

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL

## Response to Request for Information

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Date            19 June 2019

### *High Needs Block Education Funding*

#### **Request:**

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act.

- 1) Please state whether your local authority overspent its budget for the high needs / special educational needs funding block in each of the following financial years:
  - a) 2018-19
  - b) 2017-18
  - c) 2016-17
  - d) 2015-16
  
- 2) If so, please state the amount of the overspend, in
  - a) percentage
  - b) cashterms, in each of the following financial years:
  - i) 2018-19
  - ii) 2017-18
  - iii) 2016-17
  - iv) 2015-16
  
- 3)
  - a) Please state whether your authority has asked for approval from your local schools forum to move money from the schools funding block to the high needs / special educational needs funding block in each of the following financial years:
  
  - b) Whether it was approved or denied in each year.
    - i) 2018-19
    - ii) 2017-18
    - iii) 2016-17
    - iv) 2015-16
  
- 4) If this was approved, please state the amount of money transferred from the schools funding block to the high needs / special educational needs funding block in

- a) percentage of the total schools funding block
- b) cash

terms, in each of the following financial years:

- i) 2018-19
- ii) 2017-18
- iii) 2016-17
- iv) 2015-16

- 5) If this was not initially approved, please state whether
  - a) Your authority appealed to the Secretary of State against a decision by the schools forum to refuse such a request or sought direct permission for such a request and
  - b) What the outcome of this appeal or direct application was for each of the following financial years:
    - i) 2018-19
    - ii) 2017-18
    - iii) 2016-17
    - iv) 2015-16

[In response to your above questions, please see information provided on page 3.](#)

	<b>Q1) Did LA overspend High Needs Block</b>	<b>Q2-a) Percentage overspend</b>	<b>Q2 -b) Cash overspend</b>	<b>Q3 - a) Did LA seek approval to move money from Schools Block to High Needs Block?</b>	<b>Q3 - b) Was the request approved?</b>	<b>Q4 - a) Percentage amount approved</b>	<b>Q4 - b) Cash amount approved</b>	<b>Q5</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>£ million</b>			<b>£ million</b>				
2018-19	No	-	-	Yes	Yes	0.44%	0.80	N/A
2017-18	No	-	-	Yes	Yes	1.02%	1.80	N/A
2016-17	No	-	-	Yes	Yes	0.24%	0.41	N/A
2015-16	Yes	3.48%	0.90	Yes	Yes	0.54%	0.87	N/A