

Details of Dedicated Schools Grant

Schools Block - The schools block is determined by the number of pupils within mainstream schools, academies and free schools at reception age through to year 11 at secondary school and covers the ages of 4 to 15 years of age. The relevant count point was the school census on 3 October 2013. Funding for students aged 16 and above is funded through a separate grant based on national formula for the post 16 curriculum.

Early Years - This area provides funding for nursery aged children in the city aged 3 to 4 years of age and provides funding for their entitlement to 15 hours a week over 38 weeks. As parents can choose to receive this entitlement in a private day nursery as well as a school and nursery setting this will fund provision in nursery schools, mainstream schools and private and voluntary providers. The funding through this block should fund actual take up therefore this will be adjusted during the financial year to take account of the actual pupils in settings taking up their free entitlement.

High Needs Block - This block is to fund provision for pupils assessed as having high needs generally accessing provision through special school, special base within a mainstream school, pupil referral unit or private residential settings. The allocation announced to date is a flat cash sum based on 2013/14. The final funding allocation through the high needs block will be based on the Local Authority's assessment of places need for the academic year 2014/15. Details of the number of places needed for this period were submitted in December 2013. The assessment of places needed identify the need for an additional 32 places. It is currently unclear whether additional funding will be made available for these places. If additional funding is not provided this will have implications for other areas funded by the DSG. Announcements for the final allocations for this funding block will be made by the end of March 2014.

Two year old offer - From September 2013 the Local Authority was required to offer 15 hours free education to 20% of the most deprived two year olds in the city. September 2014 provision must be for secured 40% of the most deprived pupils. The allocation for 2014/15 reflects this increased expectation. Funding may also be used to develop capacity across the city.

Induction for Newly Qualified Teachers - In September 2012, the induction regulations changed so that teaching schools can act as the appropriate body to monitor and quality assure newly qualified teachers (NQT) induction. In order to allow schools to pay for the services of their preferred appropriate body, the funding for NQT statutory induction was moved into the DSG in 2013/14, to allow funding to be delegated to all schools through local funding formulae.

Ending of the 90% funding floor protection for 3 year olds - As announced in December 2012, the 90% funding floor protection for 3 year olds will be removed in 2014/15, following transitional protection for 2013/14.

Removal of carbon reduction commitment - The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) announced on 10 December 2012, that all state funded schools in England will be withdrawn from the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (commonly known as the "CRC") participation from April 2014. This means that local authorities will no longer be required to administer the CRC scheme on behalf of schools. The removal of schools from the CRC scheme is intended to be cost neutral to the Exchequer. A deduction will therefore be made from the DSG for 2014/15 to compensate the Exchequer for the loss of revenue resulting from local authorities no longer needing to meet the costs of purchasing carbon allowances for schools under the scheme.

Dedicated Schools Grant and Academies - The DSG as announced is intended to fund provision within the city and thus includes schools and academies. As academies are outside

local authority control the funding due to them will be recouped from the local authority and paid to the academy by the Education Funding Agency. At the time of writing there are 13 settings within the city that have converted to academy status which has resulted in a recoupment of £26.156 million. Two further settings are due to convert before 31 March 2014 and two further settings will convert on 1 April 2014. Funding will be allocated to schools in line with locally agreed funding formula a further report on school and academies allocations for 2014/15 will be brought to councillors in March 2014.