimum Funding Rate Top-Up (deprivation)		Top-up where applicable so that individual provider rates of funding for this entitlement are at least the same value as their rate of funding for the 2-year-olds working parents entitlement	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	Unit Applied	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL
			variable	variable	variable	per hour				£533	£0	£0	£533
5. EYSFF (2 year olds Working Parents Entitlement)		Description	Unit Value (£)			Unit Applied	Number of Units			Anticipated Budget (£)			
5a) Universal Base Rate (UBR)		Universal Base Rate Applicable to all Providers	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL
			£7.35	£7.35	£7.35	per hour	1,102,347	0	0	£8,102,249	£0	£0	£8,102,249
5b) Supplements		All providers (variable rate) calculated using a 3 year rolling average of Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) scores.	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	Unit Applied	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL
				£0.28	£0.28	£0.28	per hour	434,197	0	0	£121,575	£0	£0

Variable 2 Deprivation (Mandatory)	Rates include a weighting, to allocate additional funding to providers that have above average levels of deprivation as measured by IMD.	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	Unit Applied	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL
		£0.07	£0.07	£0.07	per hour	625,383	0	0	£43,777	£0	£0	£43,777

TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS SINGLE FUNDING FORMULA (2 YEAR OLDS DEPRIVATION AND WORKING PARENTS): £17,118,699

6. EYSFF (Under 2s Working Parents Entitlement)		Description	Unit Value (£)			Unit Applied	Number of Units			Anticipated Budget (£)			
			PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class		PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL
6a) Universal Base Rate (UBR)		Universal Base Rate Applicable to all Providers	£10.15	£10.15	£10.15	per hour	680,366	0	0	£6,905,716	£0	£0	£6,905,716
6b) Supplements		Variable 1 Deprivation (Mandatory)	£0.39	£0.39	£0.39	per hour	265,852	0	0	£103,683	£0	£0	£103,683
		Variable 2 Deprivation (Mandatory)	£0.10	£0.10	£0.10	per hour	372,508	0	0	£37,250	£0	£0	£37,250

TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS SINGLE FUNDING FORMULA (UNDER 2S): £7,046,649

7. EYSFF: SEN Inclusion Fund (funded directly to providers)		Description	Anticipated total budget (£)			
			PVI	Nursery School	Primary Nursery Class	TOTAL
7a) 3 & 4 Year Olds	(a) Funding allocated from EY Block	Funding for Early Years SEND Inclusion (element 2 replication) - allocated using agreed criteria and method. See Early Years Technical Statement on Bradford Schools Online	£831,600	£86,400	£162,000	£1,080,000
	(aii) Funding allocated from HN Block	EY SEND Inclusion is 100% funded from the Early Years Block				
7b) 2 Year Olds - Deprivation	(b) Funding allocated from EY Block	Funding for Early Years SEND Inclusion (element 2 replication) - allocated using agreed criteria and method. See Early Years Technical Statement on Bradford Schools Online	£170,000	£20,000	£10,000	£200,000
	(bii) Funding allocated from HN Block	EY SEND Inclusion is 100% funded from the Early Years Block				
7c) 2 Year Olds - Working Parents	(c) Funding allocated from EY Block	Funding for Early Years SEND Inclusion (element 2 replication) - allocated using agreed criteria and method. See Early Years Technical Statement on Bradford Schools Online	£170,000	£20,000	£10,000	£200,000
	(cii) Funding allocated from HN Block	EY SEND Inclusion is 100% funded from the Early Years Block				
7d) Under 2s	(d) Funding allocated from EY Block	Funding for Early Years SEND Inclusion (element 2 replication) - allocated using agreed criteria and method. See Early Years Technical Statement on Bradford Schools Online	£83,000	£0	£0	£83,000
	(dii) Funding allocated from HN Block	EY SEND Inclusion is 100% funded from the Early Years Block				

TOTAL FUNDING FOR SEN INCLUSION FUND (TOP-UP GRANT ELEMENT): £1,563,000

8. Contingency Funding		Description	Anticipated total budget (£)			
3 & 4 Year Olds		no contingencies are held				£0
2 Year Olds (Deprivation)		no contingencies are held				£0
2 Year Olds (Working Parents)		no contingencies are held				£0
Under 2s		no contingencies are held				£0
9. Early Years Block centrally retained funding		Description	Anticipated total budget (£)			
3 & 4 Year Olds		See Document QZ Appendix 1 for a breakdown of funds				£1,123,834

2 Year Olds (Deprivation)	See Document QZ Appendix 1 for a breakdown of funds	£135,313
2 Year Olds (Working Parents)	See Document QZ Appendix 1 for a breakdown of funds	£258,924
Under 2s	See Document QZ Appendix 1 for a breakdown of funds	£154,891
TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS CENTRAL EXPENDITURE:		£1,672,962

10. Early Years Pupil Premium	Anticipated total budget (£)	
3 & 4 Year Olds		£600,505
2 Year Olds (Deprivation)		£171,403
2 Year Olds (Working Parents)		£163,992
Under 2s		£16,772
TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM:		£952,672

11. Disability Access Fund	Anticipated total budget (£)	
3 & 4 Year Olds		£388,570
2 Year Olds (Deprivation)		£62,317
2 Year Olds (Working Parents)		£59,623
Under 2s		£31,850
TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS DISABILITY ACCESS FUND:		£542,360

Central Retention Percentage - Under 2s Entitlement (must be higher than 95%)
Central Retention Percentage - 2 Year Old Deprivation Entitlement (must be higher than 95%)
Central Retention Percentage - 2 Year Old Working Parents Entitlement (must be higher than 95%)
Central Retention Percentage - 3&4 Year Old Entitlements (must be higher than 95%)

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DSG Management Plan (Updated January 2024)

Introduction & Summary

1. The main purposes of this Plan are to:
 - Present the principles that have previously been agreed and which have so far laid the foundations of our Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) management.
 - Summarise the approaches that have been used so far in the management of the Schools Block, Early Years Block and Central Schools Services Block.
 - Explain in more detail the approaches that have been used so far in our management of the High Needs Block. This plan provides context for High Needs Block financial decisions. The plan identifies the main risks to the High Needs Block and currently identified mitigations. In this context, risk is defined as the accrual of a significant value of deficit in our DSG account as a result of overspending in the High Needs Block.
 - **Explain that the majority of the £22.7m surplus balance that is forecasted to be held in the High Needs Block at the end of the 2023/24 financial year on current estimates is anticipated to be deployed to the 2024/25 High Needs Block budget. This is pending further work and is based on a forecast that growth in spending will continue.**
 - **Explain that, pending further work, where growth in spending continues at current rates, the size of deficit that is forecasted to accrue within our High Needs Block from the end of the 2024/25 financial year significantly exceeds the value of mitigating actions that are in place and new mitigating actions that have been identified so far but that require further discussion. Prior to further work and new mitigation, and where growth in spending does not slow, we forecast that our High Needs Block may overspend by £22m in 2024/25, with the value of in-year overspend increasing by a further c. £10m a year over the next 3 years.**
2. Our DSG Management Plan is reviewed and presented to the Schools Forum annually. It was last presented to the Forum on 11 January 2023. The forecasted position of the High Needs Block has been more regularly discussed. We have established a small working group of interested Forum members, for the purpose of discussing the High Needs Block and mitigations. This group will continue to meet.
3. In previous versions of our Management Plan, we have solely focused on the High Needs Block. Whilst this update also concentrates on this Block, **we must continue to highlight a significant issue for our DSG Management relating to the Early Years Block.** Whether this remains a significant issue for us will now depend on DfE announcements that are expected early in the new year.

As we have previously presented to the Schools Forum, the DfE has indicated that, for the introduction of the Under 2s Working Parents entitlement at September 2024, local authorities will be funded for 22 weeks of delivery for the period September 2024 to March 2025. This will also be the case for the further extension of the entitlements to 30 hours at September 2025 (for the period September 2025 to March 2026). We have now very clearly expressed to the DfE our concerns about this approach and its implications for our DSG. We met with the DfE on 6 December. Our issue is that we fund our entitlements on a termly basis, using a 12 (summer) / 14 (autumn) / 12 (spring) weeks profile. We are aware that, other than for slight variation in the number of weeks,

many local authorities do the same. This means that we fund 12 weeks in summer, compared with the DfE's Early Years Block DSG-level funding profile of 5/12ths (16 weeks), but we fund 26 weeks in autumn and spring, compared with the DfE's Early Years Block DSG-level funding profile of 7/12ths (22 weeks). Our profile quite closely matches the timing of the school holidays. When the new under 2s old entitlement for working parents begins at September 2024, for the period September 2024 to March 2025, we will fund providers for 26 weeks of delivery, but will only receive Early Years Block funding for 22 weeks. We have modelled that this will cost us in the region of £1.2m in 2024/25. When the under 2s entitlement is extended to 30 hours at September 2025, and the 2-year-old entitlement is also extended to 30 hours for working parents at September 2025, we also will fund 26 weeks but receive funding for 22 weeks for these for the period September 2025 to March 2026. We have modelled that this will cost us in the region of a further £2.2m. So, in total, across 2024/25 and 2025/26, we estimate that we will have an additional £3.4m of unfunded cost. We have explained to the Forum that whether or not the DfE responds to our concerns on this matter will significantly influence our DSG Early Years Block position and our use of brought forward surplus balances. The planned budget, presented to today's meeting, assumes at this time that this will remain an unfunded position in 2024/25. This will put additional pressure on our DSG reserves at a time when we seek to preserve these reserves in support of our High Needs Block management. We anticipate being able to provide an update to the Forum on this matter in March.

4. Alongside the presentation on 6 December of the spending forecast report for the 2023/24 financial year, we explained to the Forum that one of the new mitigating actions that we can now take in our management of our DSG account is to assert that **non-ringfenced reserves that are held within the DSG at the end of the 2023/24 financial year are 'pooled' to offset / to support the management of the currently forecasted High Needs Block deficit**. The DSG Regulations permit balances to be used across all the blocks. What we have established up to now is a local informal block ring-fencing policy, where we separate our total DSG reserve into the 4 different blocks. The Authority's general position also leans towards the retention of balances, meaning that we would not seek to allocate balances for the purposes of increasing levels of spending in 2024/25 above what they would 'naturally' be. The 2024/25 planned budget that is presented to today's meeting follows this approach.
5. **In this Plan we focus on the High Needs Block** for the following three reasons:
 - Overspends in the High Needs Block are a common reason why local authorities currently are recording cumulative and increasing deficits in their DSG accounts. For this reason, the focus of the Education Skills Funding Agency's (ESFA's) Management Plan Tool is the High Needs Block. High Needs Block overspending is a national issue that is impacting on many local authorities. The DfE has in place two types of intervention and support strategies – the Safety Value Programme and the Delivering Better Value (DBV) Programme. Bradford has not yet received advice or support via these programmes. However, one of the mitigating actions that we can now take is to contact the DfE to ask for a discussion about our projected financial position and to request further advice and support in the management of this position, as is appropriate.
 - The High Needs Block is *the* major block of the DSG where financial pressure cannot be released fully through the adjustment of formula funding. In the Schools Block, and in the Early Years Block, formula funding can be adjusted downwards to control the overall spending position of the block (albeit that this passes pressure onto the recipients of delegated allocations and is also subject to restrictions e.g. the Minimum Funding Guarantee in the Schools Block, the central retention restriction in the Early Years Block). Within the High Needs Block, however, although the Authority can control spending to an extent, for example through the value it sets for top-up funding for EHCPs and by ensuring a sufficient number of 'local' specialist places (rather than being over-reliant on potentially more expensive out of authority and independent provision), much more of the spending within this block is influenced by volume and growth of demand, which are less controllable. There is greater risk of a deficit crystallising at DSG account level because of this. There are also only limited and potentially difficult

options available for recovery from deficit within the High Needs Block, which potentially would take a number of years to have material impact.

- The size of deficit that is currently forecasted may accrue within our High Needs Block from the end of the 2024/25 financial year significantly exceeds the value of mitigating actions that are in place and new mitigating actions that have been identified so far and that require further discussion. Prior to further work and new mitigation, we forecast that our High Needs Block may overspend by £22m in 2024/25, with the value of in-year overspend increasing by a further c. £10m a year over the next 3 years.
6. **Attached with this plan is an updated three-year forecast of our High Needs Block (Appendix 2).** This forecast is calculated on various estimates of both income and expenditure. It contains a number of uncertainties. It incorporates mitigating actions that are already established but does not at this stage incorporate any new mitigating actions. It also does not specifically estimate the impact of the DfE's national SEND and AP reforms, where we may expect to achieve savings but where additional costs may also be incurred (including in the establishment of a 3 tier Alternative Provision system). We are conscious of three uncertainties, in particular, which will have direct financial implications for our High Needs Block going forward:
- a) The outcomes of the national reviews on SEND, EHCP and Alternative Provision systems and funding. It is likely that changes will alter the cost base that our High Needs Block will need to manage. Bradford is part of the piloting of these reforms and therefore, we may expect to feel the impact of these reforms sooner.
 - b) The rate of continuing growth in the number of children and young people with EHCPs in Bradford, including the numbers that will require specialist provisions, as well as high-cost independent provisions, in the context of wider demographic changes. We are currently experiencing significant growth in these numbers, but for how long will growth (at this rate) continue? Our SEND Sufficiency Plan, presented to the Forum on 6 December 2023, forecasts that the EHCP assessment growth rate in Bradford will not significantly slow in the short term and that the Authority will continue to need to expand specialist placement capacity and make financial provision for an increasing number of EHCPs.
 - c) The annual increases in High Needs Block funding allocated by the DfE. The DSG settlements after 2024/25 are not known.
7. **Bradford's DSG account is not forecasted to be cumulatively in deficit at either 31 March 2024 or 31 March 2025.** As such, our management plan at this time is not needed for recovery from an already established cumulative deficit or from the fall into deficit by the end of the financial year for which the planned budget is currently being discussed. However, due to the anticipated continued growth in the number of EHCPs, and other pressures, we forecast that the £22.7m High Needs Block surplus balance that is projected to be held at the end of the 2023/24 financial year may largely be spent by the end of the 2024/25 financial year and that our High Needs Block and then DSG account may post a cumulative deficit at the close of the 2025/26 financial year, with the size of the deficit continuing to grow in the absence of our new significant mitigating response, additional income from the DfE or a significant slowing in EHCP growth rates. Although this forecast is based on a series of estimates, which may change, the scale of deficit that is forecasted clearly indicates a structural budget issue.
8. This projected overspend is the result of our estimates that our growth in spending will significantly exceed the increases in High Needs Block funding that we receive over the next 3 years. In 2024/25: we estimate that we will overspend our High Needs Block allocation by £22m. We have received only an additional £5m in High Needs Block income but we estimate that our spending will increase by £23m on our forecasted 2023/24 outturn, noting that our 2023/24 outturn already includes an overspend on 2023/24 High Needs Block income of £4m. In

2025/26 and 2026/27, we estimate that we will continue to receive in the region of £4m a year of additional income but we estimate that our spending will continue to grow to the extent that our £22m in-year overspending will increase by c. £10m a year over this period.

9. Our High Needs Block has already absorbed significant spending growth in 2023/24. **The 6 key areas of further projected spending growth in 2024/25, which are the most significant contributors in cash terms to the projected £22m overspend are as follows.** These areas make up over 80% of our planned 2024/25 spending.

Spending Area	24/25 Forecast	23/24 Forecasted Outturn	Diff (increase)
Mainstream EHCPs including SEND Floor and PVI EHCPs	£27.210m	£19.874m	£7.336m
Independent & Out of Authority Placements (including OLA)	£28.800m	£23.600m	£5.200m
Additional SEND Places	£3.870m	£0.000m	£3.870m
Place Plus - PRUs & Alternative Providers	£7.280m	£5.167m	£2.113m
Place Plus - Maintained Special Schools and Special School Academies	£39.321m	£37.946m	£1.375m
Place Plus - EHCPs Post16 in Further Education institutions	£9.466m	£8.312m	£1.154m

- Spend on mainstream EHCPs, incorporating PVI providers and Personal Budgets, is forecasted to increase by £36% (£5.2m) in 2023/24 and we currently estimate that we will continue to see growth in 2024/25 at similar levels. Growth in this area alone exceeds our growth in High Needs Block income from the DfE.
- Spend on Independent, Non-Maintained and Out of Authority placements is forecasted to increase by 26% in 2023/24 and we estimate that we will continue to see a similar level of growth in 2024/25. Growth in this area alone exceeds our growth in High Needs Block income from the DfE.
- The 2024/25 planned budget includes provision for an additional 200 local specialist places (100 full year; 100-part year from September). This was presented to the Forum on 6 December (SEND Sufficiency Plan).
- The District has seen a significant increase in the number of pupils permanently excluded. Additional places have been commissioned during 2023/24 and the 2024/25 planned budget estimates funding of 300 places in total on a full year basis (increased from the 160 that were funded within the 2023/24 planned budget).
- Spend on special schools and special school academies increases principally as a result of the uplift of the EHCP Banded Model and the expectation that new placements will be placed at higher Bands.
- Spend on EHCPs in post-16 is forecasted to continue to increase as the secondary-aged population bulge continues to move through.
- In addition, not listed in the table above, further spend is incurred through the uplift to the EHCP Banded Model in other specialist settings and through uplifting the cost of the individual centrally managed support services for the impact of pay award as well as for the increase in the cost of the employer’s contribution to teacher pensions at April 2024, which is expected to be unfunded. It is also important for the Forum to note that our High Needs Block continues to meet the cost of the contribution to PFI (BSF) in relation to the phase 2 special schools. This is £1m in 2024/25 and is not a cost that all local authorities have.

Bradford’s General DSG Management Principles

10. We have agreed previously with the Schools Forum the following general management principles, which may need to / are likely to adjust as we manage our projected DSG deficit account:

- We seek to establish annually in January a planned DSG budget for the next financial year that closely balances ‘in year’. One off monies (brought forward surplus balances) have then previously been used only to a limited extent and mainly for specific time-limited commitments, or for the purposes of investing in activities or in provision (and changes in provision) that will have benefit in future years, or in preparing for changes to come.

We have always sought to avoid setting a planned budget for the next financial year that is dependent on significant savings being made, which are still to be identified. This approach is especially important in circumstances where there isn't a sufficient value of brought forward surplus balance available to provide adequate cover, in the event that such savings are not realised.

We wish to highlight for the Schools Forum that we are taking a different position in respect of the High Needs Block in 2024/25, as our planned budget currently indicates that £22m of brought forward balance may be required to be deployed and only £0.980m (the Local Authority's Inclusion Investment Plan) of this relating to specific targeted additional spending. This means that £21m effectively covers on-going expenditure, albeit that the £3.87m additional places budget is not expected to be fully spent in 2024/25. In order to bring the 2024/25 High Needs Block into balance, without using balances, we would need to implement very significant immediate reductions, including in delegated formula funding, at a scale which is not achievable. It is also not realistic (nor justifiable) to propose these reductions at a time of financial pressure on providers and given the size of the surplus balance that we currently hold. It is also the case that we have held the surplus in anticipation that 2024/25 will be a very challenging year. However, this approach does mean that the in-year spending pressure that is projected to be present in 2024/25 has not been corrected at the time the planned budget has been set and this pressure would carry forward into 2025/26. One of Authority's areas of work during 2024/25 will be to seek to make savings and efficiencies in-year in order to reduce the size of the pressure that will be carried forward. To provide assurances, however, this work will not include any in-year adjustment to the delegated funding models that will be applied (once agreed, the Authority will not reduce EHCP and other delegated funding models during the year).

We also wish to highlight here again that one of the new mitigating actions that we can now take in our management of our DSG account is to assert that general reserves that are held within the DSG at the end of the 2023/24 financial year are 'pooled' to offset / to support the management of the High Needs Block deficit. The Authority's general position also leans towards the retention of balances, meaning that we would not seek to allocate balances for the purposes of increasing levels of spending in 2024/25 above what they would 'naturally' be. The 2024/25 planned budget that is presented to today's meeting follows this approach.

- We adjust our funding formulae, which are used to calculate allocations to schools, academies and early years providers within the Schools Block and the Early Years Block, to produce an 'in year' balanced planned budget in these two blocks, before we then consider the allocation of any brought forward balances for specific purposes. To provide parity, but subject to affordability, we typically adjust our High Needs Block funding models (our EHCP Banded Model and our Alternative Provision Day Rate Model) with reference to the funding settlement being received by mainstream schools and academies through formula funding within the Schools Block.
- We seek to set a realistic but prudent planned budget. A good example of prudence is that we set the High Needs Block planned budget for the next financial year on a 'capacity building basis' – on full year occupancy of all high needs provisions, including newly developing places. This approach aims to ensure that our spending strategy, and the new provisions that we develop, can be sustained. As part of our deficit mitigation, however, we will need to assess the continuing affordability of specialist places creation.
- The retention of a 'safety net' reserve (held within surplus brought forward balances) has been an important part of our DSG management. This is certainly true so far for the High Needs Block but, given the fluctuations within the Early Years Block (EYB), we also seek to ensure that there is sufficient surplus brought forward balance retained each year within the EYB so that we can manage unexpected, or higher than expected costs, without needing to reduce the values of Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) rates for providers to

recover in the following financial year. This is very important in the context of the still to be resolved matter that is presented in paragraph 3.

- We initially treat each of the four DSG blocks as ring-fenced, meaning that we manage any financial pressure within a block by adjusting the planned budget for that block, unless there is agreement otherwise to support this pressure by taking contributions from another block. Block transfers are subject to the Finance Regulations. We highlight in this Management Plan that the Authority, with the Forum, must now give serious consideration to enacting a Schools Block to High Needs Block transfer of funding from April 2025.
- We expect the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) commitments to closely match the CSSB allocation each year and for the planned budget to be established on this basis. We do forecast to hold a small surplus balance within the CSSB at the end of the 2023/24 financial year, which we propose to retain within the CSSB to be available to be used to support the services that are funded by the CSSB.
- If we overspend the planned budget in any block, meaning that there is a cumulative 'in year' overspend, which is not offset by savings elsewhere within the block and / or is not met by that block's reserve, this overspend is retained within the respective block and is managed from next year's planned budget for that block. Obviously, the scale of the forecasted overspending in the High Needs Block will now challenge this approach, and we have set out already in this Plan our view regarding the pooling of reserves going forward as a new mitigation activity.
- If we underspend the planned budget in any block, meaning that there is a cumulative 'in year' surplus, which is not offset by overspends elsewhere within the block, this underspend has been retained within the respective block and has been added to the block's carried forward balance. Although the Regulations permit balances to be used cross-block, we have established a local ring-fencing policy. Balances are only moved between blocks following agreement. Balances held within the Schools Block relating to maintained school de-delegated funds, Growth Fund and Falling Rolls Fund are also ring-fenced for their respective purposes. Again, we have set out already in this Plan our view regarding the pooling of reserves going forward as a new mitigation activity.

High Needs Block – Planned Budget 2024/25 Construction

11. The table below shows the proposed 2024/25 High Needs Block planned budget at summary heading level sorted by cash value / percentage of the total budget. These figures are taken from the attached three-year forecast. They also match the figures presented in Document QX.

Budget Heading	2024/25 (£m)	%
Place Plus - Maintained Special Schools and Special School Academies	£39.321	27.3%
Independent & OLA Placements & Education OLAs	£28.800	20.0%
Mainstream EHCPs including SEN Funding Floor and PVI EHCPs	£27.210	18.8%
Place Plus - EHCPs Post 16 in Further Education institutions	£9.466	6.6%
Place Plus - PRUs & Alternative Providers	£7.280	5.1%
Place Plus - School-Led Resourced Provisions Primary & Secondary	£6.591	4.6%
Teaching Support Services	£6.547	4.5%
Place Plus - New SEND Places not yet allocated	£3.870	2.7%
Place Plus - Other LA Resourced Provisions	£3.540	2.5%
Place Plus - LA-Led Resourced Provisions - Sensory	£2.918	2.0%
Place Plus - Early Years Enhanced Provisions	£1.900	1.3%
Medical Home Tuition, EinH & Tracks Central Service	£1.710	1.2%
TPG & TPENG special schools, resourced provisions and AP providers	£1.557	1.1%

Grant to Special Schools / Academies & PRUs / AP re. the 3.4%	£1.404	1.0%
BSF (PFI) - Special Schools	£1.013	0.7%
Speech & Language Therapy Services	£0.315	0.2%
Special Schools Inclusion Outreach	£0.300	0.2%
Copyright Licences	£0.143	0.1%
Specialist Equipment	£0.080	0.1%

- The top three budget headings (special schools and special school academies; mainstream EHCPs; OLA, independent and non-maintained placements) account for two thirds of the High Needs Block planned budget (66%).
- The top six headings (adding school-led resourced provisions, post-16 EHCPs in Further Education institutions and PRUs and Alternative Providers) account for more than three quarters of the High Needs Block planned budget (78%).
- 93% of the High Needs Block planned budget in total is allocated to the cost of places provision. Correspondingly, 7% is allocated to other centrally managed expenditure, of which the most significant spend heading is Teaching Support Services (5%).

12. The table below summarises the number of SEND and Alternative Provision places by type of provision on which the 2024/25 budget is proposed to be established. Appendix 1 gives a detailed by-setting list of these places.

Setting	23/24 AY Planned Budget Places (FTE)	24/25 AY Planned Budget Places (FTE)	Diff 24/25 AY vs. 23/24 AY
Total SEND Places, made up of:	2,918.8	2,887.8	- 31
Early Years Resourced Provision	78	78	0
Local Authority-Led Resourced Provisions - Sensory	100	100	0
Special Schools and Special School Academies	1,539.8	1,539.8	0
School-Led Resourced Provisions	361	369	+ 8
Local Authority-Led Resourced Provisions (Other)	172	166	- 6
Further Education Colleges (Post 16)	488	435	- 53
Additional SEND Places not yet allocated	180	200	+ 20
Total Alternative Provision Places, made up of:	209	349	+ 140
PRU, Alternative Provision Academy, AP Provider	160	300	+ 140
Education in Hospital, Tracks	49	49	0

13. It is helpful to summarise the recent changes and actions that have influenced the shape of our 2024/25 planned budget. We also explain here the key assumptions on which the three-year forecast is calculated.

- Bradford District has experienced a significant increase in demand for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision. We presented our updated analysis of this to the Schools Forum on 6 December 2023 in the sufficiency statement (Document QT). The total number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) for 0–25-year-olds across the District was recorded as 6,259 in November 2023. This has increased from 5,309 in September 2022, 4,842 recorded in October 2021 and 3,673 recorded in January 2019. This is the total number

of EHCPs for which the Local Authority is responsible for, educated in provisions within and outside Bradford. Statistics, showing EHCP and SEND population growth, are available in the Annex at the back of this report.

- Our data evidences that the number of children and young people with an EHCP in the District continues to rise:
 - The number of children and young people with an EHCP aged between 0 to 25 years has increased by 17.9% between September 2022 and November 2023. A significant increase on last year's increase of 9% between October 2021 and September 2022.
 - The number of children and young people with an EHCP aged between 5 to 15 years (statutory school age) has increased by 15.2% between September 2022 and November 2023. This is a notable increase on last year's increase of 9% between October 2021 and September 2022.
 - Requests for assessment have risen from 813 between October 2019 and October 2020, 958 between October 2020 and October 2021, 1,322 between September 2021 and September 2022 to 1,970 between September 2022 and September 2023.
 - 7.8% of children and young people within the Bradford District with an EHCP are currently accessing 'out of authority' provision. In proportionate terms, this figure has remained relatively unchanged; being recorded at around 7% for the last three years. In order to meet the needs of children and young people with SEND residing within the Bradford District, it is sometimes necessary to place them in specialist provisions outside our Local Authority area, as well as in independent provisions. Whilst this is sometimes required, it is not our preferred option, as the impact on placing children and young people away from their local communities is immeasurable. Furthermore, securing specialist places outside of the Local Authority area leads to significant additional costs. We currently estimate that our spending on all out of authority placements, including placements in independent and non-maintained provisions, will increase by 26% in 2023/24. This is one of the major causes of financial pressure within the High Needs Block, which we must seek to control. This is a pressure that all local authorities are currently facing.
- Despite these increases, which are substantial, our overall proportion of children and young people with EHCPs (3.9%), recorded at January 2023, remains lower than the national average (4.3%), with a gap of 0.4%. This gap was also 0.4% at January 2022. This comparison is suggestive that there may still be more growth in our EHCPs to come, and with the potential for our future annual growth rate to be higher than national averages. This is a cause for concern financially, as the DfE is likely to set future High Needs Block settlements based on the national picture, which may not be in keeping with our local position. Within our forecast, presented in Appendix 2, whilst we have assumed a slight slowing down of growth, we have generally assumed the continuation of substantial growth in the numbers of children and young with EHCPs. This is most obviously expressed in the forecasts of spending in our main pressure areas: more specialist places, EHCPs in mainstream settings, EHCPs in Further Education Post 16 settings, and spending on independent and out of authority placements.
- The comparison figures in the Annex at the back of this report, for January 2023, indicate that a greater proportion of the EHCP population in Bradford is placed in mainstream settings (nursery, primary and secondary) than national and regional averages. This may indicate that we are closer than the average authority to the DfE's SEND Green Paper priority, which is to more effectively support and increase the inclusion of children and young people with SEND in mainstream provisions. This also indicates our greater use of resourced provision as a model for delivering specialist places. Wider High Needs Block benchmarking does indicate that we have a larger number of resourced provision places attached to mainstream schools and academies.
- The Local Authority has created more than 700 additional specialist places across the District in response to the recent growth in the numbers of children and young people requiring specialist provision. The 2024/25 planned

budget, and the three-year forecast, incorporate the cost of the delivery of all now established places on an on-going basis. The budget and forecast also include provision for an additional 100 places to be created during the 2023/24 academic year and for a further 100 places to be created during the 2024/25 academic year. Our current projection is that we will require an additional 100 to 120 specialist places within the 2023/24 academic year, with these places being delivered across both the special school sector and in resourced provisions. Our projections further indicate that we will need to increase specialist places again by 100 to 120 for the 2024/25 academic year. This is the minimum number of specialist places that we project will be required to be developed in order to meet demand and to control (not increase reliance) on more expensive 'out of authority and independent' placements. The Local Authority's data continues to evidence that a number of key pressure points exist across the District. In order to address these pressure points, we have identified that the following additional provision is required:

- Additional resourced provision places for secondary aged children and young people with a primary need of Communication and Interaction including Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH).
- Additional special school places for primary and secondary aged children and young people with a primary need of Communication and Interaction including Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) and secondary aged children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH).

At January 2023, 1.44% of Bradford's school population was recorded in state funded special schools and special school academies. This compares with 1.44% recorded at January 2022. The national average was 1.66% at January 2023 and 1.59% at January 2022. The Yorkshire & Humberside average was 1.44% at January 2023 and 1.39% at January 2022. If Bradford's special school and special school academy population was at the national average of 1.66% at January 2023, we would have recorded a further 228 FTE pupils in our special schools and special school academies at January 2023 (with a total of 1,695 FTE pupils on roll). We are currently funding 1,540 places across maintained special schools and special school academies, with plans to develop more places. Unfortunately, we are not able to identify within the statistics the extent to which our use of resourced provision (and possibly greater use of resourced provision than found in other authorities) bridges the difference here. Our monitoring does show that we do not have spare capacity remaining in our special schools and special school academies and so the continued development of additional special school places is an important part of our High Needs Block spending and provision strategy.

- The 2024/25 planned budget, and the three-year forecast, include the assumption that the uplift to rates of top-up funding per capita that providers with EHCPs receive at the very least will need to be 'controlled' across the medium term. One of the new mitigating actions, however, that we can take is to reduce the annual increases in rates of funding allocated by our EHCP Banded and Day Rate funding models. We could also re-shape our funding models, which may include reducing top-up funding rates. In this work, benchmarking comparisons will be important. We will need to ensure that we comply with the requirements of the special schools minimum funding guarantee, which is set by the DfE. We are also aware that the DfE's SEND Review has proposed that a national EHCP banded funding system be developed. As such, this banded system could substantially change the cost to our High Needs Block, as well as affect the levels of EHCP top-up funding received by schools and other providers. This is currently unknown however, and no assumptions about this are brought into our forecast at this time. It is quite clear, however, that the overriding priority for our High Needs Block will be responding to the increased cost (of places and provision) that will come from the estimated continued substantial growth in the numbers of children and young people with EHCPs, rather than increasing per capita funding.
- The 2024/25 planned budget, and the three-year forecast, estimate that spend on pupils with EHCPs in mainstream settings will continue to grow broadly at current cash rates (c. £5m a year). Our planned budget and forecast continue to include the cost of our SEND Funding Floor, which is proposed to be used for a fourth year

in 2024/25. The continuation of the SEND Funding Floor (whether it continues, at what level and how it works) from April 2025 will be subject to our mitigation review but also with reference to the outcomes of the national SEND Review, which may direct changes.

- The 2024/25 planned budget, and the three-year forecast, estimate that spend on students with EHCPs at post-16, including in Further Education settings, will grow substantially over the next couple of years as the school population bulge continues into post-16.
- The 2024/25 planned budget, and the three-year forecast, continues to fund PRU / Alternative Provisions to deliver Local Authority commissioned provision for pupils that are permanent excluded. 300 places are funded on an annual basis, uplifted from 160 places planned in 2023/24. The planned budget at this time going forward continues not to fund school-commissioned alternative provision. The DfE's SEND Green Paper proposes some substantial changes to the way Alternative Provision is funded, and the role of the PRUs / AP Academies. The possible financial implications of these changes are not yet built into our forecasts. This is an area we will need to review closely as further announcements are made and as pilot work develops.
- The 2024/25 planned budget, and the three-year forecast, estimate that spend on pupils with EHCPs placed in out of authority, independent and non-maintained provisions will continue to grow broadly at current cash rates (c. £5m a year). However, this is a volatile budget, and the cost of placements will be affected by a number of factors. Whilst our overall proportion of children and young people placed in independent provisions has not significantly changed in recent years, the cost of placements has substantially increased, including as independent providers adjust their charging for cost increases e.g. energy, pay awards and pensions and as a result of the increased number of children that are placed in care (for which the High Needs Block contributes a third of the cost). The DfE's SEND Green Paper suggested that independent schools could be brought into a national banded funding system. However, the details (and do-ability) of this change are not known and therefore, nothing has been brought into the forecast in response. It is clear that control and reduction of spending in this area will be critical to the sustainability of our High Needs Block over the longer term. Whilst we would expect to continue to place pupils, where their needs are most effectively met in these provisions, we wish to continue to closely monitor the position to consider a) whether we have, and are continuing to create, a sufficient number of specialist places within Bradford to ensure that we are not overly reliant on independent settings and NMSS for provision that we could deliver ourselves and b) where we have the joint commissioning of placements (between education, social care and health), that the apportionment of their cost between parties is reflective of respective responsibilities thus ensuring, in the case of the education element, that the charge to the High Needs Block is accurate and proportionate.
- Forum members are reminded that the Authority presented reports in May (Document OM) and July (Document OR) 2022, following discussions regarding the use and retention of the High Needs Block surplus balance that was carried forward from the 2021/22 financial year. The July 2022 report set out a plan for £920,000 of investment, in 3 areas, in support of inclusion. The initial investment period has been extended and will run to the end of the 2023/24 academic year. The outreach support budget element has also been extended to the PRU / AP Academy, at an additional cost of £60,000. Currently, for budget planning purposes, it is assumed that £0.980m will continue for a full financial year in 2024/25 and within the three-year forecast.
- The national High Needs Block funding settlement from April 2025 is an element of significant uncertainty, which may not be clarified for some time. Within our three-year forecast, we have estimated that we will receive a 4.5% annual increase in per pupil funding from April 2025 on the 2024/25 base.

- We have not transferred funding from the Schools Block into the High Needs Block since 2019/20. We do not propose to transfer funding from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2024/25 and our three-year forecast also does not include any such transfer. We highlight in this Management Plan, however, that the Authority, with the Forum, must now give serious consideration to enacting a Schools Block to High Needs Block transfer of funding from April 2025.
- Finally, in quick summary, **in recent years we have delivered structural changes and mitigations in the following areas, which roll forward within our updated three-year forecast. We can identify that a number of the actions that we have already taken feature in the DfE's recommendations to local authorities that are within the Safety Value and Delivering Better Value intervention and support programmes:**
 - We use a Banded Model for the funding of EHCPs and a Day Rate Model for the funding of the PRUs. We have restricted the increases in values of top-up funding allocated via our Banded Model and PRU Day Rate Model in 2023/24 (and proposed for 2024/25) to 1%.
 - In the face of the significant increase in the number of mainstream EHCPs, we have increased the eligibility thresholds of our SEND Funding Floor to seek to limit the further increase in cost. This being said, a key point is that we are using a Floor mechanism to support the inclusion of pupils with EHCPs in mainstream provision. The vast majority of other local authorities do not appear to have such mechanisms in place.
 - We have continued to create local specialist places, both in special schools and in resourced provisions. We have created additional School-Led Resourced Provision places, both in new schools / academies and by expanding existing provisions. We have created and further developed Early Years Enhanced Specialist Provision (school-led resourced provisions), now attached to six of our maintained nursery schools. Alongside this, we have established a LA-Led Resourced Provision model, where resourced provision is hosted on school-sites but where staffing is centrally managed.
 - The Authority regularly reviews sufficiency.
 - We have restructured our PRU / Alternative Provisions to deliver Local Authority commissioned provision for pupils permanent excluded, removing the High Needs Block's contribution to school-led AP. We are aware, however, that it is likely that some of this spend may need to be put back as the national AP reforms (the 3 tiers) are introduced.
 - Our planned budget continues to assume that the Early Years Block fully funds the cost of the Early Years Inclusion Fund (EYIF) and contributes to the cost of SEND services that are delivered in respect of early years entitlement children, including Portage. This helps to relieve some pressure on the High Needs Block.
 - We have sought to 'invest in inclusion'. We have allocated an additional £0.980m: £0.491m to retain the Authority's mainstream SEMH / behaviour teaching support service as free at the point of access; £0.300m allocated to special schools to permit the schools to release specialist staff to provide expert outreach support to mainstream schools (this has been extended at September to the x2 PRUs); £0.189m to recruit 3 additional specialist teachers to our mainstream specialist teaching support service (with the additional capacity especially focused on supporting early years).
 - We've continued to invest in and review / adjust our mainstream teaching support services. The capacity of support services is likely to need to be reviewed again in future years, where the numbers of EHCPs in mainstream settings continues to grow, but also in the light of the outcomes of the DfE's SEND Green Paper.
 - We have reviewed our definition of Notional SEND for mainstream primary and secondary schools and academies. We propose to make incremental changes to this in 2024/25.
 - We have a policy in place to support the High Needs Block only making a reasonable and proportionate contribution to the cost of joint panel placements, where the DSG picks up one third of the cost of these placement, split with the Council and Health.

- The 2024/25 planned budget continues to incorporate the financial efficiencies that have come from the completion of the amalgamation of Bradford’s hospital education, Tracks and medical home tuition provisions into a single Local Authority managed service.
- Provision for Speech and Language Therapy support in resourced provisions is continued on the re-commissioned basis, as discussed with the Schools Forum in July 2021.
- As well as introducing new funding models for delegated provision – the Banded Model, the Day Rate Model and the amended SEND Floor Model – we adjusted at April 2020 our approach to supporting schools, academies and other providers for the costs of specialist equipment. This approach continues.

High Needs Block – Risks, Monitoring and Mitigating Action

14. Whilst Bradford’s DSG account is not forecasted to be cumulatively in deficit at either 31 March 2024 or 31 March 2025, due to the anticipated continued growth in the number of EHCPs, and other pressures, we forecast that the £22.7m High Needs Block surplus balance that is projected to be held at the end of the 2023/24 financial year may largely be spent by the end of the 2024/25 financial year and that our High Needs Block and then DSG account may post a cumulative deficit at the close of the 2025/26 financial year, with the size of the deficit continuing to grow in the absence of new significant mitigating response, additional income from the DfE or a significant slowing in EHCP growth rates. Although this forecast is based on a series of estimates, which may change, the scale of deficit that is forecasted clearly indicates a structural budget issue.
15. Strategic work now needs to continue to put forward options for new actions that will contribute to the resolution of the forecasted High Needs Block deficit. We are seeking to develop actions that will help to reduce the size of the overspending in 2024/25 and then to reduce the on-going overspending from April 2025. Actions from April 2025 include consideration of amendments to our formula funding models, as well as a Schools Block to High Needs Block transfer. These will ultimately be picked up within our 2025/26 DSG planned budget setting and consultation on formula funding arrangements but will need to be considered as early as possible for further discussion. Continuous review of EHCP growth rates is also important.
16. The Local Authority proposes and intends to communicate with the DfE to signal our forecast and to ask for advice and support, as is appropriate.

Attachments

- 2024/25 planned budget high needs places breakdown (Appendix 1).
- Three-year High Needs Block forecast (Appendix 2).

Annex - Key HNB Statistics and HNB Benchmarking Data

1. EHCPs as a % of Bradford's school population & recent growth rates

The table below shows the number of EHCPs recorded in Bradford's schools and academies as a % of Bradford's total school population. The totals include state funded nursery, primary, secondary and special schools, non-maintained special schools, PRUs and independent schools that are located in the Bradford District. The totals will include EHCPs that are on roll in Bradford's schools and academies but where responsibility for the EHCP rests with another local authority.

	January 2019	January 2020	January 2021	January 2022	January 2023
Bradford	2.8%	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	3.9%
National	3.1%	3.3%	3.7%	4.0%	4.3%
Yorkshire and the Humber	2.8%	3.0%	3.3%	3.5%	3.8%

The table below shows the number of EHCPs recorded in Bradford's schools and academies over the same time period. The totals include state funded nursery, primary, secondary and special schools, non-maintained special schools, PRUs and independent schools that are located in the Bradford District. The totals will include EHCPs that are on roll in Bradford's schools and academies but where responsibility for the EHCP rests with another local authority.

	Bradford Number	Bradford % Growth	National Number	National % Growth	Y&H Number	Y&H % Growth
January 2023	4,093	8.2%	389,171	9.5%	33,863	8.9%
January 2022	3,784	6.4%	355,566	9.2%	31,104	9.1%
January 2021	3,558	14.7%	325,618	10.5%	28,501	10.0%
January 2020	3,102	6.0%	294,758	8.7%	25,904	8.3%
January 2019	2,927	n/a	271,165	n/a	23,919	n/a

For wider view, the table below shows the total number of EHCPs that Bradford Local Authority is responsible for, including EHCPs that are placed in other providers located within the Bradford District, rather than in schools and academies e.g. Further Education Colleges, and EHCPs that are placed in schools, academies and other institutions that are located in other local authorities.

	Bradford Number	Bradford % Growth	National Number	National % Growth	Y&H Number	Y&H % Growth
January 2023	5,539	13.2%	517,026	9.2%	45,929	9.2%
January 2022	4,891	5.0%	473,255	9.9%	42,072	9.3%
January 2021	4,659	15.7%	430,697	10.4%	38,506	9.5%
January 2020	4,028	9.7%	390,109	10.2%	35,164	10.6%
January 2019	3,673	n/a	353,995	n/a	31,792	n/a
% growth 2019 > 2023		50.8%		46.1%		44.5%

If we compare the previous 2 tables, we can roughly identify the number and % of EHCPs that Bradford Local Authority is responsible for that are not recorded in state funded nursery, primary, secondary and special schools, non-maintained special schools, PRUs and independent schools that are located within the Bradford District. This will include EHCPs that are placed in other institutions that are located within the Bradford District, rather than in schools and academies e.g. Further Education Colleges, and EHCPs that are placed in schools, academies and other institutions that are located in other local authorities. Please note that this is rough – the 4,093 EHCPs in our schools and academies will include EHCPs that other local authorities are responsible for (so these would need to be removed in order to come to an accurate figure; noting that removing these would actually increase the % of our 5,539 EHCPs that are placed elsewhere).

	Bradford	Bradford	National	National	Y&H	Y&H
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
January 2023	1,446	26.1%	127,855	24.7%	12,066	26.3%
January 2022	1,107	22.6%	117,689	24.9%	10,968	26.1%
January 2021	1,101	23.6%	105,079	24.4%	10,005	26.0%
January 2020	926	23.0%	95,351	24.4%	9,260	26.3%
January 2019	746	20.3%	82,830	23.4%	7,783	24.8%

The table below shows the % of pupils recorded with EHCPs in mainstream primary and secondary schools and academies that are located in the Bradford District. The totals will include EHCPs that are on roll in Bradford's schools and academies but where responsibility for the EHCP rests with another local authority.

	Bradford	Bradford	National	National	Y&H	Y&H
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
January 2023	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%	2.2%	2.3%
January 2022	2.1%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	1.9%	2.0%
January 2021	1.9%	2.1%	2.1%	2.0%	1.8%	1.9%
January 2020	1.6%	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%	1.5%	1.7%
January 2019	1.5%	1.6%	1.6%	1.7%	1.4%	1.6%

2. Change in SEND Support as a % of Bradford's school population

The table below shows the number of pupils in Bradford's schools and academies that are recorded at SEND Support each January as a % of Bradford's total school population. The totals include state funded nursery, primary, secondary and special schools, non-maintained special schools, PRUs and independent schools that are located in the Bradford District.

	January 2019	January 2020	January 2021	January 2022	January 2023
Bradford	13.8%	13.2%	12.7%	13.0%	13.5%
National	11.9%	12.1%	12.2%	12.6%	13.0%
Yorkshire and the Humber	12.2%	12.4%	12.4%	12.9%	13.5%

3. Most Prevalent Primary Need

Nationally, at January 2023, the most common type of primary need recorded for pupils with EHCPs continues to be Autism Spectrum Disorders and for pupils with SEND support to be Speech, Communication and Language Needs. SEND is more prevalent in boys than girls, with boys representing 72.4% of all pupils with EHCPs and 62.8% of pupils recorded at SEND Support.

In Bradford, at January 2023, the most common type of primary need for pupils with EHCPs also continues to be Autism Spectrum Disorders, which is the same as the national picture. Previously, the most common type of primary need for pupils in Bradford with SEND Support was be Moderate Learning Difficulties, closely followed by Speech, Language and Communication Need. However, Bradford's position has amended at January 2023 to match the national picture, with be Speech, Communication and Language Needs now recorded as the most common type of primary need for pupils with SEND support. SEND is more prevalent in boys than girls, with boys representing 72.0% of all pupils with EHCPs and 63.2% of pupils recorded at SEND Support.

4. Special School / Special School Academy numbers as a % of Bradford's total pupil population

At January 2023, 1.44% of Bradford's school population was recorded in state funded special schools and special school academies. This compares with 1.44% recorded at January 2022. The national average was 1.66% at January 2023 and 1.59% at January 2022. The Yorkshire & Humberside average was 1.44% at January 2023 and 1.39% at January 2022. If Bradford's special school and special school academy population was at the national average of 1.66% at January 2023, we would have recorded a further 228 FTE pupils in our special schools and special school academies at January 2023 (with a total of 1,695 FTE pupils on roll). We are currently funding 1,540 places across maintained special schools and special school academies, with plans to develop more places. Unfortunately, we are not able to identify within the statistics the extent to which our use of resourced provision (and possibly greater use of resourced provision than found in other authorities) bridges the difference here. Our monitoring does show that we do not have spare capacity remaining in our special schools and special school academies and so the continued development of additional special school places is an important part of our High Needs Block spending and provision strategy.

5. EHCP School Population Distribution at January 2023

The table below shows the number and % of EHCPs that were recorded at January 2023 in Bradford's schools and academies, by type of provision. The totals include state funded nursery, primary, secondary and special schools, non-maintained special schools, PRUs and independent schools that are located in the Bradford District. * please note that resourced provisions are included under the mainstream school heading (and EYESP places are included under the MNS heading). It is not possible to separate resourced provision from these totals.

	Bradford	Bradford	National	National	Y&H	Y&H
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total EHCPs	4,093	3.9%	389,171	4.3%	33,863	3.8%
<i>Special</i>	1,467	35.8%	147,427	37.9%	12,511	36.9%
<i>PRU</i>	30	0.7%	3,368	0.9%	666	2.0%
<i>MNS *</i>	61	1.5%	673	0.2%	99	0.3%
<i>Independent & NMSS</i>	81	2.0%	32,727	8.4%	1,964	5.8%
<i>Mainstream P&S *</i>	2,454	60.0%	204,976	52.6%	18,623	55.0%

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Setting	Type (AP or SEND)	23/24 Initial Planned Budget AY Places (FTE)	24/25 AY Current Planned Places (FTE)
Bradford Alternative Provision Academy	AP	65.0	75.0
Park Aspire	AP	90.0	90.0
Other Alternative Provision	AP	5.0	135.0
Centrally Managed EinH, Tracks and Medical Home Tuition Service "notional" places	AP	49.0	49.0
Early Years Resourced Provision - Abbey Green Nursery School	SEND	6.0	6.0
Early Years Resourced Provision - Canterbury Nursery School and Children's Centre	SEND	16.8	16.8
Early Years Resourced Provision - Hirst Wood Nursery School	SEND	6.0	6.0
Early Years Resourced Provision - Midland Road Nursery School	SEND	6.0	6.0
Early Years Resourced Provision - St Edmund's Nursery School and Children's Centre	SEND	19.8	19.8
Early Years Resourced Provision - Strong Close Nursery School	SEND	18.0	18.0
Early Years Resourced Provision - Balance of places (flex inc. for 30 hours provision)	SEND	5.4	5.4
Resourced Provision LA Led - Girdlington Primary School	SEND	20.0	20.0
Resourced Provision LA Led - Swain House Primary School	SEND	20.0	20.0
Resourced Provision LA Led - Grove House Primary School	SEND	12.0	12.0
Resourced Provision LA Led – Hanson School	SEND	48.0	48.0
Special – Beechcliffe School	SEND	248.0	248.0
Special – Chellow Heights School	SEND	250.8	250.8
Special – Co-op Academy Delius	SEND	171.0	171.0
Special – Beckfoot Hazelbeck Academy	SEND	144.0	144.0
Special – High Park School	SEND	130.0	130.0
Special – Beckfoot Phoenix Primary Special School	SEND	102.0	102.0
Special – Co-op Academy Southfield	SEND	360.0	360.0
Special – Oastler School	SEND	134.0	134.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Carrwood Primary School	SEND	12.0	12.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Denholme Primary School	SEND	8.0	8.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Green Lane Primary School	SEND	24.0	24.0
Resourced Provision School Led – High Craggs Primary Academy	SEND	6.0	6.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Crossflatts Primary School	SEND	16.0	16.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Beckfoot Academy	SEND	6.0	6.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Oasis Academy (Lister Park)	SEND	16.0	16.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Co-op Academy Grange	SEND	24.0	24.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Parkside School	SEND	14.0	24.0
Resourced Provision School Led – The Holy Family Catholic School	SEND	20.0	20.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Beckfoot Thornton Academy	SEND	16.0	16.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Titus Salt School	SEND	30.0	30.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Bradford Academy	SEND	27.0	27.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Bradford Forster Academy	SEND	2.0	0.0
Resourced Provision School Led – Haworth Primary Academy	SEND	12.0	12.0
Resourced Provision School Led - Crossley Hall Primary School	SEND	24.0	24.0
Resourced Provision School Led - Long Lee Primary School	SEND	16.0	16.0
Resourced Provision School Led - Worth Valley Primary Academy	SEND	8.0	8.0
Resourced Provision School Led - Parkwood Primary Academy	SEND	12.0	12.0
Resourced Provision School Led - Cottingley Village Primary School	SEND	16.0	16.0
Resourced Provision School Led - Horton Park Primary Academy	SEND	12.0	12.0
Resourced Provision School Led - Ilkley Grammar School	SEND	24.0	24.0
Resourced Provision School Led - Holybrook Primary School	SEND	16.0	16.0
Resourced Provisions LA Led - Primary Phase	SEND	104.0	98.0
Resourced Provisions LA Led - Secondary Phase	SEND	68.0	68.0
Further Education - Bradford College	SEND	288.0	275.0
Further Education - Shipley College	SEND	164.0	156.0
Further Education - Other	SEND	36.0	4.0
SEND - Additional Places Under Development	SEND	180.0	200.0
Grand Totals		3,127.8	3,236.8

Sub Totals SEND		2,918.8	2,887.8
<i>Early Years Resourced Provision</i>		78.0	78.0
<i>Local Authority Led Resourced Provisions - Sensory</i>		100.0	100.0
<i>Maintained Special Schools and Special Academies</i>		1,539.8	1,539.8
<i>School Led Resourced Provisions</i>		361.0	369.0
<i>Local Authority Led Resourced Provisions</i>		172.0	166.0
<i>Further Education (Post 16)</i>		488.0	435.0
<i>Additional SEND Places not yet allocated</i>		180.0	200.0
Sub Totals Alternative Provision		209.0	349.0
<i>PRUs & Alternative Providers</i>		160.0	300.0
<i>Education in Hospital, Tracks (notional places)</i>		49.0	49.0

High Needs Block ESTIMATED Trajectory 2024-2028

Document RB Appendix 2

This is an estimated trajectory where the current cost base moves forward over the next 3 years, adjusted for what can be reasonably estimated about National Funding Formula, needs-demand growth and SEND placement development. This does not yet take into account specifically any implications of the national SEND / Alternative Provision reviews.

2024/25 HNB Forecast	2025/26 HNB Forecast	2026/27 HNB Forecast
22,646,187	1,025,710	-30,601,669

Balance Brought Forward from the previous year

Income

DfE HNB Allocation (estimated 4.5% Eapp growth continuing from April 2025 on a forecasted reducing school population)	122,343,428	126,724,883	130,973,793
Total Income	122,343,428	126,724,883	130,973,793

Expenditure

Place Plus - Maintained Special Schools and Special School Academies (current base; 1.5% annual creep)	39,320,859	39,910,672	40,509,332
Place Plus - Early Years Enhanced Provisions (current base; 1.5% annual creep)	1,900,000	1,928,500	1,957,428
Place Plus - School-Led Resourced Provisions Primary & Secondary (current base; 1.5% annual creep)	6,590,921	6,689,785	6,790,132
Place Plus - LA-Led Resourced Provisions Sensory (current base; 5% annual creep)	2,918,051	3,063,954	3,217,152
Place Plus - Other LA Resourced Provisions (current base; 5% annual creep)	3,540,945	3,717,992	3,903,892
Place Plus - PRUs, Alternative Provision Academies & Other Alternative Providers (current base; 1.5% annual creep)	7,279,766	7,388,962	7,499,797
Place Plus - EHCPs Post 16 in Further Education institutions & SPIs (heavily estimated growth from population bulge; +£1m pa)	9,466,000	10,466,000	11,466,000
Place Plus - New SEND Places not yet allocated	3,868,667	5,576,896	6,063,250
Grant to Special Schools / Academies & PRUs / AP re. the 3.4% Per Place Funding Condition (1.5% annual creep)	1,404,037	1,425,098	1,446,474
Teacher Pay & Pensions Grants - special schools, resourced provisions and AP providers (current base; 1.5% annual creep)	1,556,793	1,580,145	1,603,847
Mainstream EHCPs (Pre 16) including SEND Funding Floor, Personal Budgets and PVI EHCPs (current base plus EHCP growth at £5m per year)	27,060,000	32,060,000	37,060,000
Mainstream EHCPs (Post 16 element 2 cost) (continuation of current base)	150,000	150,000	150,000
Independent & OLA Placements & Education OLAs (heavily estimated; assumes continued current base + £5m per year)	28,800,000	33,800,000	38,800,000
Medical Home Tuition, Education in Hospital & Tracks Central Service (continuation of current base; annual 5% uplift)	1,710,000	1,795,500	1,885,275
Speech & Language Therapy Services (current base; annual 5% uplift)	315,000	330,750	347,288
Specialist Equipment (continuation of current base)	80,000	80,000	80,000
Copyright Licences (5% annual inflation; price set by DfE)	143,266	150,429	157,951
BSF (PFI) - Special Schools (annual RPIX increase estimated 5%)	1,013,000	1,063,650	1,116,833
Teaching & SEND Support Services (current base continues; includes continuation of Inclusion Investment Plan spend; annual 5% uplift)	6,546,600	6,873,930	7,217,627
Special Schools / PRU / AP Inclusion Outreach (continuation of Inclusion Investment Plan spend)	300,000	300,000	300,000
Total Expenditure	143,963,905	158,352,263	171,572,275

In Year Budget Position

Brought Forward HNB Balance from the Previous Year Financial Year	22,646,187	1,025,710	-30,601,669
Forecasted HNB Carry Forward Balance at the end of the financial year (Cumulative)	1,025,710	-30,601,669	-71,200,152

Pressure / saving brought from previous year's over / under spending

Change in Income vs. Previous Year

Change in Expenditure vs. the Previous Year

Total In year position

	-21,620,477	-31,627,380
	4,381,455	4,248,909
	-14,388,358	-13,220,012
0	-31,627,380	-40,598,482

% of HNB Income that is spent on pupil places provision

% of HNB Expenditure that is spent on pupil places provision

109.4%	116.6%	122.5%
93.0%	93.3%	93.5%

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2024/25 Financial Year Dedicated Schools Grant Decisions and Recommendations List

This report lists the decisions and recommendations that the Schools Forum is asked to make in supporting the Local Authority to establish the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) planned budget and formula funding arrangements for the 2024/25 financial year. The Forum is asked to take decisions (as required by the Regulations), and to make its final formal recommendations, on the Authority's proposals.

1. Schools Block Centrally Managed Funds 2024/25 (DECISION)

Schools Block De-Delegated Funds 2024/25 (DECISION)

Please refer to Document QZ Appendices 1 – 3.

1.1 Schools Members representing maintained primary & secondary schools only are asked to **decide the values of de-delegated funds, and the contributions to be taken from the 2024/25 formula funding allocations of maintained primary & secondary schools**, as proposed in Document QZ and its appendices (VOTE BY PHASE).

- a) **School Re-Organisation Costs (Safeguarded Salaries) (Primary & Secondary)**: continue de-delegation from both the primary and secondary phases for the actual cost of continuing safeguarded salaries in maintained primary and secondary schools.
- b) **School Re-Organisation Costs (Sponsored academy conversions budget deficits) (Primary phase only)**: Continue to 'pause' de-delegation from the primary phase, meaning that no new contribution is taken in 2024/25. The Schools Forum will be provided with monitoring reports where this fund's brought forward balance is used in 2024/25 for this purpose.
- c) **Exceptional Costs & Schools in Financial Difficulty (Primary phase only)**: continue de-delegation from the primary phase at the 2023/24 per pupil value.
- d) **Costs of FSM Eligibility Assessments (Primary & Secondary)**: continue de-delegation from both the primary and secondary phases at the 2023/24 per FSM6 values increased by 6%, with contributions continuing to be taken using Free School Meals (FSM) Ever 6 data.
- e) **Fisher Family Trust (Primary phase only)**: please note that the Schools Members representing maintained primary schools decided on 11 October 2023 to cease de-delegation for the purposes of subscribing to FFT. This decision is repeated here only for reference and for completeness.
- f) **Trade Union Facilities Time – Negotiator Time (Primary & Secondary)**: continue de-delegation from primary and secondary phases at 95% of the 2023/24 per pupil value.
- g) **Trade Union Facilities Time – Health and Safety Time (Primary & Secondary)**: continue de-delegation from primary and secondary phases at 95% of the 2023/24 per pupil value.
- h) **School Maternity / Paternity 'insurance' fund (Primary phase only)**: continue de-delegation from the primary phase at a value forecasted to afford the scheme for a full year. The £app cost is shown in Document QZ Appendix 2 (£28.32 per pupil, which is + 7% on 2023/24). The £28.32 per pupil value includes the release, on a one-off basis, of £0.10m of balance brought forward within this fund and it is estimated that the scheme will cost £0.70m in total in 2024/25. We set out in our mainstream formula funding consultation for 2024/25 how, due to the growth in salaries costs at the same time as the number of maintained primary schools continues to reduce year on year, our maternity / paternity insurance scheme is losing cost effectiveness and 'critical mass'. In our consultation, we stated that we wish to signal now that we anticipate that this scheme will cease at the end of the 2024/25 academic year, meaning that reimbursements for all existing and new claims will stop at 31 August 2025. This message has been reinforced in the various presentations that have been made to business manager and headteacher / CEO groups during the consultation period.

- i) **School Staff Public Duties and Suspensions Fund (Primary phase only):** continue de-delegation from the primary phase on the same £app basis as 2023/24.
- j) **School Improvement (Replacement of the School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant) (Primary & Secondary):** continue de-delegation from primary and secondary phases at the 2023/24 per pupil value.

1.2 Schools Members representing maintained primary & secondary schools only are asked to agree (to decide) **the principles** behind the management of the Schools Block de-delegated funds listed in paragraph 1.1:

- a) Any over or under spend within these funds will be written off from, or added back to, the DSG's de-delegated funds in 2025/26 on a phase specific, fund specific, basis i.e. if primary schools overspend in the maternity / paternity insurance scheme fund the value of the fund created through de-delegation in 2025/26, support by available surplus balances brought forward, will need to compensate for this.
- b) These decisions set the position for the 2024/25 financial year only.
- c) The funds will be managed and allocated according to their applicable criteria as set out in the autumn 2023 consultation document (where it was proposed to continue the same criteria as used in 2023/24).

1.3 The Schools Forum is asked to note that a total net surplus balance of de-delegated funds of £0.625m is forecasted to be carried forward within the Schools Block into 2024/25. As such, the Schools Forum is not asked to write off from the 2024/25 Schools Budget any deficit associated with de-delegated funds. Within the 2024/25 proposals, £0.100m of the £0.625m is specifically earmarked to support the cost of the school maternity / paternity insurance fund. On this basis, assuming no other over or under spends, it is estimated that the existing balance of de-delegated funds held within the Schools Block at the end of the 2024/25 financial will reduce to £0.525m. However, this is prior to the addition of a proportion of the additional £0.934m 'Schools in Financial Difficulty' DSG funding that the Local Authority has been allocated in respect of maintained schools in 2023/24. At this time, pending decisions about how a proportion of these funds are allocated to maintained schools before 31 March 2024, the Authority cannot confirm the value of this funding that will be carried forward. However, the intention is that any remaining funds that are carried forward will be added to the balance of the Exceptional Costs and Schools in Financial Difficulty de-delegated fund to be allocated to continue to support maintained schools from April 2024. A report setting out the spending of the funds in the 2023/24 financial year and the carry forward into 2024/25 will be presented to the Forum at the next meeting in March 2024.

Schools Block Growth Fund 2024/25 (DECISION)

Please refer to Document QZ Appendix 1 (full list of DSG centrally managed funds) and Document RC Appendix 1 (list of proposed allocations from the Growth Fund to existing expanding schools and academies for the Forum's approval).

1.4 The Schools Forum is asked to agree (to decide) the allocations from the 2024/25 Schools Block Growth Fund to **existing expansions and existing bulge classes** as proposed and as listed in Document RC Appendix 1. Members are asked to note:

- a) There are 19 allocations with a total gross value of £0.683m. 6 Primary schools / Primary academies; 3 all-through academies; 10 Secondary academies.
- b) The allocations to the all-through academies and to the secondary academies simply complete, for the full 2023/24 academic year, the growth fund allocations that are set out in Document QV (presented under agenda item 5), which cover the period up to 31 March 2024. Document RC Appendix 1 does not include allocations from the Growth Fund to the secondary phase for the 2024/25 academic year. Allocations for both continuing and new expansions and bulge classes in the secondary phase for the 2024/25 academic year will be funded from the provision explained in paragraph 1.5 below and will be presented to the Schools Forum for agreement in December 2024, following the collection of the October 2024 Census.

- c) The £0.513m for academies for the period April to August 2024 will be reimbursed back to the Schools Block via the ESFA's academy recoupment process. As such, the £0.513m does not represent a cost to our 2024/25 Schools Block. So, although the Forum is asked to approve allocations totalling £0.683m, as listed in Document RC Appendix 1, the actual net cost of these allocations to our 2024/25 Schools Block is £0.683m minus £0.513m = £0.170m.

1.5 The Schools Forum is asked to agree (to decide) that a further planned budget of £0.950m is taken from the 2024/25 Schools Block for the Growth Fund to cover **new allocations to be agreed during 2024/25**. This planned budget is only for growth in the secondary-phase i.e. no new budget provision is proposed to be taken from the 2024/25 Schools Block for primary-phase growth. All new in-year allocations from the Growth Fund will be agreed by the Schools Forum, prior to confirmation these with the receiving school or academy. Growth Fund allocations will continue as a standing Schools Forum agenda item to enable this.

- a) Recognising: that the pupil population in the primary-phase is reducing, as a consequence of demographic trends, and that a value of £1.149m of balance held within the Schools Block is forecasted to be carried forward into 2024/25, the Authority proposes not to take new budget from the 2024/25 Schools Block allocation for the purposes of funding growth in the primary-phase. A proportion of the £1.149m balance instead will be available to be used to meet any costs of new growth or bulge classes that may be agreed for the primary phase in 2024/25.
- b) £0.950m will fund 12 additional forms of entry or bulge classes in the secondary phase at September 2024 (for the period September 2024 to 31 March 2025). By comparison, the Authority has funded 11 forms of entry, in total, for the period September 2023 to March 2024.
- c) Regarding the £1.149m Growth Fund balance: new flexibilities (for the management of growth, falling rolls and 'surplus places') are still expected to be brought into Schools Block arrangements in the future, following the most recent National Funding Formula (NFF) consultation and the DfE's policy decision that local authorities should retain Growth Fund responsibilities under the NFF. Retaining a surplus balance into 2025/26 will help us to maximise the benefit of any new flexibilities that are introduced from April 2025. Falling rolls is also a significant issue for the primary phase, in particular, and we take the view that we would still wish to see how any new flexibilities could be used, before committing the Growth Fund balance (as well as the Falling Rolls Fund Balance – see below) elsewhere to more general formula spending.

1.6 The Schools Forum is asked to agree (to decide) to use the **criteria** for the allocation of the Schools Block Growth Fund in 2024/25 as set out in the autumn 2023 consultation document, which are the criteria used in 2023/24.

Schools Block Falling Rolls Fund 2024/25 (DECISION)

Please refer to Document QZ Appendix 1 (full list of DSG centrally managed funds).

1.7 The Schools Forum is asked to agree (to decide) to **continue the Falling Rolls Fund for the primary phase for the 2024/25 financial year**. Whilst we have concluded that the Falling Rolls Fund currently holds limited value, as it is not a mechanism that will support the vast majority of primary-phase schools and academies, it is a mechanism that was developed following close review. As such, the Authority does not wish to remove this mechanism entirely from our Schools Block funding approach.

1.8 The Schools Forum is asked to agree (to decide) to use the **criteria** for the allocation of the Schools Block Falling Roll Fund in 2024/25 as set out in the autumn 2023 consultation document. In this consultation, we proposed, following the example criteria that the DfE has given within its guidance, to take the opportunity to review the 2 key criteria that trigger eligibility. In its examples, the DfE uses triggers of 5% (for the % by which a school's number on roll must have reduced year on year) and 85% (the % a school's total number on roll must be lower than in relation to its full capacity). We currently use triggers of 3% and 90%. We proposed to amend our scheme to use the DfE's example triggers. We now recommend that this change is enacted.

1.9 The Schools Forum is asked to agree (to decide) that the **cost of the 2024/25 Falling Rolls Fund be met from the balance that will be brought forward from 2023/24**, rather than by taking new budget from the 2024/25 Schools Block. Forum Members are asked to note that actual proposed allocations from the

Falling Rolls Fund for this current financial year will be presented to the Schools Forum in March 2024. The final value of balance that will be carried into 2024/25, therefore, will be confirmed at this point. On current modelling, however, the Authority anticipates that there will not be any allocations from this fund for the 2023/24 financial year. Therefore, the balance carried forward is expected to be £0.500m.

1.10 The Schools Forum is asked to agree to the Authority's proposal to continue to **retain this balance in 2024/25**, to be available to support costs in 2024/25, but also to be available to support schools and academies via the new flexibilities (for the management of falling rolls) that are still expected to be brought into Schools Block arrangements in the future. Falling rolls is a significant issue for the primary phase, in particular, and we take the view that we would still wish to see how the expected new flexibilities could be used, before committing this balance (as well as the Growth Fund balance – see above) elsewhere to more general formula spending.

2. Early Years Block Centrally Retained Funds 2024/25 (DECISION)

Please refer to Document QZ Appendix 1 (full list of DSG centrally managed funds).

2.1 The Schools Forum is asked to support the Authority to establish the 2024/25 DSG planned budget by **deciding the retention of funds for central management within the Early Years Block** as proposed and as listed in Document QZ Appendix 1. It is highlighted for Forum Members that the DSG Conditions of Grant for 2024/25 require that a minimum 95% of the funding that is available in respect of each entitlement funding stream is delegated to providers for that entitlement. There are 4 entitlement fund streams and 4 separate calculations of the 95% (effectively there are now 4 'mini budgets' within the Early Years Block): Under 2s Working Parents, 2-year-olds Disadvantage, 2-year-olds Working Parents and 3&4-year-olds entitlements. This 95% restriction has the effect of limiting the % of funding for each stream that can be centrally retained (limited to 5%) and limiting the extent to which funding for one stream can be used to pay for another.

- a) £0.097m (continuation) for the Early Years Block's contribution to the **DfE Copyright Licences charge**. This charge is still to be confirmed by the DfE and so is based on an estimate at this time. This contribution is charged fully to the 3&4-year-olds entitlements funding stream and is included within the maximum 5% that the Authority is permitted to centrally retain from 3&4-year-olds entitlement funding.
- b) £0.123m (continuation) for access by maintained nursery schools to Schools Block **de-delegated funds** (Trade Union Facilities Time, Maternity / Paternity Insurance Scheme, Staff Public Duties and Suspensions). A breakdown of the £0.123m is given in Document QZ Appendix 2. This contribution is charged fully to the 3&4-year-olds entitlements funding stream and is included within the maximum 5% that the Authority is permitted to centrally retain from 3&-4-year-olds entitlement funding.
- c) £1.563m (continuation and increase) for the estimated cost of allocations to early years providers from the **Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund (EYIF)**. This budget is substantially increased on the £0.650m that was held in 2023/24, for two reasons: a) the extension of EYIF to the new Under 2s and 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlements (requiring new budget to be taken) and b) in response to the significant and expected continued growth in the number of EYIF claims from providers in respect of 3&4-year-olds entitlement children. EYIF spending in Bradford is estimated to increase by around 40% in 2023/24 and by the same % again in 2024/25, before we factor in the additional cost that will come from the extension of EYIF across all the entitlements. The £1.563m 2024/25 planned budget is split across the entitlements as follows, with each entitlement funding stream paying for its own EYIF budget. Please note that the split of the budget, especially relating to the new entitlements, is heavily estimated at this time:

Under 2s Working Parents	£83,000
2-year-olds Disadvantage	£200,000
2-year-olds Working Parents	£200,000
3&-4-year-olds entitlements	£1,080,000

The criteria that are proposed to be used to allocate the SEND Inclusion Fund are set out in our consultation on Early Years Single Funding Formula arrangements for 2024/25. Please see Document QW. These criteria are the same as currently used in 2023/24. The consultation is currently live and closes on 5 February. The outcomes of the consultation will be presented to the Schools Forum on 6 March. At this time, we are establishing the planned budget for the Early Years Block on the basis that the

Authority's proposals will be agreed and implemented. Whilst we continue our existing core approach to the allocation of EYIF in 2024/25, the Authority will pilot in 2024/25, with sample providers across all sectors, an amended approach, which seeks to explore further the options for reducing bureaucracy and reducing / removing the need for providers with consistent numbers of entitlement children in receipt of EYIF to claim funding. We will seek to explore further how we could allocate EYIF funding 'in advance' (rather than via application) based on predictive data, then review termly with an expectation that settings will evidence how they have used their funding and the impact this has had on the child. The outcomes of this pilot, together with the DfE's stated national review on EYIF approaches, will help inform the potential for wider changes and improvements in our EYIF from April 2025. Further information on the pilot will be published shortly.

Although the £1.563m budget is shown here as centrally retained, this is only the case at the start of the financial year. The full value of this budget is intended for allocation to providers during the year. As such, the £1.563m is treated as delegated funding for the purposes of calculating the minimum 95% of each entitlement funding stream that the Authority is required by the DSG Conditions to delegate.

- d) £0.298m (continuation and increase) for **the Area SENCOs function** that is managed by the Local Authority in respect of Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) early years providers. The proposed budget for 2024/25 includes an allowance for pay award / inflation, as well as £0.06m for new capacity that is required to support the PVI sector in response to the significant growth of SEND and growth in the number of EYIF claims, as well in response to the new entitlements (that will mostly be delivered in the PVI sector). It is anticipated that this capacity will need to be further enhanced as the new entitlements establish and further extend (to 30 hours) in 2025/26. Therefore, this is a point of continued review and a proposal for a further increase in capacity is likely to be brought forward for the 2025/26 budget round. The £0.298m is included within the maximum 5% that the Authority is permitted to centrally retain, and this has been charged across the 4 entitlement funding streams on a pro-rata basis using estimated delivery numbers.
- e) £0.593m (continuation and increase) for the Early Years Block's contribution **to early years SEND support services**. The proposed budget for 2024/25 includes an allowance for pay award / inflation, as well as an additional £0.195m to meet existing spending pressures within early years SEND support services and in support of early years providers. This includes spending on early years portage, educational psychology support for early years providers, and early years SEND parental support workers. This additional contribution is also supporting the Council's budget in the management of increased costs (ensuring that the Early Years Block continues to make legitimate and appropriate contribution to the cost of support services as the cost of these services increases). The £0.593m is included within the maximum 5% that the Authority is permitted to centrally retain, and this has been charged across the 4 entitlement funding streams on a pro-rata basis using estimated delivery numbers.
- f) £0.562m (continuation) for the **Early Years Block's contribution to the cost of the Authority's early years entitlement funding and provider support services**. The proposed budget for 2024/25 includes an allowance for pay award / inflation. The £0.562m is included within the maximum 5% that the Authority is permitted to centrally retain, and this has been charged across the 4 entitlement funding streams on a pro-rata basis using estimated delivery numbers.

2.2 The Schools Forum is asked to note that a total value of £1.673m of the centrally retained budgets that are listed in paragraph 2.1 are included within the maximum 5% that the Authority is permitted to centrally retain. This calculation is broken down into the 4 separate entitlement funding streams as follows:

• Under 2s Working Parents entitlement	£154,891	95.5%
• 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement	£135,313	96.7%
• 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlement	£258,924	95.5%
• 3&4-year-olds entitlements	£1,123,834	97.4%

This confirms that our proposals comply with the DSG Conditions.

It is highlighted for Forum Members that the DfE has signalled that, once the new entitlements are fully established and embedded, the delegation % will be increased to 97% for all the entitlement streams. In this context, we would expect (and we have sought to achieve this) that our delegation %s for the existing 2-year-olds Disadvantage entitlement and for the existing 3&4-year-olds entitlements will already be close to 97%.

We would expect that the delegation %s for the new Under 2s and 2-year-olds Working Parents entitlements in 2024/25 would be lower as these are not yet fully established.

2.3 Finally, the Schools Forum is asked to note that it is not expected that the balance of Early Years Block centrally managed funds held at the end of the 2023/24 financial year will be a deficit. As such, the Schools Forum is not asked to write off from the 2024/25 Schools Budget any deficit associated with an Early Years Block fund.

3. The Central Schools Services Block 2024/25 (DECISION)

Please refer to Document QZ Appendix 1 (full list of DSG centrally managed funds).

3.1 The Schools Forum is asked to agree (to decide) the allocation of the **Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)** for 2024/25 as proposed and as listed in Document QZ Appendix 1:

- a) **Schools Forum Running Costs:** proposed to continue at £12,400, which is the 2023/24 value of £11,700 plus an allowance for pay award and inflation. This budget contributes to the costs of running the Schools Forum that are met by School Funding Team and by Committee Secretariat.
- b) **Pupil Admissions:** proposed to continue this budget at £1.066m, which is the 2023/24 value of £0.987m plus an allowance for pay award and inflation.
- c) **DfE Copyright Licences:** a value of £0.332m. The cost of copyright licences for primary and secondary schools and academies is met from the CSSB. This is not a matter for decision for the Schools Forum, as the DfE negotiates the price and top slices our DSG. The costs for early years and high needs providers are charged within our DSG model to the respective blocks. The DfE has not yet confirmed the 2024/25 costs. At this time, we have estimated an increase of 10% on 2023/24.
- d) **Education Services Grant (ESG) Statutory Duties:** proposed to continue this budget at £1.579m, which will continue to passport to the Local Authority's budget the 2023/24 committed cash budget plus an additional £0.02m, which is specifically to provide a contribution for the Authority's critical incidents support service for schools and academies. The £1.579m budget comes from the former ESG Centrally Retained Duties Grant that was transferred into the DSG at April 2017 and is now allocated in support of the statutory duties that are delivered by the Local Authority on behalf of all state funded schools and academies. A list of statutory activities was presented to the Forum on 6 December 2023 in Document QU Appendix 3.
- e) **Education Access Officers:** proposed to be continued and uplifted in 2024/25 to £0.540m (from £0.500m held in 2023/24) for pay award / inflation.
- f) **Education Services Planning:** proposed to continue at £0.157m, which is the 2023/24 value of £0.148m plus an allowance for pay award and inflation.

3.2 The Schools Forum is asked to note that, as a result of these proposals, there is no transfer of CSSB funding to any other DSG block. The full value of the 2024/25 CSSB settlement is allocated to spending within the CSSB. The Schools Forum is also asked to note that CSSB spending for 2024/25, as proposed, is funded without any reliance on any other DSG block. However, the total cost of the funds listed in 3.1 above is £3.687m, which exceeds the 2024/25 CSSB allocation by £0.059m. The £0.059m is proposed to be met from the surplus balance that is forecasted to be carried forward into 2024/25. Please see section 5.

4. The High Needs Block 2024/25 (RECOMMENDATION)

Please refer to:

- Document QX (the 2024/25 DSG summary, which summarises the planned High Needs Block budget).
- Document RB (the DSG Management Plan, which includes an updated view of the estimated High Needs Block future year trajectory and a list of planned commissioned specialist places).
- Document RA Appendix 3 (which shows in more detail how the High Needs Block planned budget for 2023/24 has been constructed at individual setting and budget heading level).

4.1 The Schools Forum is asked to support the Authority to establish the **2024/25 High Needs Block planned budget** by recommending that the formula approach (**the High Needs Funding Model**) that the Authority proposed in our consultation, and that was reported back to the Schools Forum on 6 December 2023 (Document QQ), is used to delegate High Needs Block funding to high needs providers, mainstream schools and academies and other settings in the 2024/25 financial year. This approach includes the following significant elements:

- a) The continuation, with uplift (ranging between 3.6% at Band 3L and 1.7% at Band 4H; 1.7% for the Day Rate Model), of our EHCP Banded Model and of our PRU / Alternative Provision Day Rate Model.
- b) The continuation of the existing setting-led need factors as are currently applied to the funding of specialist provisions.
- c) The continuation of the allocation to specialist provisions of the former Teacher Pay Grant and the former Teacher Pension Grant, separately from top-up funding, using the method and values we used in 2023/24.
- d) The continuation of the pass through to special schools, special school academies, PRUs and alternative provision academies, the additional “3.4% place-element” funding that was allocated in 2023/24, as required by the DfE and the 2024/25 DSG Conditions of Grant.
- e) The continuation for an additional year of the SEND Funding Floor mechanism in support of Element 2 funding for SEND and EHCPs in mainstream primary and secondary settings.
- f) The slight incremental amendment of our definition of Notional SEND budgets for mainstream schools and academies.

4.2 The Schools Forum is asked to note and **to give any feedback to the Authority** on the following significant elements, estimates and assumptions, which are incorporated into the construction of the 2024/25 High Needs Block (HNB) planned budget that is presented to this meeting:

- a) The 2024/25 High Needs Block planned budget is calculated without any transfers of funding in from other Blocks or out to other Blocks.
- b) As we have previously reported to the Forum, the DfE’s national SEND / EHCP / Alternative Provision system and funding reviews are very likely to have significant implications for our High Needs Block income and expenditure going forward. We are a pilot local authority. Whilst we have made some small adjustments in approach, which are aimed at supporting transition, for example, our incremental modest adjustment to our definition of Notional SEND budgets, we have not significantly adjusted our 2024/25 High Needs Block planned budget in anticipation of changes that may come. There are no changes in the national high needs funding system in 2024/25. In its messaging to local authorities, about High Needs Block management, the DfE has stressed that the SEND Green Paper represents a longer-term programme of change. However, it is quite possible that changes to the high needs funding system may be directed for the 2025/26 financial year. As such, we anticipate that, alongside review work that will be necessary in order to manage our forecasted deficit position, we will also need to review our funding arrangements for 2025/26 in the light of directed changes.
- c) Forum members are reminded that the Authority presented reports in May (Document OM) and July (Document OR) 2022, following discussions regarding the use and retention of the High Needs Block surplus balance that was carried forward from the 2021/22 financial year. The July 2022 report set out a plan for £920,000 of investment, in 3 areas, in support of inclusion. The initial investment period has been extended and will run to the end of the 2023/24 academic year. The outreach support budget element has also been extended to the PRU / AP Academy, at an additional cost of £60,000. Currently, for budget planning purposes, it is assumed that £0.980m will continue for a full financial year in 2024/25.
- d) The 2024/25 planned budget that is presented to this meeting includes £3.87m of revenue budget for the further development of specialist SEND provisions. This is made up of full year (from April: +100 places) and part year (from September: +100 places) budget provision. This provision aligns with the SEND Sufficiency Statement, which was presented to the Forum on 6 December (Document QT). A list of planned commissioned places is presented in Document RB Appendix 1.

- e) The 2024/25 planned budget is constructed to support the building of capacity for the longer term, by seeking to avoid under-estimating the full cost (when established and fully occupied) of new SEND places. The planned budget is constructed, therefore, on a 'full year full places occupancy' basis. This is done with the understanding that the filling of newly established or establishing capacity will be achieved in a managed way, and that there will be some degree of fluctuation in the occupancy of new and existing provisions during the year. Whilst the 2024/25 planned budget includes £3.87m of revenue provision for new SEND specialist places, therefore, it is expected that the actual spending on newly created places in 2024/25 will be lower than this, as places will be created and occupied at different points.
- f) The 2024/25 planned budget for Alternative Provision / PRU provision continues to be based on the principle that our PRU / AP provisions, where funded from the High Needs Block, deliver Local Authority-commissioned provision for pupils permanent excluded. In response to the significant increase in the number of permanent exclusions, the 2024/25 planned budget now makes provision for estimated 300 places on a full year basis, uplifted from 160 places within the 2023/24 planned budget. This represents a significant additional cost within the High Needs Block. The 2024/25 planned budget at this time going forward continues not to fund any additional school-commissioned alternative provision. The DfE's SEND Green Paper has proposed some substantial changes to the way Alternative Provision is funded, and the role of the PRUs / AP Academies. The possible financial implications of these changes are not yet built into our planned budget. This is an area we will need to review closely as further announcements are made and as pilot work develops.
- g) The Local Authority continues to take a prudent approach to the setting of the planned budget. The Forum is reminded that High Needs Block expenditure is more difficult to predict than that in other DSG blocks and is more subject to changes during the year. This difficulty is especially present currently due to the amount of structural change that continues to be delivered, and the scale of growth in the numbers of children and young people with EHCPs.
- h) The 2024/25 planned budget continues to be constructed incorporating the financial efficiencies that have come from the amalgamation of Bradford's hospital education, Tracks and medical home tuition provisions into a single Local Authority managed service. The DfE has not yet developed a national formula-based approach to the funding of these provisions, and continues to fund local authorities, through the High Needs Block, on historic information.
- i) How we propose to continue and to uplift our existing EHCP Banded Model means that separate additional arrangements are not required in order for us to comply with the DfE's Minimum Funding Guarantee for special schools and for special school academies.
- j) Provision for SEND mainstream teaching support services held within the planned continues to include a large proportion of the £0.980m inclusion investment. The total 2024/25 High Needs Block budget provision for these services is £6.546m. This compares with the 2023/24 High Needs Block planned budget value of £5.715m. In setting the 2024/25 planned budget, we have sought to anticipate the impact of significant salaries costs increases on these services, especially the 5% increase in the employer's contribution to teacher pensions at April 2024, which we do not expect to receive additional funding for.
- k) The 2024/25 planned budget is based on a general estimate that our spend on: a) pupils with EHCPs in mainstream settings, b) students in post-16 Further Education & SPI settings, and c) pupils placed in independent and non-maintained special school provisions and in out of authority-maintained provisions, will continue to grow in 2024/25 at broadly the same rates as in 2023/24 (with these 2023/24 rates having been estimated at December 2023). Simply put, we are estimating that our number of children and young people with EHCPs will continue to substantially grow over the next 12 months. Spending in these 3 areas has substantially increased during 2022/23 and 2023/24, and combined, these are major contributors to the forecasted overspending within the High Needs Block, in 2024/25. This is discussed further in the DSG Management Plan that is presented in Document RB.
- l) As we discuss in more detail in the DSG Management Plan at Document RB, we currently estimate we may overspend our 2024/25 High Needs Block allocation by £22m, meaning that the £22.7m High Needs Block surplus balance that is projected to be held at the end of the 2023/24 financial year may largely be spent by the end of the 2024/25 financial year. We further estimate at this time that our High Needs Block and then DSG account may post a cumulative deficit at the close of the 2025/26 financial year, with the

size of the deficit continuing to grow in the absence of new significant mitigating response, additional income from the DfE or a significant slowing in EHCP growth rates. Although this forecast is based on a series of estimates, which may change, the scale of deficit that is forecasted clearly indicates a structural budget issue. Strategic work is needed to continue to put forward options for new actions that will contribute to the resolution of the forecasted High Needs Block deficit. We are seeking to develop actions that will help to reduce the size of the overspending in 2024/25 and then to reduce the on-going overspending from April 2025. Actions from April 2025 include consideration of amendments to our formula funding models, as well as a Schools Block to High Needs Block transfer. These will ultimately be picked up within our 2025/26 DSG planned budget setting and consultation on formula funding arrangements but will need to be considered as early as possible for further discussion. Continuous review of EHCP growth rates is also important. The Local Authority proposes and intends to communicate with the DfE to signal our forecast and to ask for advice and support, as is appropriate.

- We have always sought to avoid setting a planned budget for the next financial year that is dependent on significant savings being made, which are still to be identified. This approach is especially important in circumstances where there isn't a sufficient value of brought forward surplus balance available to provide adequate cover, in the event that such savings are not realised. We wish to highlight for the Schools Forum that we are taking a different position in respect of the High Needs Block in 2024/25, as our planned budget currently indicates that £22m of brought forward balance may be required to be deployed and only £0.980m (the Local Authority's Inclusion Investment Plan) of this relating to specific targeted additional spending. This means that £21m effectively covers on-going expenditure, albeit that the £3.87m additional places budget is not expected to be fully spent in 2024/25. In order to bring the 2024/25 High Needs Block into balance, without using balances, we would need to implement very significant immediate reductions, including in delegated formula funding, at a scale which is not achievable. It is also not realistic (nor justifiable) to propose these reductions at a time of financial pressure on providers and given the size of the surplus balance that we currently hold. It is also the case that we have held the surplus in anticipation that 2024/25 will be a very challenging year. However, this approach does mean that the in-year spending pressure that is projected to be present in 2024/25 has not been corrected at the time the planned budget has been set and this pressure would carry forward into 2025/26. One of Authority's areas of work during 2024/25 will be to seek to make savings and efficiencies in-year in order to reduce the size of the pressure that will be carried forward. To provide assurances, however, this work will not include any in-year adjustment to the delegated funding models that will be applied (once agreed, the Authority will not reduce EHCP and other delegated funding models during the year). We also wish to highlight here that one of the new mitigating actions that we can now take in our management of our DSG account is to assert that general reserves that are held within the DSG at the end of the 2023/24 financial year are 'pooled' to offset / to support the management of the High Needs Block deficit. The Authority's general position also leans towards the retention of balances, meaning that we would not seek to allocate balances for the purposes of increasing levels of spending in 2024/25 above what they would 'naturally' be. The 2024/25 planned budget that is presented to today's meeting follows this approach. This is shown further in the next section.

[5. The Allocation & Retention of Balances forecasted to be Brought Forward from 2023/24 \(RECOMMENDATION\)](#)

Please refer to Document QY Appendix 2.

5.1 The Schools Forum is asked to support the Authority to establish the **2024/25 DSG planned budget** by recommending the treatment of the £29.975m of balances that are forecasted to be carried forward into 2024/25, as listed and as proposed in the paragraphs below. £29.975m is 4.1% of the estimated 2024/25 DSG allocation.

5.2 In doing so, the Forum is asked to note that the figure of £29.975m is an estimate. The confirmed values of brought forward balances by DSG block will be presented to the Forum initially in July 2024 and then finally in September 2024 (the latter update incorporating the final adjustment to Early Years Block and Early Years Supplementary Grant income).

5.3 It is forecasted that a balance of £0.179m will be carried forward from 2023/24 within the **Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)**. The Schools Forum is asked to support the Authority's proposals, that:

- a) £0.059m is allocated to the 2024/25 planned budget, to continue existing commitments uplifted for an allowance for pay award and inflation, and to meet the (currently estimated) cost of copyright licences for mainstream primary and secondary schools and academies, in combination with the 2024/25 CSSB allocation received from the DfE.
- b) £0.120m is retained in support of CSSB expenditure in future years and also pending further conversations about the pooling of reserves as a mitigating action in response to our forecasted High Needs Block deficit.

5.4 It is forecasted that a balance of £3.855m will be carried forward from 2023/24 within the **Early Years Block**. The Schools Forum is asked to support the Authority's proposals, that:

- a) A balance of £0.072m in de-delegated funds is ring-fenced and retained.
- b) An estimated balance of £0.545m in the Disability Access Fund (DAF) is retained, including pending further conversations about the pooling of reserves as a mitigating action in response to our forecasted High Needs Block deficit.
- c) £1.262m is allocated into the 2024/25 Early Years Block planned budget to support the estimated cost of our Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF), as proposed in the consultation that is presented in Document QW. This £1.262m specifically relates to the issue of the funding of the new Under 2s Working Parents entitlement for the period September 2024 to March 2025, where we will fund 26 weeks of delivery but where the DfE so far has indicated that it will only fund for 22 weeks of delivery. We met with the DfE to discuss this issue on 6 December, and we await information on the DfE's position. It is now clear that other authorities are raising the same issue with the DfE, so we remain positive that this issue may be resolved. However, at this time for the purposes of setting the planned budget, we cannot guarantee this and so we should assume that the matter will not be resolved and that we will need to deploy reserve balances. If the matter is resolved in our favour, we will not deploy this value of reserves in 2024/25. An update on this matter will be provided to the Forum in the March meeting.
- d) The remaining value of balance, currently estimated at £1.976m, is retained to be used in support of the cost, including any unexpected or higher than expected cost, of the Early Years Funding Formula (EYSFF) in 2024/25 and going forward. £1.976m is 3% of the estimated value of our Early Years Block in 2024/25. A significant amount of change is being absorbed in 2024/25 and much of the planned budget is calculated on estimates of costs relating the new entitlements. In this context, we feel that it is prudent to hold reserve. We also highlight to the Schools Forum that the 26 weeks vs. 22 weeks funding issue will also be present in 2025/26 as the new entitlements extend to 30 hours from September 2025. We estimate that, if this is not properly funded, we will have a further £2.1m of unfunded cost in 2025/26. Subject to the DfE's resolution, this matter would need to be a first call on all Early Years Block reserves that will be carried forward into 2025/26. Again, in this context, we feel that it is essential to hold the estimated £1.976m in reserve at this time. This is also important pending further conversations about the pooling of reserves as a mitigating action in response to our forecasted High Needs Block deficit.

5.5 It is forecasted that a balance of £22.646m will be carried forward from 2023/24 within the **High Needs Block**. We currently estimate that we may overspend our 2024/25 High Needs Block allocation by £21.620m, meaning that the High Needs Block surplus balance that is projected to be held at the end of the 2023/24 financial year may largely be spent by the end of the 2024/25 financial year. For the purposes of the planned budget, based on estimates, only £1.026m of this reserve would be recorded as remaining to be carried forward in 2025/26. So the principal call on this balance will be meeting the cost of the 2024/25 planned High Needs Block as is currently estimated. The Authority does not plan any other use of the High Needs Block surplus balance at this time. As Forum Members are aware, the planned budget is constructed on a series of estimates and we try to take a prudent approach to these estimates, meaning that we would, alongside our work new mitigating activity, hope to see an improvement in the 2024/25 budget position and a lower call on reserves. However, the first call on the estimated £22.646m will be meeting in year the cost of any change, as well as supporting any unexpected costs that may arise across 2023 and 2024 after the planned budget for 2024/25 has been agreed.

5.6 It is forecasted that a balance of £3.295m will be carried forward from 2023/24 within the **Schools Block**. The Schools Forum is asked to support the Authority's proposals, that:

- a) £0.625m is retained as the ring-fenced balance of de-delegated funds. A breakdown of this balance is provided in the separate report (Document QZ Appendix 2). Within the 2024/25 planned budget proposals, £0.100m of the £0.625m is specifically earmarked for release to support the cost of the school maternity / paternity insurance fund. On this basis, £0.525m is retained and carried forward. However, this balance may also be used to support any costs arising from new deficits held by sponsored primary academy converters, as the Authority proposes that no new value of budget is de-delegated for this purpose in 2024/25. This balance is also prior to any addition to de-delegated fund balances that comes from the carry-over of the balance of the additional £0.934m 'Schools in Financial Difficulty' DSG funds that the Local Authority has been allocated for maintained schools in 2023/24, as discussed in paragraph 1.3. The rest of the balance is ring-fenced and is proposed to be held in support of the cost of continuing de-delegated funds, in line with the principles set out in paragraph 1.2.
- b) £1.149m is retained as the Growth Fund ring-fenced balance and will be used to support the cost of allocations in 2024/25 and on-going. Please see paragraph 1.5. This is also retained pending further conversations about the pooling of reserves as a mitigating action in response to our forecasted High Needs Block deficit.
- c) £0.500m is retained as the ring-fenced balance for the primary phase Falling Rolls Fund. Please see paragraphs 1.9 and 1.10. This is also retained pending further conversations about the pooling of reserves as a mitigating action in response to our forecasted High Needs Block deficit.
- d) £0.154m is allocated to cover the estimated change in the cost of NNDR (Business Rates) for maintained primary and secondary schools for the 2024/25 financial year. However, this is a 'holding position' only, as our Schools Block will be reimbursed for this sum in 2025/26, when we will have a choice about whether the £0.154m is returned to reserves or is allocated through our Schools Block planned budget. The £0.154m is based on an estimate of NNDR costs and is subject to confirmation.
- e) It is proposed that the remaining value of £0.867m be fully retained as a resilience reserve. £0.867m is 0.16% of the Schools Block. This is also retained pending further conversations about the pooling of reserves as a mitigating action in response to our forecasted High Needs Block deficit.

6. Early Years Single Funding Formula and Pro-Forma 2024/25 (RECOMMENDATION)

Please refer to:

- Document QW (EYSFF consultation proposals)
- Document RA Appendix 5 (Early Years Pro-forma, which summarises the proposed setting base rates, the mean Deprivation & SEND rates and maintained nursery school supplement funding).
- Document RA Appendices 2a, 2b and 2c (indicative provider funding rate modelling 2024/25).

6.1 The Schools Forum is asked to support the Authority to establish the **2024/25 Early Years Block planned budget** by giving its formal feedback on the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) the Authority proposes to be used to fund all early years providers for their delivery of the early years entitlements. The Authority's proposals are set out in detail in Document QW and its Appendix 1 (EYSFF Technical Statement).

6.2 The Authority ideally would like the Schools Forum to give its formal support to these EYSFF proposals.

(BY VOTE – PRIMARY, NURSERY AND EARLY YEARS PVI REPRESENTATIVE).

6.3 In providing feedback now, the Forum is asked to note that, due to the timing of the DfE's announcements on Early Years Block funding arrangements, wider consultation with providers on our 2024/25 EYSFF has not yet begun but will begin immediately after this Forum meeting. Our consultation will run until 5 February 2024. Final proposals, incorporating any adjustments made in response to consultation feedback, will be presented to Executive on 20 February and then, subject to the Executive's resolution, to Council on 22 February for final decision. The Forum's next scheduled meeting is not until 6 March, so this means that final decisions will be taken before the Forum has had sight of any consultation feedback and any amendments from this. The

Authority will send an email to Forum Members as soon as possible after 5 February to inform them whether the final proposed EYSFF, to be presented to the Executive / Council, has changed from what was proposed in Document QW.

6.4 The Schools Forum is reminded and is asked to note:

- a) Local authorities are not permitted to alter their EYSFF arrangements in year without DfE approval.
- b) Under our proposals, the Under 2s Working Parents, the 2-year-olds Working Parents and the 3&4-year-olds entitlements formulae all contain a Deprivation and SEND Supplement, which are proposed to be calculated using the same Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) data, with a single IMD score being calculated for each provider and with that score then being used to calculate the Supplement funding in each of the applicable formulae. For 2024/25, we have used the existing 3 year rolling averages of Index of Multiple Deprivation data (taken from provider postcodes) that were used to fund providers that delivered the 3&4-year-olds entitlements in 2023/24. We would normally update these rolling averages annually. However, in the interests of confirming rates of funding for the delivery of the new entitlements for providers as soon as possible, we will not update these averages for the data that will be collected from the January 2024 census but that will not be available until late February. We have concluded that giving providers more certain information in January for their planning is a priority this year. This is a temporary position for 2024/25. We expect to update the IMD data as normal for 2025/26.
- c) A series of estimates have been used in the 2024/25 Early Years Block calculations relating to both income and to the cost of the entitlements (the number of hours to be delivered across the coming year). By necessity, this approach requires end of year reconciliation and may require carry-over of either an under or an overspend into 2025/26.
- d) As shown in the Pro-Forma (Document RA Appendix 5), our Early Years Block planned budget complies with the DSG Conditions of Grant concerning a) the minimum 95% pass-through and b) the maximum 12% spend on supplements. Our planned budget also complies with the DfE's expectation that the specific Maintained Nursery School Supplement is allocated to protect maintained nursery school funding at pre-national reform (2016/17) rates.

7. Primary and Secondary Formula Funding and Pro-Forma 2024/25 (RECOMMENDED)

Please refer to Document RA Appendix 4 (Primary & Secondary Pro-forma) and Document RA Appendices 1a, 1b and 1c (indicative modelling).

7.1 The Schools Forum is asked to support the Authority to establish the **2024/25 Schools Block planned budget** by recommending the formula approach that the Authority proposed in our consultation, and that was reported back to the Schools Forum on 6 December 2023 (Document QO), is used to calculate core formula funding allocations for mainstream primary and secondary maintained schools and academies for the 2024/25 financial year. This approach includes the following significant elements:

- a) No transfer of budget from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.
- b) Continue to exactly mirror the DfE's National Funding Formula (NFF) at factor level.
- c) Set the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) at positive 0.5%. Within the calculation of the MFG, we continue to exclude NNDR and PFI funding in the baselines for both 2023/24 and 2024/25, so that we can continue to closely mirror the way the MFG is calculated within the National Funding Formula. However, for 2024/25 we have not excluded the split sites factor so that the MFG can protect any losses from the introduction of the new mandatory National Funding Formula factor in 2024/25.
- d) Continue to use our existing local formula approach for the funding of PFI, as this is not yet covered by the National Funding Formula, meaning that we continue to pass through the specific PFI (BSF) DSG affordability gap values using our current method, continuing the adjustment to ensure that the amounts passed on to academies by the ESFA on an academic year basis are equivalent to the amounts that the Authority requires academies to pay back on a financial year basis. Please see 7.2 below.

- e) Continue to fund NNDR at actual cost, with the cost currently estimated within the planned budget.
- f) Slightly amend our definition of Notional SEND budgets for mainstream schools and academies.
- g) Retain the Growth Fund unchanged, with its existing criteria and methodology.
- h) Retain the Falling Rolls Fund with small amendments to the eligibility triggers.

7.2 The Schools Forum is asked to agree (to recommend) the value of the **DSG's total contribution to the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Affordability Gap** for 2024/25, which is £9.584m; split £8.571m Schools Block and £1.013m High Needs Block. These figures incorporate an 10.4% increase on 2023/24 for the RPIX. This represents a net increase (allowing for adjustments relating to the apportionment for academies) of £0.664m in cash budget terms on the 2023/24 cost. This contribution will be split between relevant schools and academies on the same % basis as in 2023/24 (based on the school's unitary charge value). For Secondary schools and academies, this contribution is expressed as a formula factor. For Special schools and academies, this contribution is managed as a central item within the High Needs Block.

7.3 As shown in Document QX, the proposed total Schools Block planned budget under spends the 2024/25 DSG Schools Block settlement by £7,783. **It proposed to transfer this very small value of under spend to Schools Block reserves**, meaning that £7,783 will be unspent in 2024/25 and will be carried forward for spending from April 2025. Within this position, excluding the £0.154m additional cost of NNDR, the total cost of our formula funding arrangements is £0.162m lower than our 2024/25 Schools Block funding. There are a number of pressures and savings within this position.

In our discussions in recent years, we have alerted the Schools Forum and we have explained in our autumn Schools Block consultations, that the affordability of our proposal to continue to exactly mirror the DfE's National Funding Formula, depends upon how the dataset that is taken from the latest October Census (on which schools and academies are funded) varies from the October Census taken in the previous year (on which the Schools Block is funded). We have explained how there is an annual lag in pupil circumstances data, between school-level and DSG-level funding, meaning that, if there are significant changes, such as a significant increase in Free School Meals %s in schools and academies, we may not be able to fully afford our formula proposals. We have set out in our consultations how we might approach this situation, was it to be present. We have explained options, that range from using balances brought forward (where the value of over-spend was relatively small in the context of the size of the Schools Block) to pro-rata reducing all formula factors to bring the cost of the formula back in line with our available DSG Schools Block funding.

Document RA Appendix 1d now presents a summary of the changes in costs in 2024/25 by formula factor, when the October 2023 Census dataset is used (rather than the October 2022 Census dataset). This summary evidences that the October 2023 Census dataset has quite significantly increased the cost of our funding formula in 2024/25. Our cost has increased by £1.671m, with a greater value of cost change in the primary phase (£1.239m) than in the secondary phase (£0.432m). This will be additional funding that is allocated to mainstream primary and secondary schools and academies, in response to the changes in the pupil circumstances data that have been recorded for pupils on roll in October 2023.

We are able to absorb this £1.671m of additional cost within the 2024/25 Schools Block settlement because of savings elsewhere within the Schools Block. Most significantly, we have received £0.40m of NNDR reimbursement relating to 2023/24 spending (which we already covered using reserves) and we have received £0.80m of growth funding in respect of 2 now established new secondary free schools where we no longer have growth cost. These are one-off savings, however, that will not continue in 2025/26. So the risk that annual data lag presents to our proposal to exactly mirror the National Funding Formula will still be present going-forward and it is important that we continue to highlight and to model this and to discuss options for management. This is even more important as we move to discuss High Needs Block deficit mitigation actions, including a possible Schools Block to High Needs Block transfer from April 2025.

7.4 The Schools Forum is asked to give its final **approval to the Pro-Forma for the 2024/25 financial year**, using the draft pro-forma at Document RA Appendix 4 as a guide.

(RECOMMENDATION BY VOTE – PRIMARY AND ACADEMY; BY VOTE SECONDARY AND ACADEMY).

7.5 The Schools Forum is reminded and is asked to note:

- a) The cost of NNDR (business rates) shown in the Pro-forma is based on estimated figures. The Authority's initial cost estimate for 2024/25 will be subject to changes during the year (with a final reconciliation of actual costs taking place early in 2025).
- b) In moving to using the National Funding Formula at local individual primary and secondary school level, the Schools Forum wished to monitor the actual spending of the Schools Block more closely by phase against the funding received within the Schools Block by phase i.e. phase ring-fencing within the Schools Block. An updated calculation of the position for 2024/25 is shown in section X of Document QX. Forum Members are reminded that premises-related costs and Growth Fund and Falling Rolls Fund costs are funded on a cross-phase basis so are not included in this calculation.
- c) There is no unallocated contingency fund held within the 2024/25 Schools Block planned budget.
- d) On the basis of the modelling presented to this meeting, the formula funding landscape in Bradford in 2024/25 is as follows:
- Primary phase: 31 out of 156 schools (20%), including academies, are funded on the Minimum Funding Guarantee. 25 schools (16%), including academies, are funded at the £4,610 minimum per pupil level. All other schools and academies are funded above £4,610 per pupil.
 - Secondary phase: 5 out of 31 schools (16%), including academies, are funded on the Minimum Funding Guarantee. 1 academy (3%) is funded at the £5,995 minimum per pupil level. All other schools and academies are funded above £5,995 per pupil.
 - All through academies: None of the 4 academies are funded on the Minimum Funding Guarantee. All of these academies are also funded above their composite minimum per pupil funding levels.
 - In total, 36 out of 191 schools and academies (19%) are funded on the Minimum Funding Guarantee. This is reduced from 48 (25%) in 2023/24. In total, 26 out of 191 schools and academies (14%) are funded on the minimum per pupil funding levels. This is reduced from 31 (16%) in 2023/24.

Allocations from the Growth Fund 2024/25 Financial Year - Existing & Known Expansions (including Bulge Classes)

Calculated using the agreed Growth Fund formula

Phase / Type	School / Academy	Primary-Phase Bulge or Half Bulge	Expanding - Funding Sept 24 to March 25	Expanding - Funding Apr 24 to Aug 24 (academies)	2024/25 FY Total Formula Allocation
Primary Maintained	Addingham Primary School	£65,552	£0	£0	£65,552
Primary Maintained	All Saints' CE Primary School (Ilkley)	£0	£6,650	£0	£6,650
Primary Maintained	Low Ash Primary School	£8,550	£0	£0	£8,550
Primary Maintained	Poplars Farm Primary School	£0	£31,588	£0	£31,588
Primary Academy	St Joseph's Catholic Primary, Keighley	£0	£0	£16,973	£16,973
Primary Maintained	Steeton Primary School	£57,002	£0	£0	£57,002
All Through Academy (Secondary element)	Appleton Academy	£0	£0	£47,858	£47,858
All Through Academy (Secondary element)	Bradford Girls Grammar (Free School)	£0	£0	£52,141	£52,141
Secondary Academy	Carlton Bolling College	£0	£0	£52,643	£52,643
All Through Academy (Secondary element)	Dixons Allerton Academy	£0	£0	£7,976	£7,976
Secondary Academy	Dixons City Academy	£0	£0	£35,959	£35,959
Secondary Academy	Dixons McMillan Academy	£0	£0	£35,959	£35,959
Secondary Academy	Dixons Trinity Academy	£0	£0	£43,151	£43,151
Secondary Academy	Feversham College	£0	£0	£38,286	£38,286
Secondary Academy	Ilkley Grammar School	£0	£0	£44,949	£44,949
Secondary Academy	Immanuel College Academy	£0	£0	£30,565	£30,565
Secondary Academy	Oasis Academy Lister Park	£0	£0	£31,905	£31,905
Secondary Academy	Trinity Academy Bradford	£0	£0	£27,119	£27,119
Secondary Academy	Carlton Keighley Academy	£0	£0	£47,858	£47,858
Total Gross Cost (prior to reimbursement through recoupment for academies Apr - Aug 5/1)		£131,104	£38,238	£513,342	£682,684
Total Number of Allocations		3	2	14	19

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