

Title of meeting:	Schools Forum
Date of meeting:	7 February 2024
Subject:	Dedicated Schools Grant Budget 2024-25
Report by:	Sarah Daly, Director of Children Families and Education
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Suzy Horton, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education
Wards affected:	All
Key decision:	Yes/No
Full Council decision:	Yes/No

1 Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

1.1.1 Inform Schools Forum of the progress towards the initial determination of the schools budget (including individual schools budgets for 2024-25) and to seek the necessary approvals and endorsements required.

2 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that all maintained school (Primary and Secondary) members of Schools Forum:

2.1.1 Approve the proposal to de-delegation of the Education functions related to the Monitoring and Brokering grant for 2024-25 at £10.42 per pupil for primary and secondary pupils.

2.2 It is recommended that Schools Forum:

2.2.1 Endorse the determination of the Schools Budget for 2024-25 as set out in Appendix 1.

2.2.2 Endorse the proposal to use carry forward balances to fund the shortfall in 2024-25 and manage any potential financial pressures during the financial year.

2.2.3 Endorse the 2024-25 Element 3 Top-up values for Special Schools, Inclusion Centres, Alternative Provision Settings and Mainstream Schools as set out in Appendix 2.

2.2.4 Endorse the Early Years Funding Formula for under twos, two, three and four year olds as set out in section 7, and Appendix 1.

3 Background

- 3.1 The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is a ring-fenced grant for education and can only be used for the purposes of the Schools Budget as defined in the School and Early Years Finance and Childcare (Provision of information about Young Children) (Amendment) (England) Regulations
- 3.2 The School and Early Years Finance and Childcare (Provision of Information About Young Children) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 require each local authority, by no later than 29 February 2024, to:
- 3.2.1 Make an initial determination of the schools budget, and
 - 3.2.2 Give notice of that determination to governing bodies of the schools it maintains.
- 3.3 In January 2024 the Cabinet Member and Schools Forum approved and endorsed several decisions regarding the Schools Block, including mainstream school, budgets, the Central Schools Services Block and High Needs places for Special Schools, Inclusion Centres and Alternative Provision settings.
- 3.4 This report provides the Schools Forum with an update on the disapplication request regarding the local authority monitoring and brokerage grant de-delegation along with the background and proposed changes to the remaining High Needs Block and Early Years Block budgets.

4 Dedicated Schools Grant

- 4.1 The determination of the 2024-25 Dedicated Schools Grant for 2024-25 is set out in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 On the 19 December 2023 the ESFA announced the initial Dedicated Schools Grant Allocation for Portsmouth for 2024-25. Details of which were reported to the Cabinet Member and Schools Forum in January 2024.

5 Maintained Primary and Secondary de-delegation of Education Functions

- 5.1 At Schools Forum meeting in December 2023 Primary and Secondary maintained school members voted by Phase on the de-delegation of funding in relation to the Monitoring and Brokerage Grant. Primary schools voted to de-delegate and secondary schools voted not to de-delegate.
- 5.2 On submitting the disapplication request against the secondary vote, the DfE have informed the Authority that the vote is not a phased vote but should cover all

maintained school representatives by majority vote (and is not by Phase). The DfE have been informed about the lack of clarity in the legislation and the operational guidance around this subject.

- 5.3 The authority has been advised to go back to Schools Forum and run the vote again to de-delegate the Education Functions funding at £10.42 per pupil for Primary and Secondary maintained schools.
- 5.4 Schools have been consulted on the proposed de-delegation and only one maintained Primary School responded to the consultation and they agreed with the proposal. The Authority did not receive a response from maintained secondary schools to the official consultation but were informed by St Edmunds RC Secondary School via email to say that the school did not agree with the proposal.

6 High Needs

- 6.1 In December 2024 the authority received the initial 2024-25 High Needs Block allocation of £37.4m, an increase of £1.7m on 2023-24. The final amount will be announced in July 2024 once the movement of pupils between authorities is known (called the import/export adjustment).
- 6.2 Whilst the overall funding for the High Needs Block has increased, this has not been able to cover the increase the Authority has seen in terms of numbers or need. As set out below and in Appendix 1, the Authority is seeing a budget requirement for 2024-25 of £40.0m compared to income of £37.6m, providing a £2.5m shortfall.

	£m
Revised Budget 2023-24	36.8
Net budget Growth 2024-25	3.2
Proposed Original Budget 2024-25	40.0
Funding 2024-25	(37.4)
Previously agreed use of carry forward	(0.2)
Total funding	(37.6)
Funding Shortfall 2024-25	2.5

- 6.3 The Education and Early Years colleagues have reviewed the forecast pupils numbers for each of the budgets and the financial forecasts reflect these.
- 6.4 Whilst the budget proposed to Schools Forum and Cabinet Member can be supported by using the DSG balances in 2024-25, it is not sustainable. Officers are now reviewing all areas to develop a programme of work to reduce the pressure.

Place Funding

- 6.5 In January 2024 Schools Forum endorsed and the Cabinet Member approved the number of places for High Needs settings, and the budget is reflected in Appendix 1.

Element 3 Top-up funding

- 6.6 The Element 3 top-up rates for 2024-25 for Special Schools, Inclusion Centres, Alternative Provision settings and Mainstream Schools are set out in the relevant tables in Appendix 2. Inflation of 1.84% has been applied to all funding bands in line with the average increase seen in mainstream school budget shares for 2024-25.

Special Schools

- 6.7 The budget for 2024-25 includes the full year impact of The Wymering School increase from 30 to 66 places from September 2023, and the impact of the place numbers previously reported. The authority has seen an increase in the level of assessed needs during the 2023-24 financial year and the 2024-25 budget assumes that this pressure will continue.
- 6.8 For the 2024-25 financial year the DfE have set a zero minimum funding guarantee (MFG) for special schools on the combined Place funding and Element 3 funding, when compared to the 2023-24 baselines. However, they have advised that local authorities should consider applying an increase of between zero and plus 0.5%, and the inflationary increase of 1.84% on Element 3 values is greater than this.
- 6.9 The band values for 2024-25 are set out in Tables A and B of Appendix 2.

Inclusion Centres and Alternative Provision

- 6.10 The budget includes the full year impact of the new places agreed from September 2023 and the additional places for September 2024.
- 6.11 The number of places used by the Authority at Alternative Provision settings has been lower than budgeted in recent years, and the Element 3 top-up budget has been reduced accordingly.
- 6.12 The value for each band is set out in Tables C (Alternative Provision) and D (Inclusion Centres) in Appendix 2.

Mainstream Schools

- 6.13 The budget for 2024-25 includes growth in the number of EHCP assessments based on known pupils and projections for future EHCPs. The number of full time equivalent pupils supported through this budget is expected to increase by 32% over the financial year which will lead to future pressures in 2025-26 as the full year effect of the growth is felt.
- 6.14 The band values, for 2024-25, as set out in Table E in Appendix 2.

Post-16 High Needs

- 6.15 The place funding budget contains provision for 193 places and the associated Element 3 Top UP funding for students who are the responsibility of Portsmouth City Council.
- 6.16 An inflationary element of 1.84% has been included within the Element 3 Top-up.

Out of City placements

- 6.17 This budget contains funding for pupils who are placed in independent and specialist provision out of the City and those in receipt of services from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS).
- 6.18 The budget reflects the pupils currently placed in independent and specialist providers who are expected to continue in those placements and their projected costs. This is a hard area to forecast, and should numbers increase this will cause further pressure on the budget.

Hospital and medical education

- 6.19 The authority commissions the Harbour School to provide tuition to those pupils who are in hospital, or unable to attend school due to a decision made by a medical practitioner. The funding for 2024-25 remains at £660,000 for this provision.
- 6.20 In May 2021 a report was brought to Schools Forum which reported the success of the AV1 robots in supporting remote learning and engagement of pupils unable to attend school for medical reasons. The budget contains the annual maintenance cost for previously purchased robots, in addition to funding to purchase further robots during 2024-25.

Early Years Complex Needs Inclusion Fund

- 6.21 The Early Years Complex Needs Inclusion Fund was established in September 2019 to support those early years' pupils with complex needs in mainstream settings, enabling a wider provision of services following the closure of Willows Centre for Children.
- 6.22 Since the budget was set up, the demand on this budget has continued to grow. The proposed budget includes funding for those children already in receipt of funding, new children assessed for the funding, and children leaving for school.

Other High Needs DSG Budgets

- 6.23 The following budget increases are proposed:
- Outreach: £123,900 to reflect the increase in the offer to schools.
 - Sensory Impairment: £168,400 includes the known increases in numbers of pupils requiring support.

- Relational Practice: £10,100 continuing support for the project that is due to complete in December 2025.

6.24 The budget also contains funding for the Teacher pay and pensions grants for Academy Special Schools and non-Maintained special schools. The budget has been increased in line with increased pupils. The per pupil funding remains at the 2022-23 levels in line with the funding received by the authority.

Supplementary Funding 2024-25

6.25 As reported when setting the 2023-24 budget, the supplementary funding provided to Special Schools in 2022-23 has been included in the Element 3 Top-up. Funding for Alternative Provision settings cannot be added to the Element 3 Top-up values as these are paid by schools rather than the authority. Funding will continue to be paid to Alternative Provision settings and Post-16 colleges in the City as a separate grant in 2024-25.

Additional Grant 2024-25

6.26 In 2023-24 the DfE asked authorities to pay an additional grant to special schools based on specific criteria. For 2024-25 the DfE have specified that authorities should continue to pay additional funding to special schools and alternative provision settings using the same amount per place funding in 2023-24 using the 203-24 places, multiplied by the number agreed places for 2024-25. The budget increase reflects the full year effect of the increase in Wymering places and the increased number of Special School and Alternative Provision places from September 2024.

7 Early Years

Extension of entitlements 2024-25

7.1 In March 2023 the Government announced the extension of early years entitlements starting in April 2024 and the roll out completing in September 2025. The Table below sets out the planned implementation.

Table 1: Extension of funded childcare hours		
Implementation date	Age group	No. of hours per week
April 2024	Working parents of 2 year olds	15
September 2024	Working parents of 9 months to 3 year olds	15
September 2025	Working parents of 9 months to 3 year olds	30

7.2 On 29 November 2023 the DfE released the Early years entitlements: local authority funding operational guide 2024 to 2025¹ along with the local authority hourly rates for 2024-25. The proposed funding formulae are set out in the paragraphs below.

¹ [Early years funding: 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/118111/early-years-funding-2024-to-2025.pdf)

Three and Four year old funding formula

- 7.3 The DfE have confirmed that the DSG hourly funding rate for Portsmouth City Council 2024-25 will increase by £0.85 to £6.13 for three and four year olds.
- 7.4 The three and four year old allocation includes funding for the Teacher's pay grant and the Teacher's employers contribution grant (Teacher's pay and pensions grant). This equates to £0.03 per hour, leaving £6.10 to be distributed through the three and four funding formula. There are no proposed changes to the funding formula factors when compared to 2023-24 and the Table below sets out the proposed funding values for 2024-25.

	2023-24	2024-25
	£	£
Basic rate	4.69	5.50
Deprivation	0.20	0.20
SEN Inclusion Fund	0.04	0.04
Growth contingency	0.06	0.06
Total funding passed to settings	4.99	5.80
Centrally retained	0.26	0.30
Total funding per hour	5.25	6.10

Two year old funding formula (Deprivation and working parents)

- 7.5 The DfE have confirmed that the DSG hourly funding rate for 2024-25 will increase by £2.60 to £8.98 for two year olds. This includes the both the current entitlement for two year olds with parents in receipt of certain benefits and the new entitlement for two years with working parents from April 2024. Whilst there are no proposed changes to the formula factors for 2024-25, it is proposed that the funding value for the Growth Contingency is set at zero, the reasons for which are explained in paragraphs 7.7 and 7.8. The Table below sets out the proposed funding values for 2024-25.

	2023-24	2024-25
	£	£
Basic rate	5.90	8.49
SEN Inclusion Fund	0.04	0.04
Growth contingency	0.13	0.00
Total funding passed to settings	6.07	8.53
Centrally retained	0.31	0.45
Total funding per hour	6.38	8.98

Under 2s funding formula

7.6 The Under 2 year old formula covers the new entitlement to funded childcare from September 2024 for pupils aged 9 months up to 2 years old of working parents. The DfE have confirmed that DSG hourly funding rate will be £12.24 for 2024-25. The proposed funding formula factors mirror the two year old funding formula and contain a Growth Contingency. For 2024-25 the funding value of the Growth Contingency is set at zero as explained in paragraphs 7.7 and 7.8. The table below sets out the proposed funding values for 2024-25.

Table 4: Under 2 year old funding formula 2024-25 from September 2024	
	2024-25
	£
Basic rate	11.59
SEN Inclusion Fund	0.04
Growth	0.00
Total funding passed to settings	11.63
Centrally retained	0.61
Total funding per hour	12.24

Growth Contingency two year olds and Under 2s.

7.7 The methodology for funding the local authority for the new entitlements has changed for 2024-25. Normally the authority would receive an adjustment to the allocation in July based on the previous January census. As these pupils won't be included on the January 2024 census, the DfE will instead, fund local authorities through a termly head count which reduces the need for a growth contingency as the funding the local authority receives should more closely follow the numbers in Early years settings for 2024-25.

7.8 The position of the growth contingency will be reviewed each year to consider any changes in methodology and actual attendance compared to the funding received.

Consultation with providers

7.9 Portsmouth has undertaken a consultation with Early Years settings regarding the proposed funding formula and hourly rates paid to providers. The consultation closed on 5 January 2024, of 165 providers contacted, 14 responded (8%), The table below provides a summary of the responses. And the details are set out in Appendix 3.

Table 5: Summary of Consultation responses				
Question	Yes	No	N/A	Total
Do you agree with the proposed 2024-25 funding formula for three and Four year olds?	9	5	0	14
Do you agree with the proposed 2024-25 funding formula for two year olds?	9	5	0	14
Do you agree with the proposed 2024-25 funding formula for under 2 year olds?	8	5	1	14

- 7.10 Of those that responded the majority were in favour of the proposed changes. Several respondents raised comments around the 5% retention and the teachers' pay and pension grants.
- 7.11 The local authority can hold up to 5% of the hourly rate to pay for central services for Early Years, the Formula funding proposals above include the 5% retention rate. The Early Years Team within the local authority are funded from this retention rate and provide a range of services to Early Years providers. This support is expected to increase as the entitlements are extended over the 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years. The 5% retention rate is reviewed and consulted on annually as part of the formula consultation.
- 7.12 In 2023-24 the DfE has moved the separate grant paid to mainstream school nursery unit providers for teachers pay and pension grant into the Early Years block funding. This was a national change which impacted mainstream school nursery units only. This has provided funding of £71,500 for 2024-25. It is proposed that this is distributed to schools through the "Quality" discretionary supplement for three and four year olds.
- 7.13 It is proposed to distribute the grant at on the same basis as 2023-24 at £181 per pupil as per the number on roll for N1 and N2 in the October 2023 census.
- 7.14 In addition to the funding formula providers will see an increase in the funding paid via the disability access fund which has increased to £910 per eligible child per year.
- 7.15 From April 2024 the Early Years pupil premium for eligible three and four year olds will be extended to disadvantaged two year olds and children aged two years of working parents. This will be further extended to include the under twos from September 2024. The rate per hour has increased from £0.62 per hour to £0.68 per hour up to a maximum of 570 hours per year, from 1 April 2024.

8 Dedicated Schools Grant Balances

- 8.1 Current forecast modelling suggests that the final carry forward balance from 2023-24 will be in the region of £9.1m, however this could change before the end of the financial year.
- 8.2 The balances include the £0.6m relating to the planned underspend on the Schools Specific Contingency and the Growth Fund, which has been approved to be carried

forward to 2024-25 for the same purposes. Along with funding to support the Relational Practice project previously endorsed by Schools Forum and approved by the Cabinet Member. This has been included in the Budget as set out in Appendix 1.

- 8.3 In addition to the proposal to use the carry forward balance to support the revenue implications of the additional high needs places and the growth in pressures, it is prudent to ensure there are enough balances to manage in year cost pressures. Particularly in the high needs sector as both pupil numbers and complexity are expected to continue to increase. A reasonable balance would be considered 1% of overall DSG funding. This would provide a contingency of £2.21m on overall DSG funding of £221m.
- 8.4 The table below sets out the proposed use of the 2023-24 forecast carry forward in 2024-25.

Table 6: Estimated 2023-24 Carry forward		
	£m	£m
Forecast carry forward as of 31 December 2023		9.127
Impact of decisions on 2023-24 carry forward		
Schools specific contingency	(0.124)	
Carry forward of Growth Fund balance	(0.503)	
Relational Practice	(0.179)	(0.806)
Sub total		8.321
High Needs Block funding gap	(2.467)	
Contingency to manage in-year pressures	(2.210)	(4.676)
Forecast carry forward available for use		3.644

- 8.5 Any residual balance carried forward would be a one-off funding source to manage the lag in funding of high needs places and any in year pressures. The implications of the level of growth predicted for 2024-25 will translate to full year impacts in 2025-26 and beyond which will potentially put the DSG into a deficit by 2026-27.
- 8.6 In recent years Portsmouth City Council has been able to manage the DSG effectively and the windfall savings have been held to manage the lag in funding for any increase in High Needs places. This has enabled the deficit budget to be managed in 2024-25. As previously mentioned, the authority is developing a DSG five year management plan and reviewing services to see what could be delivered differently for less. The outcomes of both exercises will be brought to future Schools Forum and Cabinet Member meetings.

9 Reasons for recommendations

- 9.1 The recommendations within this report seek to allocate DSG resources appropriately and fairly, and to provide the best possible outcomes for pupils in Portsmouth City. They are consistent with the requirements contained within the updated School and Early Years Finance and Childcare (Provision of Information about Young Children) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024. Local Authorities

are required to make an initial determination of their schools' budget no later than the 29 February 2024.

10 Integrated impact assessment

10.1 This report and the proposals within form part of, and are consistent with, the national implementation of the schools and high needs National Funding Formula as directed by the Department of Education and set out in the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2024.

10.2 The funding system does not seek to target funding by reference to particular protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010, but instead targets funding to those groups which the evidence demonstrates face barriers to their educational achievement.

11 Legal implications

11.1 Regulation 5 of the School and Early Years Finance and Childcare (Provision of Information About Young Children) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024(coming into force on 13 February 2024) requires local authorities to (a) make an initial determination of their Schools Budget and (b) give notice of that determination to the governing bodies of the schools which they maintain, by no later than 29 February 2024. The recommendations in this report are consistent with the requirements contained in those updated regulations, based on operational guidance published by central government, and in particular identify elements of the proposals in respect of which Schools Forum specific approval or endorsement is required.

12 Director of Finance's comments

12.1 Financial comments and implications are included in the body of this report.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Dedicated Schools Grant Original budget 2024-25

Appendix 2: Element 3 Top-up Tables 2024-25

Appendix 3: Results of the 2024-25 Early Years Funding Formula consultation

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
School and Early Years Finance and childcare (Provision of Information about	The School and Early Years Finance and Childcare (Provision of Information About

Young Children) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024	Young Children) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)
The National Funding Formulae for Schools and High Needs 2024-25 (published 6 October 2023) - Policy Document	National funding formula for schools and high needs 2024 to 2025 (publishing.service.gov.uk)
Schools revenue funding 2024 to 2025: Operational Guide (published December 2023)	Schools operational guide: 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
High Needs Funding: 2024 to 2025 Operational Guidance (published January 2024)	High needs funding: 2024 to 2025 operational guide - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Early Years Entitlements: local authority funding operational guide 2024 to 2025 (published 29 November 2023)	Early years entitlements: local authority funding operational guide 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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Signed by Schools Forum Chair:

Appendix 1: Dedicated Schools Grant Original budget 2024-25

	Approved 2023-24 Budget - Oct 2023 (inc. Academies)	Proposed Budget Revisions	2024-25 Schools Budget Feb 2024 (Including Academies)	2024-25 Schools Budget Feb 2024 (Excluding Academies)
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Schools Block				
Individual Schools Budgets (ISB)				
Primary	75,555	4,083	79,638	26,135
Secondary	70,347	6,149	76,496	16,421
Total ISB	145,902	10,232	156,134	42,556
De-Delegated and Central Budgets				
Growth Fund	1,294	699	1,994	1,994
De-delegated Budgets	204	0	205	205
Academy Conversions	0	0	0	0
Other Schools Block Sub Total	1,499	699	2,198	2,198
Total Schools Block	147,401	10,931	158,332	44,754
Central School Services Block				
Schools Forum	16	1	17	17
Admissions	346	16	362	362
Licences (negotiated by DfE)	146	17	162	162
ESG retained duties	498	12	510	510
Central Teachers Pay /pensions grant	49	1	51	51
Central School Services Block Total	1,055	47	1,102	1,102
Early Years Block				
3 & 4 Year Old Provision ¹	12,237	2,190	14,427	14,427
2 Year Old Provision	1,910	4,590	6,500	6,500
Under 2s	0	2,644	2,644	2,644
Central Expenditure on under 5's	718	480	1,198	1,198
Early Years Block Total	14,865	9,903	24,769	24,769
High Needs Block				
Individual Schools Budgets				
Special School Place Funding	6,990	318	7,308	67
Resource Unit Place Funding	897	54	952	226
Alternative Provision Place Funding	1,337	33	1,370	97
Total ISB	9,224	406	9,630	389

	Approved 2023-24 Budget - Oct 2023 (inc. Academies)	Proposed Budget Revisions	2024-25 Schools Budget Feb 2024 (Including Academies)	2024-25 Schools Budget Feb 2024 (Excluding Academies)
High Needs Block cont.	£000	£000	£000	£000
Element 3 Top-up funding	16,142	3,377	19,519	19,519
Out of City Placements	5,020	(1,055)	3,965	3,965
SEN Support Service	1,098	161	1,259	1,259
Medical Education	675	6	681	681
Outreach Services	196	124	320	320
Turnaround Project	100	0	100	100
Fair Access Protocol	60	0	60	60
Early Years Complex Needs Inclusion fund	1,224	386	1,609	1,609
Post-16 high needs places	1,072	114	1,186	0
Teachers Pay/Pension grants High Needs	603	47	650	650
Relational Practice	169	10	179	179
Wymering Pre Opening Grant	260	(260)	0	0
Special Schools Additional Grant 2023/2024	672	14	685	685
High Needs supplementary funding	349	(155)	194	194
Other High Needs block sub total	27,640	2,768	30,408	29,222
Total High Needs block	36,864	3,174	40,038	29,612
Total Expenditure	200,185	24,056	224,241	100,236
Income				
Schools Block ²	(146,852)	(10,852)	(157,705)	(44,127)
Central Schools Services Block	(1,055)	(47)	(1,102)	(1,102)
Early Years Block	(14,865)	(9,903)	(24,769)	(24,769)
High Needs Block	(35,680)	(1,712)	(37,393)	(26,966)
DSG Income ^{3,4}	(198,453)	(22,515)	(220,968)	(96,964)
One-off use of Carry Forward	(1,732)	(1,540)	(3,273)	(3,273)
Total Income	(200,185)	(24,055)	(224,241)	(100,236)

¹Includes early years pupil premium

²Excludes National Non Domestic Rates recoument

² 2024-25 per ESFA allocations December 2023

³ Includes reimbursement of Growth funding for Academy schools

Appendix 2: Element 3 Top-up values 2024-25

Table A - Solent Academies Trust - Element 3 Top-up values 2024-25								
	Cliffdale		Cliffdale Nursery		Mary Rose		Redwood	
	Element 3 Top up rates 2023-24	Element 3 Top up rates 2024-25	Element 3 Top up rates 2023-24	Element 3 Top up rates 2024-25	Element 3 Top up rates 2023-24	Element 3 Top up rates 2024-25	Element 3 Top up rates 2023-24	Element 3 Top up rates 2024-25
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Band A	12,530				23,270	23,700		
Band B					13,680	13,930		
Band C		All Pupils are now on the new bands as set out below	All Pupils are now on the new bands as set out below	All Pupils are now on the new bands as set out below	11,790	12,010	All Pupils are now on the new bands as set out below	All Pupils are now on the new bands as set out below
Band D								
Band E								
Band F								
Band G								
Band H								
Core	6,780	6,900	10,350	10,540	10,470	10,660	5,000	5,090
Enhanced	11,780	12,000	13,560	13,810	13,620	13,870	11,550	11,760
Exceptional	22,620	23,040	23,340	23,770	23,200	23,630	23,870	24,310
Highly Exceptional ² - 3+	-	-	-	-	35,580	36,230	-	-
Highly Exceptional ³ - 1/2	-	-	-	-	53,100	54,080	-	-

² Element 3 Top-up paid for any subsequent pupils (3+) attending the highly exceptional class (where agreed by the local authority)

³ Element 3 Top-up paid for the first two pupils attending the highly exceptional class (where agreed by the local authority)

Appendix 2 Continued

Table B: Delta Academy Trust				
	The Harbour School		The Wymering School	
	Element 3 Top up rates 2023-24 £	Element 3 Top-up rates 2024-25 £	Element 3 Top up rates 2023-24	Element 3 Top-up rates 2024-25
Band A	25,340			
Band B				
Band C				
Band D				
Band E				
Band F				
Band G				
Band H				
Stamshaw				
Core	10,390	10,580	14,850	15,120
Enhanced	13,610	13,860	18,040	18,370
Exceptional	25,590	26,060	25,460	25,930
Highly Exceptional	33,940	34,560	31,260	31,840

Table C: Alternative Provision		
	Element 3 Top-up rates 2023-24 £	Element 3 Top-up rates 2024-25 £
Flying Bull	9,010	9,180
The Harbour	9,020	9,190

Table D: Inclusion Centres		
Funding Band	Element 3 Top-up rates 2023-24	Element 3 Top-up rates 2024-25
	£	£
Ordinarily Available Provision	0	0
Core	2,440	2,480
Enhanced	5,010	5,100
Exceptional	6,970	7,100
Highly Exceptional	9,140	9,310

Appendix 2 Continued

Table E: Mainstream Schools EHCP pupils		
Band	Element 3 Top-up rates 2023-24	Element 3 Top-up rates 2024-25
	£	£
Ordinarily Available Provision EHCP	0	0
Core	650	660
Enhanced	2,440	2,480
Exceptional	5,010	5,100
Exceptional plus	6,970	7,100
Highly Exceptional	9,140	9,310

Appendix 3: Feedback from the 2024-25 Early Years Funding Formula Consultation

Question	Total Yes	Total No	Total N/A
1. Do you agree with the proposed 2024-25 funding formula for three and four year olds, as set out in Table 1?	9	5	0
If not, what would you change			
<p>The rate is an improvement and I have no real concerns on the main deductions however I do not feel money for the children should be used to contribute towards the teachers' pension payments! This money is intended for early years and should be used for the children and the providers giving that service. This is more principle based than the actual 3p figure. I do not agree with it. (Nursery Setting 3)</p>			
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<p>Although I agree there is something not quite right with the breakdown as £6.13 is the amount the LA receive but 90% of that is £5.51(.7) so would it be £5.52 as the 90% figure? (Childminder 6)</p>			

Question	Total Yes	Total No	Total N/A
2. Do you agree with the proposed 2024-25 funding formula for two year olds, as set out in Table 3?	9	5	0
If not, what would you change			
<p>I feel with the increase in the rate provided is welcome, I feel the need to keep the deduction rate at 5% is unfair, as the rate still isn't where it should be and the 5% equates to approximately £71.25 per child per annum based on calculating the extra 5% from just the £2.50 rise. This money imo would be better sent to the providers to help with the huge costs we've had to soak up and the extra £1+ an hour rise in the minimum wage in April. I feel 4% of the new overall rate would still increase the actual figure retained by the council and give us much needed extra income. (Nursery setting 3)</p>			
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Question	Total Yes	Total No	Total N/A
3. Do you agree with the proposed 2024-2025 funding formula for under 2's as set out in Table 4	8	5	1
If not, what would you change			
<p>I appreciate the fact this is new and the figure is workable but again the 5% maximum is being withheld? This is £347.7 per child over the 38 weeks! We wish to remain sustainable and PPC taking the maximum 5% every opportunity isn't helping the sector. (nursery setting 3)</p>			
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Additional comments			
<p>I would like further clarification about point 6.2 around the support for providers. Please can this be more transparent about what support is available to us and what this 5% is used for. Thank you (Childminder 2)</p>			