**Report to Hartlepool Schools’ Forum 2 February 2021**

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**Item 5: Schools Block Budgets Update 2021/22**

1. **Introduction**
   1. The purpose of the report is to provide updated information on the 2021/22 Schools Block funding issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) during December 2020.
   2. ESFA have provided updated funding information that reflects the October 2020 school census and pupil characteristics.
2. **Background**
   1. Consultation on setting individual school budgets (ISBs) took place with Schools’ Forum during September and October 2020. These discussions were on the basis of the indicative NFF published in July 2020.
   2. At their meeting on 22 October 2020, Schools’ Forum voted in favour of applying the maximum possible MFG, without an associated cap.
   3. Unlike recent years, no block transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block is proposed. Schools’ Forum agreed to the transfer of £0.199m from the Central School Services Block (CSSB) to the Schools Block.
3. **Schools Block Funding 2021/22**
   1. The following table shows the updated Hartlepool schools block allocation of £70.779m for 2021/22 based on October 2020 census numbers.
   2. To provide a meaningful comparison with 2020/21 funding, the new TPG and TPECG funding for 2021/22 of £2.987m is removed. This shows an increase of £1.912m for 2021/22, or 2.90%.

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| **Schools Block** | **Pupil Numbers**  **(Oct 2020)** | **2021/22**  **Funding**  **(£m)** |
| Primary | 7,812 | 36.904 |
| Secondary | 5,507 | 33.054 |
| Premises |  | 0.604 |
| Growth |  | 0.217 |
| **NFF Schools Block 2021/22** |  | **70.779** |
| Less TPG and TPECG Funding |  | (2.987) |
| **Net of TPG and TPECG Funding** |  | **67.792** |
| NFF Schools Block 2020/21 |  | 65.880 |
| Funding increase |  | 1.912 |
| Percentage increase in funding |  | 2.90% |

* 1. The indicative Schools Block allocation published in July set the Primary Unit of Funding (PUF) at £4,724 per pupil and the Secondary Unit of Funding (SUF) at £6,002 per pupil for 2021/22. The PUF and SUF values do not change in the updated allocation so the change relates to pupil numbers only. Primary school pupil numbers reduced by 140 in the October 2020 census and secondary school pupil numbers increased by 68 in the October 2020 census. This reduced the overall primary and secondary schools block funding by £0.253m between the initial allocation published in July and this updated allocation.
  2. Because of the overall reduction in pupil numbers and the associated funding decrease, applying an MFG would not have been affordable without the CSSB (Central Schools Services Block) transfer of £0.199m into the Schools Block.
  3. There is a shortfall of £0.008m when applying the maximum 2% MFG. The shortfall is linked to the lagged funding relating to National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR). NNDR is fully funded within the NFF but funding lags one year behind. This can create a timing shortfall in year if NNDR costs have increased. The £0.008m shortfall will be funded from DSG reserves and replenished once lagged funding is received.
  4. Appendix A shows the 2021/22 schools block funding at an individual school level once the block transfer and Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) decisions outlined in the following paragraphs have been applied. Appendix A excludes growth funding but includes the £0.008m shortfall described at paragraph 3.5.
  5. The final columns in Appendix A show the change in ISBs from 2020/21 to 2021/22 as both a monetary value and percentage.

**4. Block Transfers**

4.1 Updated CSSB funding of £0.769m for 2021/22 (£0.828m in 2020/21) has been confirmed based on October 2020 census numbers.

4.2 At their meeting on 24 September 2020, Schools’ Forum agreed to fund the elements amounting to £0.570m shown in the table below and for the balance of CSSB funding (£0.199m) to be transferred to the schools block for 2021/22.

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| **Historic Commitments** | **£m** |
| Licenses | 0.067 |
| Termination of Employment costs | 0.031 |
| Total | **0.098** |
| **Ongoing Responsibilities** | **£m** |
| Retained Education Services | 0.229 |
| Admissions | 0.136 |
| Copyright licences | 0.071 |
| Servicing Schools Forum | 0.036 |
| Total | **0.472** |
| **Grand Total** | **0.570** |

**5. Setting a Local Policy for MFG and Capping**

5.1 At their meeting on 22 October 2020, Schools’ Forum voted in favour of applying the maximum possible MFG, without an associated cap. The regulations allow an MFG of up to 2%.

**6.** **Recommendations**

6.1 Forum is recommended to note the updated schools block funding for 2021/22 outlined in this report and illustrated at an individual school level on appendix A

APPENDIX A: Updated Individual School Budgets 2021/22

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| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** | **F** | **G** | **H** |  | **I** |  | **J** | **K** | **L** |
| School Reference | MPPF Test Result | 2021/22 Pre MFG Budget (Excl ESG and De-Del) | MFG | 2021/22 Post MFG Budget | 2020/21 Revised Baseline | Budget Increase +£ / Decrease (£) | Budget Increase +% / Decrease (%) |  | Per Pupil Increase % |  | NoR Oct-19 | NoR Oct-20 | NoR Change |
| School 1 | PASS | 605,231 | 16,963 | 622,194 | 675,051 | (52,857) | (8.17%) |  | 2.09% |  | 115 | 102 | (13) |
| School 2 | PASS | 591,609 | 42,870 | 634,480 | 679,951 | (45,471) | (6.93%) |  | 2.00% |  | 119 | 107 | (12) |
| School 3 | PASS | 1,475,069 | 0 | 1,475,069 | 1,519,585 | (44,516) | (3.05%) |  | 3.56% |  | 299 | 279 | (20) |
| School 4 | FAIL | 1,702,124 | 0 | 1,702,124 | 1,620,286 | 81,838 | 5.29% |  | 6.43% |  | 402 | 399 | (3) |
| School 5 | PASS | 1,965,675 | 0 | 1,965,675 | 1,911,444 | 54,231 | 2.96% |  | 5.00% |  | 423 | 420 | (3) |
| School 6 | PASS | 1,288,508 | 0 | 1,288,508 | 1,311,369 | (22,862) | (1.81%) |  | 3.44% |  | 271 | 256 | (15) |
| School 7 | FAIL | 1,754,844 | 0 | 1,754,844 | 1,657,865 | 96,979 | 6.12% |  | 5.36% |  | 407 | 411 | 4 |
| School 8 | FAIL | 1,477,256 | 0 | 1,477,256 | 1,425,562 | 51,694 | 3.79% |  | 4.38% |  | 347 | 346 | (1) |
| School 9 | PASS | 1,414,180 | 0 | 1,414,180 | 1,421,146 | (6,966) | (0.51%) |  | 2.00% |  | 302 | 299 | (3) |
| School 10 | PASS | 1,172,728 | 0 | 1,172,728 | 1,049,423 | 123,306 | 12.19% |  | 4.25% |  | 209 | 223 | 14 |
| School 11 | PASS | 1,662,475 | 0 | 1,662,475 | 1,579,909 | 82,566 | 5.44% |  | 6.87% |  | 347 | 350 | 3 |
| School 12 | PASS | 1,687,871 | 0 | 1,687,871 | 1,626,018 | 61,853 | 3.97% |  | 4.67% |  | 322 | 328 | 6 |
| School 13 | PASS | 460,647 | 72,669 | 533,316 | 538,415 | (5,099) | (0.98%) |  | 3.25% |  | 95 | 92 | (3) |
| School 14 | FAIL | 1,665,758 | 0 | 1,665,758 | 1,601,829 | 63,929 | 4.18% |  | 4.28% |  | 406 | 397 | (9) |
| School 15 | PASS | 1,049,272 | 0 | 1,049,272 | 1,036,351 | 12,921 | 1.30% |  | 2.00% |  | 229 | 225 | (4) |
| School 16 | PASS | 584,935 | 11,612 | 596,547 | 618,318 | (21,771) | (3.66%) |  | 6.87% |  | 112 | 105 | (7) |
| School 17 | PASS | 1,304,997 | 0 | 1,304,997 | 1,285,732 | 19,266 | 1.56% |  | 4.91% |  | 301 | 293 | (8) |
| School 18 | PASS | 754,235 | 3,377 | 757,612 | 791,506 | (33,894) | (4.46%) |  | 4.51% |  | 159 | 148 | (11) |
| School 19 | PASS | 955,250 | 5,242 | 960,492 | 931,917 | 28,575 | 3.21% |  | 2.00% |  | 200 | 203 | 3 |
| School 20 | PASS | 4,602,758 | 0 | 4,602,758 | 4,412,859 | 189,899 | 4.50% |  | 4.65% |  | 714 | 708 | (6) |
| School 21 | PASS | 7,176,585 | 0 | 7,176,585 | 6,621,421 | 555,164 | 8.82% |  | 2.79% |  | 1,196 | 1,260 | 64 |
| School 22 | PASS | 447,644 | 64,774 | 512,419 | 516,942 | (4,523) | (0.91%) |  | 2.00% |  | 97 | 94 | (3) |
| School 23 | PASS | 982,463 | 10,649 | 993,112 | 985,211 | 7,901 | 0.83% |  | 4.14% |  | 188 | 186 | (2) |
| School 24 | PASS | 1,470,829 | 0 | 1,470,829 | 1,444,499 | 26,330 | 1.89% |  | 3.41% |  | 281 | 279 | (2) |
| School 25 | PASS | 1,437,871 | 0 | 1,437,871 | 1,437,453 | 417 | 0.03% |  | 2.00% |  | 310 | 302 | (8) |
| School 26 | FAIL | 1,919,118 | 0 | 1,919,118 | 1,918,254 | 863 | 0.05% |  | 2.00% |  | 466 | 457 | (9) |
| School 27 | PASS | 1,312,011 | 26,766 | 1,338,776 | 1,428,984 | (90,207) | (6.65%) |  | 3.22% |  | 286 | 261 | (25) |
| School 28 | PASS | 1,902,801 | 0 | 1,902,801 | 1,861,341 | 41,460 | 2.32% |  | 3.45% |  | 372 | 370 | (2) |
| School 29 | FAIL | 1,230,423 | 0 | 1,230,423 | 1,160,836 | 69,587 | 6.32% |  | 2.15% |  | 292 | 293 | 1 |
| School 30 | PASS | 392,690 | 60,140 | 452,829 | 458,388 | (5,559) | (1.27%) |  | 3.97% |  | 84 | 81 | (3) |
| School 31 | PASS | 1,409,337 | 0 | 1,409,337 | 1,399,814 | 9,523 | 0.71% |  | 6.31% |  | 305 | 298 | (7) |
| School 32 | FAIL | 875,635 | 29,358 | 904,993 | 882,317 | 22,676 | 2.68% |  | 2.00% |  | 206 | 208 | 2 |
| School 33 | PASS | 7,684,379 | 0 | 7,684,379 | 7,263,758 | 420,620 | 6.05% |  | 3.46% |  | 1,197 | 1,211 | 14 |
| School 34 | PASS | 6,530,617 | 0 | 6,530,617 | 6,326,692 | 203,925 | 3.37% |  | 2.00% |  | 1,049 | 1,033 | (16) |
| School 35 | PASS | 7,476,282 | 0 | 7,476,282 | 7,082,577 | 393,706 | 5.84% |  | 3.70% |  | 1,283 | 1,296 | 13 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **70,424,105** | **344,420** | **70,768,525** | **68,483,022** | **2,285,503** |  |  |  |  | **13,391** | **13,320** | **(71)** |