



# Committee report

Committee	<b>SCHOOLS FORUM</b>
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Title	<b>BUDGET MONITORING &amp; FUNDING</b>
Report of	<b>DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</b>

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report confirms the outturn position for the 2019/20 financial year and overall deficit carry forward. The final outturn was an in-year deficit of £1,580,000.
2. The budget monitoring position for early 2020/21 is also included although it should be noted this is an early forecast and subject to change as the year progresses.

## 2019/20 BUDGET – FINAL OUTTURN

3. The final year-end position for 2019/20 was an overspend of £1.580million following confirmation of final expenditure, accruals and adjustments. This can be summarised for each block as follows:

<b>Block</b>	<b>Current Budget £000</b>	<b>Outturn £000</b>	<b>Variance</b>	
			<b>£000</b>	<b>%</b>
Early Years Block	6,406	6,282	-124	-1.94
Schools Block	52,680	52,539	-141	-0.27
High Needs Block	14,283	16,156	1,873	13.11
Central School Services Block	619	592	-27	-4.41
Total DSG	73,988	75,568	1,580	2.14
Other Grants (Pupil Premium etc.)	11,659	11,659	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,647</b>	<b>87,226</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>1.84</b>

4. A breakdown of these figures is shown in Appendix A. The key variances are broken down by block in the following section. Minor variances below £10,000 have not been included. A breakdown of budget heading is included in appendix C.

## EARLY YEARS

5. The budget predominantly funds direct provider funding. The outturn position is an underspend of £148,000, a result of the reduction in the number of hours of 3-4-year olds, in particularly, in the Autumn 2019 term.

	Funded PTE	Summer term PTE	Autumn term PTE	Spring term PTE
2-year olds	290.02	310.22	292.47	300.75
3-4-year olds	2,368.98	2,854.00	1,569.00	2,076.63

6. The final outturn is subject to the January 2020 census outcome which will be confirmed in the July DSG update. This census will impact the final early years allocation for 2019/20 and the allocation for 2020/21. An accrual has been made for the expected reduction in funding relating to 2019/20 estimated at £393,000.

## SCHOOLS BLOCK

7. The majority of this budget relates to school budget shares which is passported on to schools based on their allocations agreed at the beginning of the financial year. There are no variances in relation to the budget shares element of the budget.
8. The growth fund – underspend of £130,000. Original budget was set for £33,000, which subsequently increased by £97,000, as a result of the returned recoupment following closure of Studio School in August 2019. The growth fund was not spent in 2019/20 financial year, as there were no confirmations of eligible cases by admissions.

## HIGH NEEDS BLOCK

9. High needs remained the single most material pressure area within the dedicated schools grant with the eventual outturn a significant overspend of £1.87million (13.1% of budget).
10. Early Years SEN funding – £131,000 overspend, following general growth in spend linked to identification of SEN needs at an earlier age.
11. Education Personal Budgets - £646,000 overspend. This area has seen significant growth in recent years in line with Government intentions to offer this mechanism of SEN support. 62 individuals were supported through Direct payments/Personal budgets in 2019/20.

	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000
Education personal budgets	24	66	167	307	876

12. Discretionary top up – £286,000 overspend. Growth in spend had continued into 2019/20, despite savings initiatives reducing spend in previous years. 2019/20 was also impacted slightly by a historic correction which would not have an ongoing impact.

	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000
SEN Discretionary spend	378	360	226	273	436

13. Top up funding mainstream schools - £184,000 overspend. There has been an increase in the last 3 years in the number of children receiving LSA support as demonstrated in the table below. The original budget was based on the reduction in SEN Cap funding to a fixed budget, but the existing policy continued to run for that year following discussions at Schools Forum in July.

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
FTE pupil	340	383	423

14. Top up funding Post 16 - £232,000 overspend. The provision of post 16 sits across two main providers. Increase in contract values from September 2019 through growing numbers in post 16 provision, resulted in the overspend position.
15. Top up funding Resource Provision - £139,000 overspend. Forecast overspend is due to over-occupancy of 8 places and a new trial provision – the budget was based on 10.83 primary ASD, 5 primary SEMH, 16 secondary places.
16. Top up funding Special Schools - £103,000 overspend, due to higher than anticipated overoccupancy at both Medina House and St Georges special schools.
17. Hospital education - £30,000 overspend. There have been 5 students in receipt of Hospital education in 2019/20 financial year. This budget is sporadic given the small numbers and temporary arrangements of support.
18. Independent and Non-Maintained Schools – £59,000 overspend. There has been an increase in the number of children in independent schools in the latter part of this financial year there were two that started, tipping the budget into an overspend position.

	2017/18 (March)	2018/19 (March)	2019/20 (March)
Active placements	48	49	62
- of which Island based	30	35	45
- of which mainland based	18	14	17

19. SEN central teams - £117,000 overspend, as a result of non-achievement of a previously agreed savings target which proved unrealistic given rising demand. An increased cost for commissioning support previously agreed by Schools Forum of £25,000 is also included in this area.
20. Support for Inclusion and Education out of schools - £56,000 underspend. Small underspends on Education out of school team costs, top up funding for pupils at risk of exclusion and higher than anticipated recharges to schools for permanently excluded students.
21. The high needs contingency budget of £31,000 was used to reduce the 2019/20 overspend. There was a slight reduction to this budget during the year following annual import/export adjustment in July 2019.

#### CENTRAL SERVICES BLOCK

22. Non-SEN independent placements - underspend of £27,000. There were only two placements in 2019/20 however very small numbers of placements can cause a shift in the variance.

### OTHER GRANTS

23. Other grants are based on DfE provided allocations and are passported on to schools as and when they are received and therefore there usually isn't a budget variance. The significant grants in this area include pupil premium, universal infant free school means, sixth form funding and the teacher's pay and pension grants.
24. At the sub-committee meeting on 7 June 2017, members stated that a breakdown of the budget headings would aid forum members' understanding of the budget and improve monitoring, particularly within the high needs block. This breakdown is included in Appendix C.

### CUMULATIVE DEFICIT & CARRY FORWARD

25. In addition to the in-year 2019/20 outturn £1.58million overspend there is a brought forward deficit on the dedicated schools grant account of £908,000. The combined position is entirely linked to pressures around high needs provision.

	£000
19/20 overspend	1,580
Brought forward DSG deficit	908
<b>Combined overspend carried forward to 2020/21</b>	<b>2,488</b>

26. The DfE consulted in the autumn on changing the conditions of grant and regulations applying to the Dedicated Schools Grant in order to clarify that the grant is a ringfenced specific grant, separate from the general funding of local authorities. The outcome of the consultation was published in January 2020 and subsequently [The Schools and Early Years Finance \(England\) Regulations 2020](#) were updated applicable from February 2020.
27. The main implications are that local authorities are no longer permitted to fund any part of the DSG deficit from sources other than future DSG income and must carry it forward into the new or future financial years unless the Secretary of State authorises the local authority not to do so. The annual decision from Schools Forum on carrying forward the deficit is no longer applicable or required.
28. In the 2019/20 funding year, all local authorities with cumulative dedicated schools grant deficit of 1% or more at the end of 2018/19 financial year were required to submit a recovery plan to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The Isle of Wight 2018/19 position was just below this threshold at that point.
29. The requirement was removed from the 2020/21 DSG conditions of grant and replaced with conditions where a local authority must provide information as and when requested on:
- a) Plans for managing the DSG account in 2020/21 and future years
  - b) Pressures and potential savings on the high needs budget

- c) Meet with DfE officials as and when requested to discuss the local authority's financial position
  - d) Keep schools forum regularly updated about the local authority's DSG account, including high needs pressures and potential savings.
30. The DfE are carrying out user research into a new template to help local authorities manage its DSG balances and the Isle of Wight have volunteered to take an active role in the shaping of the document. Volunteer authorities are working with the Department through July to assist with the formulation of the template. In the interim the Isle of Wight Council will continue to provide information on the DSG and high needs pressures and savings through the existing budget reporting that is produced for each meeting.
31. In line with previous years, it is expected that indicative 2021/22 allocations will be made over the summer, honouring the government commitment for an additional £14billion nationally. It is hoped that a significant proportion of the additional funding will be targeted on children and young people with additional needs funded through the high needs block.
32. These allocations and the upcoming revised DfE template will provide the key information to report a formal recovery plan back to the next School Forum meeting.

### 2020/21 BUDGET – OVERALL FORECAST POSITION

33. The forecast year end position for 2020/21 as at 31 May 2020 is an overspend of £801,000. This position should be treated with extreme caution at this early stage of the financial year as there are many variables and demand led elements to the budget that may change this. A breakdown of the budget headings and variances is included in Appendix B which has been slightly enhanced with more detail compared to previous appendices, summarised as

Block	Current Budget	Outturn	Variance	
	£000	£000	£000	%
Early Years Block	6,911	6,919	8	0.1
Schools Block	54,538	54,537	-1	0.0
High Needs Block	15,659	16,453	794	5.1
Central School Services Block	609	609	0	0.0
Total DSG	77,717	78,518	801	1.0
Other Grants (Pupil Premium etc.)	12,401	12,401	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,118</b>	<b>90,919</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>0.9</b>

### EARLY YEARS BLOCK

34. There is only a minor variance showing at this early stage in the financial year relating to the central early years team. Delay in implementation of new Early years system due to COVID-19 resulted in the additional costs. The DSG 2019/20 early years funding adjustment will be confirmed in July and may impact this position.

### SCHOOLS BLOCK

35. The vast majority of funding in this area is passported direct to schools as budget shares, resulting in a zero variance at this stage of the financial year. The remaining budget share as a result of All Saints Primary closure in August 2020 will be redistributed to schools receiving pupils on a per pupil basis, and therefore no variance will result.

### HIGH NEEDS BLOCK

36. The forecast position as at May 2020 shows a forecast overspend of £794,000 in High needs block (5.1%) set against one of the lowest national increases in high need block funding within the 2020/21 settlement (confirmed last December). Exacerbated by the Isle of Wight having one of the highest rates of EHCP per population. The main variances are:

- Independent and non-maintained schools - £371,000 overspend. Increase in the number of placements in the latter part of 2019/20 resulted in the forecast budget pressure in 2020/21.

	2018/19 (May)	2019/20 (May)	2020/21 (May)
Active placements	50	51	60
- of which Island based	31	37	45
- of which mainland based	19	14	15

- Special Schools - £143,000 overspend due to the increase in the number of places at St Georges by 12 from September and higher than expected overoccupancy linked to the capital expenditure which is occurring on the site. The main forecast is based on Summer term activity extrapolated forward at both schools.
- Top up funding – Mainstream EHCPs - £205,000 overspend. Forecast is based on the Summer term cohort of students. There has been a significant increase in the number of students requiring top up funding in the last few years:

Activity	Summer term 2017-18	Summer term 2018-19	Summer term 2019-20	Summer term 2020/21
FTE pupil	334	375	402	472

- Top up PRU - £17,000 overspend. Revised activity submission resulted in the pressure in the 2020/21 financial year.
- Contingency - £54,000 overspend due to the estimated July 2020 import/export adjustment. The actual adjustment is £60,000 higher than the December 2019 indicative amount as a result of more pupils being provided for on the mainland versus mainland pupils being provided for on the Island.

## HIGH NEEDS BUDGET PRESSURE MITIGATION

37. Growth in EHCP's continues nationally, with total increases for England of 10% between 2019 and 2020. The Isle of Wight continues to be above average with a 15% increase to January 2020, despite only receiving the minimum level of high needs block funding increases for 2020/21 (7.5%). This is again compounded by a higher proportion of pupil population with active EHCP's (4.6% compared to 3.3% nationally).

Table showing Number of statements and EHC plans combined for 'SEN2 Age Caseload' from 'Education, health and care plans' in England, Isle of Wight and South East between 2019 and 2020				Table showing EHC plans/Statements of SEN (percent) for 'Number of pupils, (including independent schools and general hospital schools) - 2016 to 2020' from 'Special educational needs in England' in England, Isle of Wight and South East between 2018/19 and 2019/20		
	2019	2020	Change		2019	2020
England	353,995	390,109	10%	England	3.1	3.3
Isle of Wight	1,056	1,217	15%	Isle of Wight	4.4	4.6
South East	60,860	67,602	11%	South East	3.3	3.5

Source: <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england>

38. There are a few major areas where the Isle of Wight are attempting to put a downwards pressure on the high needs budget.
- Increased scrutiny of discretionary spend through reviewing structure of forms and improvements to the approval processes, enhancing the challenge over payments with Finance and SEN teams. Monthly service boards are now well established reviewing the wider high needs budget at every meeting.
  - Increased maintained SEN provision to reduce reliance on INMSS. The local authority is consulting to increase places at St George's by 12. Expressions of interest for additional resourced provision have been requested and 5 responses have been received, and schools will be visited shortly to gather information so that decisions can be taken. Resourced provision at Hunnyhill Primary is now being formalised from being an initial pilot.
  - Introduction of better SEN Support guidance. Guidance has been drafted. Initial feedback has been sought from parents and schools which has been largely positive. Guidance is being tweaked as a result of initial feedback and will be used as a think piece next term to encourage deeper thinking about how we can better support children and young people at SEN Support.
  - Introduction of the banding system to fund EHCP top up funding for mainstream. The document is being finalised and will be ready for consultation during the autumn term so that changes to the funding system can be implemented.
  - Work is underway to look at better Post 16 pathways to improve outcomes by finding better routes into employment through supported internships and supported

apprenticeships. This should reduce some dependency on traditional EHCP pathways until 25 for some children.

39. These themes and others will feature as the recovery plan and 2021/22 budget are progressed further.

### CENTRAL SERVICES BLOCK

40. Most areas are predicting as per budget for this early point in the year and many areas relate to fixed contributions to costs. Variances in relation to non-SEN placements may develop as the year progresses as this is a demand led budget.

### OTHER GRANTS

41. The majority of funding in this area is passported on to schools so no variances are expected at this stage. Grants included in this area include pupil premium, 6<sup>th</sup> form funding, teachers pay and pension grants amongst others.
42. Much of the grant information for the year is confirmed over the summer period, into Autumn. The Department for Education (DfE) have confirmed the cessation of the Year 7 Catch Up grant which will not be payable in 2020/21 (for 2019/20 this grant totalled £67,000 for the Isle of Wight). Government have committed to making available £650million nationally for catching up funding linked to COVID19, but allocations and methodology are yet to be communicated. On the 5 July 2020 government also confirmed the continuation of the PE & Sports Premium for the 2020/21 academic year.
43. The short-term impact of COVID19 has also seen the introduction of DfE financial support for exceptional costs in schools funding, and the March-July claims window is open until 21 July 2020 for schools to individually make a claim if they are eligible. The categories are very prescriptive, and the focus is around additional premises or cleaning related costs. The funding guidance can be found here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-schools>

### 2021/22 SCHOOL FUNDING

44. It is anticipated that the DfE will confirm the release of the operational guidance for 2021/22 during late July/August and this will be followed up with indicative high-level funding allocations (based on the current pupil numbers and characteristics). Changes in the revised guidance are expected to be minor and the DfE has not requested any updated baseline information. It is expected that consultation with schools on the funding formula for 2021/22 will be initiated during September 2020 following receipt of the guidance. This will enable decisions about how the 2021/22 funding formula will be determined and inform decisions around any high needs block transfer which must be made in November.



45. The government originally intended for 2020/21 to be the first year of the full national funding formula for schools, but this was not the case. The move to the 'hard' formula will not take place for 2021/22 either, with local authorities continuing to set a local formula. The DfE strongly encourages local authorities to remain as close to national values as possible.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Schools Forum notes the outturn position on the 2019/20 schools' budget.
2. That Schools Forum notes the May 2020 forecast 2020/21 position.

#### APPENDICES ATTACHED

Appendix A – 2019/20 Schools Budget Final Outturn

Appendix B – 2020/21 Budget Monitoring Forecast Position May 2020

Appendix C – Budget Heading Descriptions

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

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## Appendix A – 2019/20 Schools Budget Position Final Outturn

Headings	Current Budget £'000	Forecast Outturn £'000	Variance £'000	%
2-Year-Old Free Entitlement	867	887	19	2.21
3-4-Year-Old Free Entitlement	5,177	5,031	-146	-2.82
Early Years Central Expenditure	263	266	2	0.86
Early Years SEN Inclusion	99	99	0	0.00
<b>EARLY YEARS BLOCK</b>	<b>6,406</b>	<b>6,282</b>	<b>-124</b>	<b>-1.94</b>
De-delegated: Free School Meals Eligibility	17	17	0	-0.25
De-delegated: Licences / Subscriptions	29	28	-1	-2.38
De-delegated: TU Facilities Cover	45	33	-12	-25.71
LA Education Functions (maintained schools)	668	668	0	0.00
Pupil Growth	130	0	-130	-100.00
School Budget Shares	51,792	51,793	1	0.00
<b>SCHOOLS BLOCK</b>	<b>52,680</b>	<b>52,539</b>	<b>-141</b>	<b>-0.27</b>
Early Years SEN Funding	70	195	125	177.91
Education Personal Budgets	230	876	646	281.20
High Needs Contingency	31	0	-31	-100.00
High Needs Top Up Funding - Discretionary	150	436	286	190.87
High Needs Top Up Funding - ILC	329	350	21	6.46
High Needs Top Up Funding - Mainstream Schools	1,480	1,663	183	12.35
High Needs Top Up Funding - Post 16	1,141	1,374	232	20.34
High Needs Top Up Funding - Resourced provis.	304	443	139	45.65
High Needs Top Up Funding - Special Schools	3,104	3,211	107	3.44
Hospital Education Provision	12	42	30	252.35
Independent & Non-Maintained Special Schools	2,201	2,260	59	2.68
Island Learning Centre - Place Funding	761	762	1	0.13
LA Education Functions (all schools)	15	15	0	0.00
Resourced Place Funding	215	213	-2	-0.84
SEN Central Teams	1,028	1,145	117	11.36
SEN Transport	670	670	0	0.00
Special Place Funding	2,423	2,423	0	0.00
Support for Inclusion & Education out of school	118	78	-40	-33.89
<b>HIGH NEEDS BLOCK</b>	<b>14,283</b>	<b>16,156</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>13.11</b>
Admissions Service	178	178	0	0.00
Copyright	87	87	0	0.13
Fees to Independent Schools without SEN	100	73	-27	-26.52
LA Education Functions (all schools)	240	240	0	0.00
Servicing of Schools Forum	14	13	-1	-6.35
<b>CENTRAL SERVICES BLOCK</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-4.41</b>
Pupil Premium & Other School Grants	11,659	11,659	0	0.00
<b>OTHER GRANTS</b>	<b>11,659</b>	<b>11,659</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET</b>	<b>85,647</b>	<b>87,226</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>1.84</b>

Deficit brought forward from previous year

908

**NET SCHOOLS POSITION**

**2,488**

## Appendix B – 2020/21 Budget Monitoring Forecast Position May 2020

Headings	Current Budget £000	Forecast Outturn £000	Variance	
			£000	%
<b>SCHOOLS BUDGET</b>				
2-Year-Old Free Entitlement	870	870	0	0.0
Universal (15hr) & Additional (30hr) Entitlement	5,583	5,583	0	0.0
Early Years Pupil Premium	46	46	0	0.0
Disability Access Fund	39	39	0	0.0
3-4-Year-Old Free Entitlement	5,669	5,669	0	0.0
SEN Inclusion	99	99	0	0.0
Early Years Central Expenditure	273	281	8	3.1
<b>EARLY YEARS BLOCK</b>	<b>6,911</b>	<b>6,919</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Primary Budget Shares	32,976	32,975	-1	0.0
All-through Budget Shares	6,469	6,468	0	0.0
Secondary Budget Shares	14,244	14,244	0	0.0
School Budget Shares	53,688	53,687	-1	0.0
De-delegated: Free School Meals Eligibility	17	17	0	0.0
De-delegated: Licences / Subscriptions	29	29	0	0.0
De-delegated: TU Facilities Cover	45	45	0	0.0
De-delegation	91	91	0	0.0
LA Education Functions	667	667	0	0.0
Growth Fund	92	92	0	0.0
<b>SCHOOLS BLOCK</b>	<b>54,538</b>	<b>54,537</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Special Place Funding	2,556	2,556	0	0.0
Resourced Place Funding	180	178	-2	-1.0
Island Learning Centre - Place Funding	759	759	0	0.0
LA Education Functions (all schools HN)	16	16	0	0.0
Place Funding	3,511	3,510	-2	0.0
Special School Top Up	3,140	3,283	144	4.6
Mainstream School Top Up	1,380	1,560	179	13.0
Resourced Provision Top Up	464	461	-3	-0.6
Island Learning Centre Top Up	346	364	17	5.0
Post 16 Top Up	1,496	1,499	3	0.2
Early Years SEN Funding	203	205	2	0.7
High Needs Top Up Funding - Discretionary	300	306	6	2.0
Education Personal Budgets	675	696	21	3.1
Pupils in Other Local Authorities Top Up	0	0	0	0.0
High Needs Top Up Funding	8,004	8,373	369	4.6
Independent & Non-Maintained Special Schools	2,135	2,506	371	17.4
SEN Central Teams	1,180	1,182	2	0.1
Hospital Education Provision	20	20	0	0.0
Support for Inclusion & Education Out of School	131	131	0	0.0
SEN Transport	670	670	0	0.0
High Needs Contingency	7	60	53	806.8
<b>HIGH NEEDS BLOCK</b>	<b>15,659</b>	<b>16,453</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Admissions Service	178	178	0	0.0
Copyright	89	89	0	-0.3
Fees to Independent Schools without SEN	82	82	0	0.0
LA Education Functions (all schools)	246	246	0	0.0
Servicing of Schools Forum	14	14	0	0.0
<b>CENTRAL SERVICES BLOCK</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Pupil premium and other grants	12,401	12,401	0	0.0
<b>OTHER GRANTS</b>	<b>12,401</b>	<b>12,401</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET</b>	<b>90,118</b>	<b>90,919</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>0.9</b>

Deficit brought forward from previous year

2,488

**NET SCHOOLS POSITION**

**3,289**

## **Appendix C – Budget heading descriptions**

### EARLY YEARS BLOCK

**2-Year-Old Free Entitlement Funding** – Early years funding for providers educating two-year olds eligible for the free entitlement.

**3-4-Year-Old Free Entitlement** – Early years funding for providers educating three- and four-year olds calculated through the Early Years Single Funding Formula, including those eligible for the 30 hours entitlement for working parents, the Early Years Pupil Premium and the Disability Access Fund.

**Early Years Central Expenditure** – Costs of the local authority early years team responsible for administering the entitlement, auditing and inspecting providers, ensuring sufficiency of places, providing support and guidance for providers on best practice and running local projects in partnership with providers.

**Early Years SEN Inclusion** – Contribution from the early years block to meet the costs of SEN top-up funding for early years providers.

### SCHOOLS BLOCK

**De-delegated: Licences / Subscriptions** – Funding maintained schools have elected to give up from their budget shares to fund the cost of licences negotiated centrally for schools including HCSS Budgeting, SIMS Financial Reporting Suite and Financial Management System, and (primary schools only) Fischer Family Trust subscription

**De-delegated: Free School Meals Eligibility** – Funding maintained schools have elected to give up from their budget shares to cover the cost of local authority officers checking the eligibility of pupils for free school meals on behalf of schools

**De-delegated: Staff Supply Cover (TU Facilities)** – Funding maintained schools have elected to give up from their budget shares to fund employers of trade union representatives to release their employees to support union members in other schools

**Pupil Growth** – Growth fund allocations made under the policy agreed by forum

**Schools Budget Shares** – School budget allocations determined through the local funding formula

### HIGH NEEDS BLOCK

**Special Place Funding** – Funding of commissioned places in maintained special schools at the fixed rate of £10,000 per place regardless of occupancy

**Resourced Place Funding** – Funding of commissioned places in maintained resourced provisions at the fixed rate of £10,000 per place (if empty in preceding autumn census) or £6,000 per place (if occupied in preceding autumn census) regardless of occupancy

**Island Learning Centre - Place Funding** – Funding of commissioned places in the maintained Pupil Referral Unit at the fixed rates of £10,000 per place for 40 behaviour places and £18,336 for 20 emotionally vulnerable/unwell places, regardless of occupancy

## **Appendix C – Budget heading descriptions**

**Top Up Funding - Resourced provisions** – Additional funding for resourced provisions at an agreed top-up rate for the type of provision, based on actual occupancy

**Top Up Funding - Post 16** – funding for high needs students attending post-16 institutions including the Isle of Wight College and HTP.

**Top Up Funding - Special Schools** – Additional funding for pupils in special schools at a banded level of funding based on their level of need, at actual occupancy. Also, over-occupancy funding at £10,000 per pro-rata place where occupancy is above agreed places

**Top Up Funding – Island Learning Centre** – Additional funding of £8,230 per pupil attending the ILC, pro-rata based on actual occupancy

**Hospital Education Provision** – Funding for occasional pupils (typically 0-2 in a year) who are attending specialist hospital education on the mainland following referral by a medical practitioner

**Early Years SEN Funding** – Additional funding for early years settings to support pupils with SEN, with lower level inclusion funded from early years and high needs funding from this budget

**Independent & Non-Maintained Special Schools** – Expenditure on placements for pupils with SEN with non-maintained and independent providers, including St Catherine's and specialist mainland providers

**High Needs Contingency** – Contingency budget from surplus budget to be used to offset savings not achieved or reduce the brought forward deficit.

**WISE** – The net budget (after income from charges) of the Workshop Initiative for Support in Education, which provides alternative provision for pupils on the island, ceased at the end of the 17/18 academic year

**Support for Inclusion & Education out of school** – Support for pupils at risk of permanent exclusion to keep pupils in mainstream education where suitable, and the costs of the Elective Home Education team who support parents who choose to home educate their children

**SEN Central Teams** – Central SEN teams supporting pupils with additional needs including Speech and Language Therapy, Specialist Teacher Advisors (visual impaired, hearing impaired and dyslexia) and the Early Years SEN team, plus supporting admin

**Top Up Funding – Mainstream** – Top-up funding for pupils in mainstream education with Education, Health and Care Plans, including LSA hours in plans, after schools have funded the initial £6,000 of additional needs

**Top Up Funding – Discretionary** – Additional funding for schools outside of the standard funding arrangements, including specialist equipment and other high-cost provision specified in plans

**Education Personal Budgets** – The cost of providing personal budgets to parents of children with SEN, where they take responsibility for commissioning support for the child with the budget that would have been used by the local authority

## **Appendix C – Budget heading descriptions**

**SEN Transport** – A fixed contribution of £670,000 to the costs of transport of children with SEN, which was previously part of the schools' block prior to 2017/18 but was moved to the high needs block (along with the equivalent amount of funding)

**LA Education Functions (maintained schools)** – High needs block funding of £55 per place retained from special schools and the ILC, used to fund local authority statutory services as agreed by forum

### CENTRAL SCHOOL SERVICES BLOCK

**Fees to Independent Schools without SEN** – Education costs of children in mainland social care placements who do not have SEN, but where mainstream education is not suitable

**Admissions Service** – Fixed contribution to local authority admissions services for all schools

**Copyright** – Amount charged by the DfE for copyright licences negotiated for all schools nationally

**Servicing of Schools Forum** – Costs of schools' forum including premises, staffing costs including the costs of the clerk and report preparation

**LA Education Functions (all schools)** – Use of central school services funding for local authority statutory duties relating to all schools, including academies.

### GRANTS

**Pupil Premium & Other School Grants** – Various school related grants which are passed on to schools including Pupil Premium, Universal Infant Free School Meals, PE and Sports, Year 7 Catch Up, School Direct and Post-16 funding for maintained sixth forms.