

Schools Forum 10 November 2022	
Report from Executive Director of People - Children Services	
National Funding Formula and DSG Budget Setting 2023-24	
Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
No. of Appendices:	None
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This report relates to all Schools Forum representatives and is for information.

1. Purpose of the report

The purpose of the report is to outline for Schools Forum the planned timetable for approving the use of Dedicated Schools Grant in Slough in 2023-24. The timetable gives a bit more detail than the forward planning email sent by the Chair of Schools Forum on the 27 September 2022.

It should be noted that this is based on a 'steady state' approach given the significant move towards the implementation of the hard National Funding Formula made in Slough in recent years.

2. Recommendation

Schools Forum is asked to note the timetable for agreeing allocations for DSG funded services for 2021-22 as set out in Appendix A.

3. Financial Implications

The financial implications have been detailed in the body of this paper.

4. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications for this report.

5. Equality Implications

Not applicable

6. Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

Not applicable

7. Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

Not applicable

Appendix A

2023-24 National Funding Formula and Budget Setting Timetable

Date	Responsibility	Process
2022		
10 November	Schools Forum	Forum reviews consultation outcomes and 5-16 Task Group recommendation, and makes decision on block transfers from Schools Block to High Needs and CSSB.
18 November	SBC	Deadline for submitting any disapplication to the ESFA to move up to 0.5% of funding from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.
Mid December	ESFA	Authority Pro-forma Tool (APT) is sent to Local Authorities with October 2023 census data and indicative Schools Block DSG. At this point SBC Finance models the funding for individual schools.
2023		
Early January	Schools Forum/SBC	T5-16 ask Group meets to review modelled funding allocation and recommend proposals for discussion at Forum.
12 January	Schools Forum	Informed of, and makes recommendations on, proposals for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-24 Schools Funding Formula, including Growth Fund allocations • 2023-24 Early Years Funding Formula
16 January	SBC	Cabinet approves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-24 Schools Funding Formula, including Growth Fund allocations • 2023-24 Early Years Funding Formula
20 January (to be confirmed)	SBC	APT is sent back to ESFA outlining our proposed Schools Funding Formula for 2013-24.
February	SBC	Send out 2023-24 budgets to mainstream schools together with indicative budgets for 2024-25 and 2025-26.
16 March	Schools Forum	Agree the budget for the DSG Central Schools Services Block allocations for 2023-24.