

CENTRAL SCHOOLS SERVICES BLOCK

To: Peterborough Schools' Forum

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1.0	INTRODUCTION																																				
1.1	From April 2018 a new block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) was established to fund central schools services previously top-sliced from the Schools Block of the DSG. The Central School Services Block (CSSB) funds local authorities for their ongoing responsibilities for both academies and maintained schools. This paper provides Schools Forum with a breakdown of the allocation and consults with Schools Forum on the use of the funds.																																				
2.0	2021/22 CSSB FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS																																				
2.1	Funding for the CSSB has been split into two elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding for ongoing commitments – the allocation is formula driven based on pupil number and Ever 6 FSM.• Funding for historic commitments – the allocation is based on historic costs.																																				
2.2	<p>The table below details the resource available for 2021/22 and proposed 2021/22 expenditure.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th></th><th>Income</th><th></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td></td><td>Funding for ongoing responsibilities</td><td>1,311,080</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Funding for historic commitments</td><td>205,757</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1,516,837</td></tr><tr><th></th><th>Expenditure</th><th></th></tr><tr><td>A</td><td>Admissions</td><td>481,090</td></tr><tr><td>B</td><td>Licences</td><td>213,968</td></tr><tr><td>C</td><td>Historic commitments - schools pensions liabilities</td><td>205,757</td></tr><tr><td>D</td><td>Retained DSG</td><td>529,265</td></tr><tr><td>D</td><td>New - Pensions funding for Centrally employed teachers</td><td>76,948</td></tr><tr><td>E</td><td>Schools Forum</td><td>9,809</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1,516,837</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>A) Admissions – This top-slice meets the cost of the local authorities admissions function.</p> <p>B) Copyright Subscription – Since 2015-16 the Department for Education (DfE) has procured copyright licences for all state maintained schools in England. This top-slice meets the cost of those licences and the licences procured directly by</p>		Income			Funding for ongoing responsibilities	1,311,080		Funding for historic commitments	205,757			1,516,837		Expenditure		A	Admissions	481,090	B	Licences	213,968	C	Historic commitments - schools pensions liabilities	205,757	D	Retained DSG	529,265	D	New - Pensions funding for Centrally employed teachers	76,948	E	Schools Forum	9,809			1,516,837
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Peterborough on behalf of all schools. Costs are based on the 2020/21 costs which will be updated following actual figures from DfE.

These licences include:

- CLA (Copyright Licensing Agency);
- SPML (School Printed Music Licence);
- NLA (Newspaper Licensing Agency);
- ERA (Education Recording Agency)
- PVSL (Public Video Screening Licence – Filmbank Distribution Ltd.)
- MPLC (Motion Picture Licensing Company)
- PPL (Phonographic Performance Ltd.)
- PRS (Performing Right Society Ltd.)
- MCPS (Mechanical Copyright Protection Society Ltd.)
- CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing International)
- CLEAPS (local Authority)

C) Historic Schools Pension Liabilities – The local authority can retain funding with Schools Forum approval for historic pension liabilities. This top-slice represents historic pension liabilities arising from premature retirement costs following the closure of several schools.

D) Retained ESG Funding – This covers costs incurred by the local for statutory duties it holds on behalf of maintained schools and academies. Cost include:

- Director of children’s services and personal staff for director (Sch 2, 15a)
- Planning for the education service as a whole (Sch 2, 15b)
- Revenue budget preparation, preparation of information on income and expenditure relating to education, and external audit relating to education (Sch 2, 22)
- Authorisation and monitoring of expenditure not met from schools’ budget shares (Sch 2, 15c)
- Formulation and review of local authority schools funding formula (Sch 2, 15d)
- Internal audit and other tasks related to the authority’s chief finance officer’s responsibilities under Section 151 of LGA 1972 except duties specifically related to maintained schools (Sch 2, 15e)
- Consultation costs relating to non-staffing issues (Sch 2, 19)
- Plans involving collaboration with other LA services or public or voluntary bodies (Sch 2, 15f)
- Standing Advisory Committees for Religious Education (SACREs) (Sch 2, 17)
- Provision of information to or at the request of the Crown other than relating specifically to maintained schools (Sch 2, 21)
- Functions in relation to the exclusion of pupils from schools, excluding any provision of education to excluded pupils (Sch 2, 20)
- School attendance (Sch 2, 16)
- Responsibilities regarding the employment of children (Sch 2, 18)
- Management of the LA’s capital programme including preparation and review of an asset management plan, and negotiation and management of private finance transactions (Sch 2, 14a)
- General landlord duties for all buildings owned by the local authority, including those leased to academies (Sch 2, 14b)
- Additional pension funding for centrally employed teachers

E) Servicing Schools Forum - This top-slice is made to meet the costs of facilitating Schools Forum i.e. cost of the venue, clerking, refreshments etc... No

	increase allowed from previous years.														
3.0	De-delegations														
3.1	<p>The local authority can create pooled budgets to provide certain services by de-delegating funding from maintained schools budgets. Where the local authority seeks to de-delegate funding it must receive approval from Schools Forum. The local authority is unable to de-delegate funding from academies. Academies accessing these services will be invoiced. The table below shows the proposed de-delegation for 2021/22.</p>														
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	Section 3.2 of the report provides further details on the facilities time funding.														
3.2	<p>Facilities Time</p> <p>The Local Authority has for many years funded facilities time to allow the release union representatives from schools to engage with the Local Authority and schools on key issues affecting their members. This has been funded by de-delegating resources from schools delegated budget share.</p> <p>When schools convert to academy status the local authority is unable to de-delegate funding from an academies and will therefore invoice academies directly for their contribution.</p> <p>Union representatives in the city are locally based 'lay officers' working in Peterborough schools and work closely in partnership with the Local Authority and EPM on the Education and Consultative Negotiating Forum (ECNF). Lay officers are on call in the evenings and at weekends when members invariably call. It is often difficult for teachers to call during the day due to the nature of their work.</p> <p>Lay officers support their members in a wide range of matters involving issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grievances • Capability • Pay and performance management • Redundancies • Health and Safety • Benevolence • OFSTED • Occupational health • Staffing restructures • Academy consultations / TUPE 														

- Investigations,
- Disciplinary
- Continuous professional development
- Conditions of service
- Workforce reform,
- Policy Review both at the informal and formal stages.

The funding for union reps meets the release time for an agreed number of days a week across the school year. The cost to schools is based on recouping the funding required as a rate per pupil. The table below details the annual funding allocation and the calculation of the de-delegation rate per pupil.

2021-22 Union Reps				
Union	Release time - Days per Week	Days annually (38 week year)	Cost per day	Days annually (38 week year)
NASUWT	1.50	57.00	205.00	11,685.00
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NEU	3.50	133.00	205.00	27,265.00
NAHT	0.75	28.50	205.00	5,842.50
NAHT	0.25	9.50	205.00	1,947.50
ASCL	1.00	38.00	-	-
VOICE	1.00	38.00	-	-
Total cost – at £200 per day				54,530.00
Anticipated Pupil Numbers:				35,328
Agreed De-delegation rate:				1.54