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Summary: The purpose of this report is to update the Barking and Dagenham Schools Forum on: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 DSG Outturn for 2024/252 Local Management of Schools (LMS)3 High Needs Block (HNB) Outturn for 2024/254 High Needs Budget 2025/265 Arrangements for Mainstream Top-up funding 25/266 Early Years (EY) Outturn for 2024/257 Growth Funding for 2025/268 Falling Rolls for 2025/269 Schools Facing Financial Difficulty fund (SFFD)10 Schools Budget Support Grant (New)11 AOB	

Recommendation(s)

The Schools' Forum is requested to:

1. Note the DSG outturn position for 2024/25
2. Note LMS Reserves balances for Schools.
3. Note the 2024/25 High Needs outturn position.
4. Note High Needs Budget Forecast for 2025/26
5. Note and comment on the arrangements for mainstream top-up funding for 2025/26.
6. Early Years Outturn position for 2024/25.
7. Note, comment and approve the Growth Fund for 2025/26
8. Note, comment and approve the Falling Rolls for 2025/26
9. Note SFFD funds, loans outstanding and balance retained centrally.
10. Schools Budget Support Grant (New) -2025/26
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Reason(s)

The Schools Forum Regulations 2012 requires that the Schools' Forum meets regularly and is consulted by the local authority concerning the Dedicated Schools Budget and various related matters.

1. DSG Outturn for 2024/25

- 1.1 The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funding for 2024/25, after DfE deductions for academy recoupments, high needs commissioned places & schools NNDR was **£281.857m**. Actual expenditure is **£287.040m**, resulting in an overspend of **£5.183m** which is due to pressures within the High Needs Block.
- 1.2 The overspend on the High Needs Block is due to increase spend on SEN Mainstream top up payments, post16 payments, Home Tuition Outreach service, Special Schools & Out of Borough Maintained & Non-Maintained placements.
- 1.3 The outturn for early years block is a net underspend of **£1.509m**, which is made up of an underspend of £920k for under 2yr olds, £663k underspend for 2 yr old and overspend of £74k for 3 & 4yr old funding. It is assumed the underspend of £920k for under 2yr olds will be clawed back, this will be confirmed in July by the DfE.
- 1.4 The DSG overspend will be funded from reserves. The opening balance on this reserve was **£7.955m**. In year transactions of **£1.305m**, has been adjusted to the reserves. These transactions relate to split sites protection payments, falling rolls, & loans payments for schools facing financial difficulties. These are agreed items to be funded from DSG reserves. Therefore, the provisional closing balance as at 31 March 2025 will be £0.547m, subject to confirmation of Early Years clawback by DfE.

Refer to the table below for the summary position.

Dedicated schools Grant (DSG Budget)	2024/25 Budget £'000	2024/25 Outturn £'000	Surplus (Deficit) £'000
Schools Block (ISB)	197,347	197,347	0
Central Services Block	2,153	2,250	(97)
High Needs Block	51,567	58,162	(6,595)
Early Years Block	30,790	29,281	1,509
	281,857	287,040	(5,183)
DSG reserves B/Ff 24-25			7,955
DSG Reserve C/F to 25-26			2,772
Net (loans/falling rolls/Split sites)			(1,305)
Assume EY 2yr old Clawback (TBC)			(920)
Revised DSG Reserve C/F 25-26			547

Table: DSG 2024/25 Outturn

Recommendation (i): School Forum are asked to:

(a) Note the DSG outturn position for 2024/25

2. Local Management of Schools (LMS Reserves)

- 2.1 The 2024/25 Schools reserves opening balance is **£10.719m**. The in-year closing position across maintained schools for 2024/25 is an overspend of **£5.512m**, this includes capital spent of £1.108m funded from revenue budgets, therefore the closing reserve balance for schools is **£5.208m**.

The table below summarises the % share of schools' reserves in 2024/25 as compared to 2023/24.

Schools Reserve Analysis		Primary	Secondary	Special
% Share of Reserve (2023/24)	100%	35%	58%	7%
Opening Reserve 23/24	10,719,712	3,845,794	6,079,284	794,634
24/25 Outturn	(4,403,475)	(3,579,140)	(2,457,496)	1,633,160
Capital projects	(1,108,248)	(74,880)	(1,033,369)	0
Closing Reserve 24/25	5,207,988	191,774	2,588,420	2,427,794
% Share of Reserve (2024/25)	100%	4%	50%	46%

- 2.2 The table below summarises the in-year position for maintained schools by phase. 29 schools had an in-year deficit compared to 11 in 2023/24. The number of schools with an in-year surplus reduced from 30 in 2023/24 to 12 in 2024/25.

Please refer to **Appendix A** for the full details of individual schools' reserve position.

Phase	No of schools with in-year surplus		No of schools with in-year Deficit	
	23/24	24/25	23/24	24/25
Primary	23	10	9	22
Secondary	4	1	0	3
All through	2	0	1	3
Special School	1	1	1	1
Total Schools surplus	30	12	11	29
Percentages (%)	73%	29%	27%	71%

- 2.3 The current financial situation in schools is due to multiple reasons including the following:

- Unfunded pay awards
- Use of Agency staff for long & short-term cover
- The benefits of having experienced personnel in schools
- Long term impact of falling rolls below schools PAN
- Other cost pressures including less than inflationary increases in schools budget over the past years and high cost of goods & services
- Increase and complexity of children presenting with SEND in schools.

- Recurring use of revenue reserves to fund capital projects
- Delays in responding to changes in adverse schools' financial health.

- 2.4 The LA has been organising a series of meetings with schools facing financial difficulties. An extension to submit the 3-year ratified budget was granted for schools up to June 30th, 2025. This is designed to give schools enough time to prepare a costed recovery plan which has been discussed by respective governing bodies before submitting to the LA. Schools with surplus exceeding 5% for Secondary schools & 8% for primary schools will also be expected to submit plan of usage for reserves with their ratified budget.

Recommendation (ii): School Forum are asked to note:

(a) LMS Reserves balances for Schools for 2024/25

(b) Deadline for Submission of 3-year recovery plans has been extended to 30th June 2025 for schools in deficit & Plan of usage for schools whose reserves exceeds 5%(Secondary) & 8%(Primary) of annual budget.

3. High Needs Block (HNB) Outturn for 2024/25

- 3.1 The budget for 2024/25 was **£51.567m** (after recoupment). The table below shows the detailed position for High Needs for 2023/24 & 2024/25. The outturn position for the year was **£6.595m** overspend.

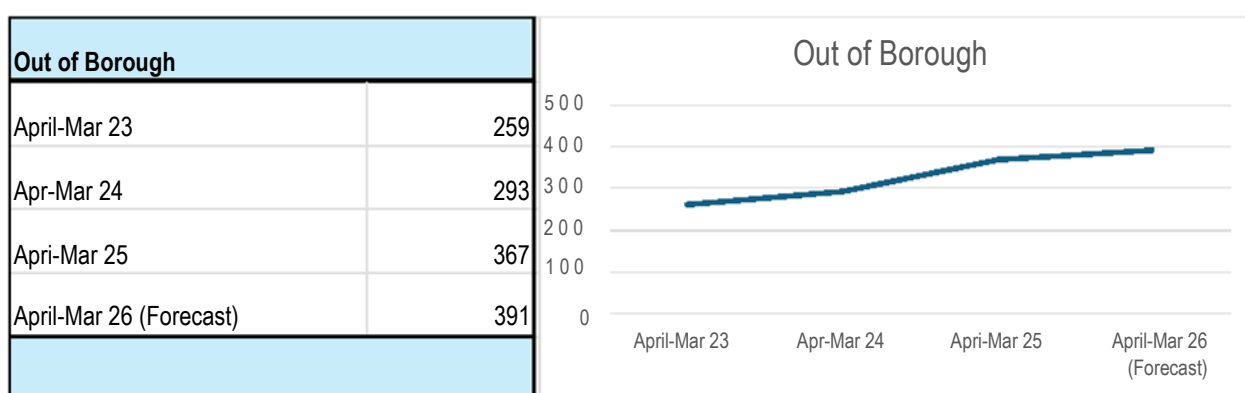
High Needs Budget and Outturn	2023/24 Outturn	2024/25 Budget	2024/25 Outturn	Variance +Surplus (Deficit)
Alternative Provision (excl PRU)	3,369,139	3,728,080	4,145,018	(416,938)
ARP Funding	9,789,848	11,040,112	10,001,189	1,038,923
Education Inclusion	1,945,955	2,115,587	1,866,872	248,715
Out of Borough & Non Maintained	10,371,272	8,318,115	10,276,126	(1,958,012)
HN Top Ups - Post 16	2,664,888	2,413,600	3,977,999	(1,564,399)
Mainstream Top Ups	5,474,350	2,601,000	5,175,066	(2,574,066)
Provisional Payments	2,790,000	3,060,000	3,060,000	0
Aspire Virtual School, Language Support	380,035	372,999	377,667	(4,668)
Initiatives (Rapid Response)	903,872	772,601	817,251	(44,650)
Special School Funding	14,438,249	15,252,455	16,930,529	(1,678,074)
EY Portage & Youth Service	471,527	658,432	404,597	253,835
Speech, Language & Communication Support	570,315	1,234,416	1,130,509	103,907
Total Budget	53,169,449	51,567,396	58,162,823	(6,595,427)

Table – High Needs Outturn

3.2 The High Needs overspend were driven by:

- increased payments for mainstream top-up funding
- Increased cost of referring pupils to out of borough placements.
- Outreach & Home tuition Service Costs
- Post 16 costs.
- Additional commissioned in-borough Special schools places and 1:1 support claims, contributed to the overspend within the special school's budget line.

3.3. Overspend on **Out of Borough (OOB)** budget is due to increase demand and uplift in placement costs from providers as well as one to one support costs. The estimated average increase in OOB placement was 13% between 2022/23 and 2023/24, 25% between 2023/24 and 2024/25 and a forecast increase of 6% between 2024/25 and 2025/26.

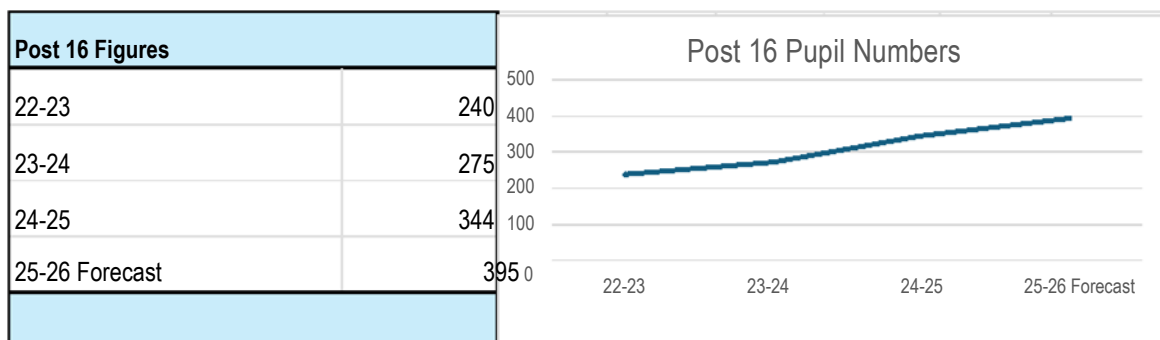


3.4 **Additional Resourced Provision (ARPs)** ended the year with an underspend of £1.039m. The table below shows there was an increase of 18% from 21/22 and 7% increase between 22/23 and 23/24, 19% increase between 23/24 and 24/25 and a forecast increase of 2% between 2024/25 and 2025/26.

ARP Data	21-22	22-23	23-24	2024-25	Forecast 2025-26
Primary Schools ARP	236	297	320	346	351
Secondary Schools ARP	139	156	176	208	223
Special Schools (excl Pathways)	349	402	415	530	535
Total	724	855	911	1084	1109
% change on previous year		18%	7%	19%	2%

3.5 Post16 top up payments in support of continued growth for 16-25 cohort reported an overspend of £1.564m primarily due to increase placements. There's been 25% increase in demand between 2023/24 & 24/25, we are projecting a further 15% increase in 25/26. Post16 continues to be a 'demand driven area'. The transition from pre-16 to post 16 is having a financial impact on the budget.

The post 16 trajectory is as follows:



Recommendation (iii): Schools forum are requested to:

(a) Note the 2024/25 High Needs outturn position.

4 High Needs Budget 2025/26

4.1 The High Needs block increased by **£5.312m**, from **£51.667m** to **£56.879m**, representing 10.3% increase from previous year. The new allocation, now based on formula, goes some way to address the gap created by funding allocated on a historic basis. However, a growing population and other demographic changes mean continuing increase in demand for services.

4.2 **Appendix B** shows projected forecast for 2025/26 is an overspend of **£3m**. This has been projected to reflect known costs and pressures including:

- Growth of 28 ARP places for both Primary & Secondary Schools
- Growth of 86 places for special schools

Special Schools	2024-25	2025/26	Additional Places
Oxlow Bridge	0	30	30
Pathways	72	80	8
Riverside Bridge	210	240	30
Trinity	302	320	18
Total	584	670	86

- Provision for Banding moderation
- Provision for Home Tuition Outreach project plus
- Contingent liability for historic costs

Recommendation (iv): Schools forum are requested to: a)

Note and comment on the High Needs forecast for 2025/26.

5. 2025/26 Update on Mainstream Top-up Payment

5.1 A meeting was held on 10th June, between school's forum representatives (the chair(s) of schools' forum) and senior LA officers to discuss the following:

- New terms of reference & membership for the HN working group
- Cut-off date and payment mechanism for mainstream top-up funding
- Banding descriptors to be used by Schools for non-EHCP pupils.

5.2 The following arrangements were agreed:

- All schools will receive payments at the start of July 2025 for pupils with EHCPs as of 31st May.
- Cut-off date for future years will be 31st March.
- All payments will be made based on hours stated in the plans.
- Requests for information regarding non-EHCP pupils to be sent to schools by Friday 20th June 2025. All completed requests will need to be returned by the end of the summer term.
- Schools should use existing data from top up spreadsheets to highlight appropriate children. Schools need to remove all children with EHCPs from the spreadsheet and focus on non-EHCP children.
- Individual written applications will not be required.
- Top up funding for non-EHCP children may be at a slightly reduced rate.
- Top up funding for non-EHCP children will be paid to schools in September 2025.

6. Early Years (EY) Outturn for 2024/25

6.1 The EY funding is based on prior year allocations and funding is only finalised using the previous two spring census data after year-end around July 2025. Early years block ended the year with a net underspend of £1.509m, which is made up of an underspend of £920k for the under 2yr olds, £663k underspend for the 2-yr old offer and overspend of £74k for 3&4yr old funding. It is assumed the underspend of £920k for under 2yr olds will be clawed back, this will be confirmed in July by the DfE.

- 6.2 The underspend is due to lower pupil numbers during the year compared to the census figures. Although the early years census now measures actual attendance on census day, fluctuations in take up over the academic year mean that not all funding are spent. In addition, settings continue to find it difficult to recruit staff and are therefore not operating at full capacity. However, attendance continues to rise from an all-time low during the pandemic and with actual 2-year-old and universal 3-and-4-year-old numbers now matching pre-pandemic figures. Take up of the extended entitlement has risen significantly from 2022.

6.3 **Early Years Budget & Forecast for 2025/26**

In the 2023 Spring budget, a significant expansion of early years childcare entitlements for working parents was announced. This was to support increased parental engagement in the labour market. In addition, the government announced investment in wraparound care to support working parents with school aged children.

- 6.4 The expansion includes entitlements for 2-year-olds from April 2024 and a new offer for under 2-year-olds to begin from September 2024. The final stage of the expansion starts in September 2025 where children aged 9 months and above from eligible working households can access the full 30-hour offer. It is proposed that 4% of the funding is retained centrally to meet LA support costs. This centrally retained element will apply to all provision levels as opposed to 3 & 4-year-olds funding only as was the case in previous years.

The estimated funding & forecast for 2025/26 is set out in the table below:

2025-26 Early Years Funding	Ratified Budget	PTE	Annual Entit'mt (Hrs)	Funded Hours	Rates paid by DFE	Total DSG Funding	Rates Paid to Providers	Anticipated Expenditure
		2025/26	2025/26	2025/26	2025/26	2025/26	2025/26	2025/26
Centrally Retained 4%	1,396,632							1,396,632
Universal 3&4 YO Census Adj.	13,558,793	4,287	570	2,443,715	6.48	15,835,276	5.70	13,926,062
Plus 15 PTE 3& 4 YO	4,376,190	1,234	570	703,477	6.48	4,558,531	5.70	4,008,921
Deprivation	944,158						0.30	944,158
Flexibility	330,455						0.21	330,455
SEN Inclusion	300,000							300,000
Contingency	68,459							68,459
EY Pupil Premum	253,781	445.23	570	253,781	1	253,781		253,781
DAF - 3&4YOF	197,918			211	938	197,918		197,918
Total 3&4 YO EY Block	20,029,754					20,845,506		20,029,754
Entitlement 2 YO	5,057,194	1,003	570	571,573	9.41	5,378,505	8.92	5,100,321
Plus 15 PTE 2YOF	3,532,113	686	570	390,997	9.41	3,679,285	8.92	3,488,986
2YOF PP	275,310	483.00	570	275,310	1	275,310		275,310
2YOF DAF	42,210			45.00	938	42,210		42,210
SEN inclusion fund	100,000							100,000
Contingency	6,171							6,171
Total Entitlement 2 Y O	9,012,998					9,375,309		9,012,998
Under 2 year old Funding	5,110,711	747.18	570	425,893	12.83	5,464,203	12.00	5,110,711
Under 2YOF PP	24,778	43.47	570	24,778	1.00	24,778		24,778
Under 2s DAF	7,504			8	938.00	7,504		7,504
SEN Inclusion Fund	76,507							76,507
Contingency	58,417							58,417
Under 2 Funding Total	5,277,917					5,496,485		5,277,917
TOTAL EY BLOCK	35,717,301					35,717,301		35,717,301

- 6.5 It is proposed that 4% of the funding for all provision levels is retained centrally to meet support and costs of early years provision. This is to fund the home portage scheme (home visiting), early years teacher service (qualified teachers working with settings to raise standards), childminding development officers, and commissioning costs. (Please refer to table below for details.)

Centrally Retained Costs	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
EY Teachers & Childminding Officers	671,011	635,000	680,000
Home Portage Scheme	111,602	112,000	120,000
Targeted Support Costs	58,337	61,000	65,000
Nursery Education Staff	80,000	113,000	120,000
2YO Staffing	0	323,000	340,000
Resource for Under 2YO Expansion	0	76,587	71,632
Total	920,950	1,320,587	1,396,632

Table – Early Years centrally funded services

Recommendation (vi): Schools forum are requested to:

- a) Note the Early Years outturn position for 2024/25
- b) Note 2025/26 EY budget & Forecast.

7. Growth Funding for 2025/26

- 7.1 Growth funding is allocated to Schools to manage an increase in pupil numbers in 2025/26 before the lagged funding catches up. The allocation is based on differences between the primary and secondary numbers on roll in each LA between the October 2023 and October 2024 school censuses. The methodology captures growth at the level of Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs). Only positive MSOA growth is used to calculate the number of pupils to be funded.
- 7.2 The 2025/26 DfE growth fund allocation is **£1.302m** and the growth required is £0.929m. The under allocation of growth fund of £373k will be put towards supporting schools with falling rolls.
- 7.3 The criteria set by LBBD to qualify for growth funding is set out below:
- Support growth in Pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need.
 - Support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation.
 - Meet the costs of new schools.
 - Where a school or academy has agreed with the LA to provide an extra class to meet basic need in the area (either as a bulge class or as an ongoing commitment).

Please Note:

Growth funding should not be used to support schools in financial difficulty or general growth due to popularity.

- 7.4 The table below shows the ***provisional*** growth allocation for 2025/26 based on forecasts of pupil numbers that will be admitted to the Boroughs schools in September 2025. The growth fund has been calculated using the DfE set allocation rates for 2025/26; **£1,570** per new primary pupil and **£2,350** per new secondary pupil. The area cost adjustment for LBBD, **1.13** has been applied to these rates.

School	Prim Nos	Sec Nos	Prim. Growth	Sec. Growth	Total Growth Allocation 2025/26 incl ACA
			£ 1,771.05	£ 2,650.94	
Eastbrook School		90		£238,584.69	£238,584.69
Greatfields Primary School	30		£53,131.63		£53,131.63
Greatfields Secondary School		60		£159,056.46	£159,056.46
Riverside Primary (Free School)	60		£106,263.25		£106,263.25
Robert Clack School of Science	60	60	£106,263.25	£159,056.46	£265,319.71
Thames View Junior	60		£106,263.25		£106,263.25
Total	210	210	£371,921.38	£556,697.61	£928,618.99
DFE Growth Fund Allocation 2025/26					£1,302,413.00
Surplus/(Shortfall) Growth Allocation to support Falling Rolls					£373,794.01

Table: Provisional Growth Fund allocation based on planned Sept. 25 Expansions

Recommendation (vii): School Forum are requested to:

- Note the provisional growth fund allocations for 2025/26
- Approve the use of the unallocated growth fund to support schools with falling rolls

8. Falling Rolls Fund for 2025/26

- 8.1 Details of the falling rolls was shared at the January Schools Forum. The table below is a summary of changes in numbers on roll (NOR) (with pupil numbers adjustment for new and growing schools) used for funding purposes. Overall, pupil numbers have increased by 116 between October 23 and October 24 census. All-Through schools have a net increase of 109 and secondaries have a net increase of 134 pupils. The primary phase is reporting a net reduction of 127.

Phase	Oct 2023 NOR Pri	Oct 2023 NOR Sec	Oct 2024 NOR Pri	Oct 2024 NOR Sec	Primary Movement	Secondary Movement	Net
Primary	22,526	0	22,399	0	-127	0	-127
Secondary	0	9,101	0	9,235	0	134	134
All-Through	1,795	7,104	1,775	7,233	-20	129	109
	24,321	16,205	24,174	16,468	-147	263	116

Table: change in pupil numbers between October 23 & October 24 census.

- 8.2 The previous criteria that a school had to be judged outstanding or good by OFSTED has now been removed.

- Reduction of 2% or more in pupil numbers.
- Only pay falling rolls above the 2% drop in pupil numbers.
- Review rate annually to ensure affordability within cash envelope
- There must be a year-on-year reduction in delegated budget. 12

- e. The school's reserves do not exceed 8% for primary schools and 5% for secondary schools delegated budget.

8.3 For the first time, the DfE will allocate funding to LA's for falling rolls. Falling rolls will be distributed based on reduction in pupil numbers that the LA's experience from year to year. It is based on the observed differences between the primary and secondary number on roll in each LA between October 2023 and October 2024

- The falling rolls allocation for each LA will be £140,000 per MSOA which sees a 10% or greater reduction in the number of pupils on roll between the two census years. This allocation will be subject to an ACA.
- LBBD has not attracted falling rolls fund for 2025/26 because the overall numbers of pupil on roll is an increase rather than a reduction. School forum has decided on supporting schools that meet the criteria from the DSG reserve.

8.4 The table below shows the schools that meet the eligibility criteria and budget allocation to support the reduction in pupil numbers. The falling rolls fund utilises the unallocated growth fund for 2025/26 which is £373,794.

School Name	Reduction in NOR	Falling Rolls Fund
		Rate per Pupil 1/3 AWP
		£ 1,454
Roding Primary School	-56	£81,449.28
Dorothy Barley Infants' School	-34	£49,451.35
Southwood Primary School	-28	£40,724.64
George Carey Church of England Primary School	-28	£40,724.64
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Dagenham	-25	£36,361.28
Dorothy Barley Junior Academy	-20	£29,089.03
William Bellamy Primary School	-20	£29,089.03
Valence Primary School	-16	£23,271.22
Beam Primary School	-14	£20,362.32
William Ford CofE Junior School	-10	£14,544.51
St Vincent's Catholic Primary School	-6	£8,726.71
	-257	£373,794.00

Table: Falling Rolls Allocations 2025/26

Recommendation (viii): School Forum are requested to:

(a) agree to fund falling rolls allocation from the surplus of growth budget (£374k)

9. Schools Facing Financial Difficulties (SFFD)

9.1 The purpose of SFFD fund is to provide temporary financial support for schools in financial difficulty to enable organisational / staffing changes to be implemented to place the schools on a financially sustainable basis. Funds have been built-up through de-delegation over several years, and contributions to the fund ceased in 2017/18 as it was intended to be self-financing from then onwards. Schools are charged interest rate of 1% above the Bank of England base rate. This is recycled back to the fund.

9.2 To access the loan facility schools are required to submit:

- A recovery / business plan setting out proposed savings and risks.
- A three-year budget and demonstrate deficit clearance over a period not exceeding three years, - establishment list covering the period of recovery.
- Submit cash flow statement.
- Submit minutes of discussion by Finance Committee / Governing Body,
- Repay the loan within three years (subject to individual school circumstances).
- Submit cash flow statement.
- Submit minutes of discussion by Finance Committee / Governing Body,
- This is subject to approval by Commissioning Director of Education, following review by Finance Monitoring Group.

9.3 In 2016/17 the total value of the de-delegated funds from schools' budget was £3.223m. However, in the early part of the scheme one off payments totalling £1.770m were provided to schools. From 2015/16, financial support is only available in the form of loans. A total of £0.325m was given out in loans during the financial year 2024/25. In the past four years interest payment of £49.68k has been added to the scheme. The funds available at the end of 2024/25 is £0.950m A total of £0.777m is available to support schools in financial difficulty as shown on the table below:

2024/25	
Funds available 31-03-24	1,101,923
Loans given 24-25	(325,000)
Funds available	776,923
Expected Loan Repayment 25-26	173,879
Projected funds available	950,802

Please refer to Appendix C for further details.

Recommendation (ix): School Forum are requested to note:

Total SFFD funds, loans outstanding and balance retained centrally

10. Schools Budget Support Grant (SBSG)

- 10.1 The DfE has announced the SBSG for 2025/26 financial year to help schools manage the increased costs arising from the 2025 teacher pay award. Nationally the additional amount of £615m has been allocated across schools (5-16 provisions) & high needs settings (£567m), early years settings (£15m) and £32m for post-16 provisions in schools and academies and FE colleges.

The DfE intend to roll the main grant funding for mainstream schools into the National Funding Formula (NFF) from 2026 to 2027.

- 10.2 Appendix D shows the SBSG allocation per school for 2025/26. The total funding allocated to LBBB maintained and special schools is £2.021m. This is to cover the 7-month period from September 2025 to March 2025. The grant will be paid to the LA in the autumn and the schools' allocations will be passported in the budget share payments following the receipt of the grant.

Recommendation (x): School Forum are requested to note:

The total SBSG allocation at school level

11. AOB

12. Financial implications

As presented in this document.

13 Legal implications

The schools' forums (England) regulations 2012 govern the constitution and conduct of meetings of the forum. The schools finance (England) regulations 2012 determine those matters on which the local authority must or may consult the school's forum and those in respect of which the schools' forum can make decisions. These regulations make provision for the financial arrangements of local authorities in relation to the funding of maintained schools and providers of prescribed Early Years provision in England.

14 Other implications

- a. Risk management - None
- b. Contractual issues - None
- c. Staffing issues – None

- d. Customer impact – None**
- e. Safeguarding children - None**
- f. Health Issues - None**
- g. Crime and Disorder Issues – None**
- h. Property / Asset Issues – None**

Background papers used in the preparation of the report:

None.

List of appendices:

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