

Schools Forum Meeting Agenda

Thursday, 1 December 2016 at 9.00 am
to be held in Mezzanine Room 3 - Tor Hill House, Union Street, Torquay, TQ2 5QW

Membership

Roger Hughes
Maurice Codd
Dan Hallam
Morris Adam
Lynsey Kings
Mike Lock
Debbie Main

Daneian Rees
Clive Star
Jan Chopping
Jim Piper
Julie Shears
Tim Stephens
Simon Niles

1. **Apologies/Changes to Membership**
2. **Minutes of the last meeting**
3. **Matters arising**
4. **Analysis of high cost Post 16 placements**
Dorothy Hadleigh to present
5. **Standing Items**
 - (a) Verbal Update on TESS
Roger Hughes
 - (b) Verbal Update on CAMHS
Roger Hughes
 - (c) Verbal report on Autism
Roger Hughes

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Mike Freeman,

- (d) Verbal update on Challenging Behaviour project
Adam Morris to present

- 6. **An outcome analysis report on the impact of work of Autsim project**
Dorothy Hadleigh to present

- 7. **Impact report on Early Years future funding model** (Page 3)
Rachael Williams to present

- 8. **2016/17 DSG outturn. Statements and projected under/overspend** (Pages 4 - 5)

- 9. **Delegation of services** (Pages 6 - 9)

- 10. **DfE fair funding - verbal update**
Roger Hughes

- 11. **DfE excellence everywhere**
Rachael Williams

- 12. **Items for next meeting**

- 13. **Future meeting dates**

Background

The government is bringing in a new national Early Years funding formula, from April 2017, which will be based on the following three factors:

- a 'universal base rate' of funding for each child, so that every local area is funded fairly for the core costs of delivering childcare
- an 'additional needs factor', so that funding takes into account the extra costs of supporting children with additional needs to achieve good learning and development outcomes, this will include FSM, EAL and DLA.
- the cost of providing childcare in different parts of the country using an area cost adjustment.

From this, each local authority will be required to implement a local formula. It is anticipated that the local formula will not change from its current format and will still include a Universal Base Rate, Deprivation Payments, SEN Funding (Alfey) and Centrally retained funds.

Alongside these reforms the government is also introducing an additional 15 hours funded childcare for eligible working families, doubling their entitlement to 30 hours of funded childcare per week.

Response to consultation

The local authority responded to the government consultation and highlighted the importance that any national funding rate is reflective of the fact that many local authorities have been 'topping up' current rates via the DSG. The need for further consideration to be given to SEN funding and the cost of this was also detailed within the response.

Impact Locally & Risks

The current funding for 3 & 4 Year olds which is allocated to the Local Authority is subsidised by the DSG to increase the payment rate.

Although awaiting final publication on the Funding Formula (anticipated early spring 2017), initial analysis of the proposed funding rates locally and draft guidance have identified potential risks locally. These are:

- A reduction in the current funding rate for 3 & 4 year olds, effective from April 2017. This is anticipated due to the potential introduction of one funding rate for all providers.
- Any additional tops ups to the base rate will be capped at 10%.
- Increase in demand for SEN support, via Alfey funding, which is factored into the local formula. This will potentially increase further with the introduction of 30 hours free childcare from September 2017.
- Local sufficiency, providers may not offer the 30 hours childcare due to lower funding rates. This impact on the local authority sufficiency duty.
- Sustainability, providers may not continue to be viable if the funding rates significantly reduce from April 2017 again impacting on sufficiency for all funded childcare.

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2016/17 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) – Forecast Outturn

Introduction

The DfE confirmed that the 2016/17 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is £90m of which an estimated £53m is deducted to fund Academy Schools leaving £37m for our maintained schools and education services.

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funded activities are forecast to **overspend by £280k**. This is the first time since the inception DSG that this is likely to be the case.

The main areas of under/overspends

Interim tuition (including hospital tuition) and the virtual school costs forecast to **underspend** by £3k.

Joint funded placements and Independent special school costs are a volatile area; at this stage these services are forecast to **underspend** by £42k.

Other smaller **underspends** across Children's including SEN, portage, staffing vacancies and recoupment totalling £23k

Statementing / EHCP contingency (in-year adjustments to statementing / EHCP) is forecast to **overspend** by £146k – see separate paper on detailed analysis.

Special Schools Contingency is forecast to **overspend** by £152k due to increasing places and top up costs.

Early Years – SEN inclusion – nursery provider is forecast to **overspend** by £50k due to increasing eligible pupils taking up nursery places and increase in the hourly rate to providers.

Recommendations

That the Head of Education, Learning & Skills investigate whether in-year savings can be found to achieve at least a break-even position by year end and report back to the next Forum.

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Statementing / Education, Health & Care Plan Funding for 15/16 & 16/17

| | 15/16 | 16/17 | Increase / (Decrease) |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Number of pupils with a statement | 353 | 362 | 9.00 |
| Number of FTE's with a statement | 325 | 334 | 9.00 |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Funding below £6k allocated through school formula elements | 1,826,139 | 1,914,223 | 88,084 |
| Funding above £6k allocated as a top-up per eligible pupil | 733,446 | 926,146 | 192,700 |
| Statementing / EHCP Contingency | 211,600 | 238,400 | 26,800 |
| In-Year adjustments | | | |
| April | 50,118 | 110,476 | 60,358 |
| May | 62,034 | 23,628 | (38,406) |
| June | 7,714 | 19,756 | 12,042 |
| July | 10,711 | 8,445 | (2,266) |
| August | 23,130 | 114,700 | 91,570 |
| September | 21,280 | 63,804 | 42,524 |
| October | 43,397 | 34,132 | (9,265) |
| November | (9,658) | (9,658) | 0 |
| December | 5,680 | 5,680 | 0 |
| January | 9,739 | 9,739 | 0 |
| February | 11,323 | 11,323 | 0 |
| March | (8,000) | (8,000) | 0 |
| Total - In-Year adjustments | 227,468 | 384,025 | |
| Projected (underspend) / overspend | 15,868 | 145,625 | |

Notes

Based on April 16 to Oct 16 in-yr adjustments and the same allocation for the remainder of the financial year as 15/16, it is anticipated the statementing / EHCP contingency will overspend by £146k.

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De-Delegation and Centrally Retained Decisions for 2017/18

1. Recommendations

That the Schools Forum considers the proposals in this report and for:-

Maintained schools members vote on the de-delegation items on behalf of the phase of schools they represent

All schools and academies vote on centrally retained items

2. Why is this coming here – what decision is required?

Under the Government's current funding rules there is an assumption of delegation for a number of budget areas which are currently held centrally for maintained schools and are delegated for academies. Each year maintained schools' representative on the Schools Forum vote, by phase and on behalf of the schools they represent, to de-delegate these areas i.e. allow the LA to hold the budgets rather than delegate to schools; where it is proposed by the local authority. The outcome of the vote is binding for all maintained schools of that phase.

For 2017/18, Torbay Council Children's Services is proposing the option of de-delegation for all of the areas shown in the table below. It is for Torbay's Schools Forum to vote on each on behalf of schools. The vote is being carried out at this time to enable schools and services time plan for their budgets and responsibilities for 2017/18.

Under the national funding arrangements the government wants schools to have the opportunity to have as much funding and responsibility delegated to them as possible. The vote determines whether or not a range of costs currently met centrally will transfer to maintained schools for them to manage themselves.

Academies are not part of these arrangements since these responsibilities and the funding for them are automatically delegated to academies through the EFA use of the local funding formula.

The budgets de-delegated last year following the equivalent vote are set out in the table below.

Actual figures for 2017/18 will be finalised over the next couple of months as the settlement and the school census become available. See Appendix 1 for detail and voting boxes

Table 1- de-delegated budgets in 16/17

| Budget/Service Area | Primary £ | Secondary £ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Free School meals Eligibility | 2,999 | 2,388 |
| Insurance | 37,036 | 24,206 |
| English as an Additional Language | 10,606 | 10,705 |
| Travellers Education | 3,068 | 2,005 |
| Business Rates Contingency | 13,632 | 8,910 |
| | | |
| Total | 67,341 | 48,214 |

3. Centrally Retained budgets

These budget areas can be retained before allocating formula with the agreement of the Schools Forum. For Torbay this is Planned Pupil Growth, School Admissions Service and Servicing the Schools Forum.

Other than pupil growth, a centrally retained budget area can only be retained at the level of the previous year and cannot have any new commitments or budget increases. The School Forum is required to approve the amounts against each budget area. See Appendix 2 for details and voting boxes

All Members of the Schools Forum have an EQUAL vote on these items.

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SCHOOLS FORMULA FOR 17/18 - DE-DELEGATION - DECISION FOR SCHOOL FORUM MAINTAINED PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL MEMBERS ONLY

Appendix 1

THESE FIGURES WILL BE UPDATED ONCE OCT 16 PUPIL NUMBERS ARE KNOWN

| DfE No. | School Name | Pupil Numbers NOR Oct-15 | Eligible FSM Nos. | EAL Pupils | FSM Eligibility £ | Insurance £ | EAL £ | Travellers Education £ | Rates Contingency £ | Total De-delegation £ |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2407 | Furzeham Primary | 252 | 49.00 | 3.45 | (385) | (3,772) | (726) | (312) | (1,389) | (6,584) |
| 2439 | White Rock Primary | 465 | 49.00 | 7.17 | (385) | (6,961) | (1,510) | (577) | (2,562) | (11,995) |
| 2455 | Homelands Primary | 205 | 58.00 | 5.89 | (455) | (3,069) | (1,240) | (254) | (1,130) | (6,148) |
| 2460 | Watcombe Primary | 200 | 59.00 | 2.35 | (463) | (2,994) | (495) | (248) | (1,102) | (5,302) |
| 2469 | Sherwell Valley Primary | 634 | 54.00 | 17.51 | (424) | (9,491) | (3,687) | (786) | (3,493) | (17,881) |
| 3103 | Brixham Primary | 210 | 38.00 | 2.33 | (298) | (3,144) | (491) | (260) | (1,157) | (5,350) |
| 3600 | Galmpton CofE Primary | 200 | 23.00 | 2.34 | (181) | (2,994) | (493) | (248) | (1,102) | (5,018) |
| 3619 | Collaton St. Mary CofE Primary | 209 | 16.00 | 2.34 | (126) | (3,129) | (493) | (259) | (1,152) | (5,159) |
| TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS | | 2,375 | 346.00 | 43.38 | (2,717) | (35,554) | (9,135) | (2,944) | (13,087) | (63,437) |
| 4117 | Westlands School | 799 | 183.17 | 19.80 | (1,438) | (11,961) | (4,169) | (991) | (4,402) | (22,961) |
| 4601 | St Cuthbert Mayne School | 818 | 121.00 | 31.04 | (950) | (12,245) | (6,536) | (1,014) | (4,507) | (25,252) |
| TOTAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS | | 1,617 | 304.17 | 50.84 | (2,388) | (24,206) | (10,705) | (2,005) | (8,909) | (48,213) |
| TOTAL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY | | 3,992 | 650.17 | 94.22 | (5,105) | (59,760) | (19,840) | (4,949) | (21,996) | (111,650) |

Is funding going to be de-delegated in 17/18 (Y / N)

PRIMARY

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Is funding going to be de-delegated in 17/18 (Y / N)

SECONDARY

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| | Unit Value per pupil £ | Unit Value per FSM pupil £ | Unit Value per EAL pupil £ |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Rates (Contingency) | 5.51 | | |
| Travellers Education - EAL | 1.24 | | |
| Free School Meals eligibility | | 7.85 | |
| Insurance | 14.97 | | |
| Support to ethnic minority groups - EAL | | | 210.56 |
| Totals | 21.72 | 7.85 | 210.56 |

DECISIONS FOR CENTRALLY RETAINED SERVICES 2017/18 - ALL SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES TO VOTE

Appendix 2

| | Service Type - voted yes for 16/17 | 2016/17 | Comment | Proposed 2017/18 | Comment | Vote Y/N |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|---|------------------|---|----------|
| 1 | Planned Pupil Growth | £147,300 | Cockington, Whiterock, Warberry & Torre | £147,300 | Cockington, Whiterock, Warberry & Torre | |
| 2 | Schools Admissions Services | £80,000 | | £80,000 | | |
| 3 | Servicing the Schools Forum | £28,000 | | £28,000 | | |

All Members of Schools Forum have an equal vote