MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

DATE AND TIME

THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2016

AT 4.00 PM

VENUE

BEST HUB LANACRE AVENUE, GRAHAME PARK, COLINDALE, LONDON NW9 5FN (MAP & DIRECTIONS)

TO: MEMBERS OF SCHOOLS FORUM (Quorum 11)

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Gilbert Knight

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Jeanette Adak

Jenny Gridley

Jo Djora The

Joanne Kelly

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Tom Brighton (for Angela Trigg) Cllr Brian Salinger (for Elizabeth Pearson) Marc Lewis (for Michael Whitworth)

Siobhan O'Connell (for Sarah Vipond) Kit Davies (for David Byrne) Patrick Keogh (for Joanne Kelly)

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Minutes of the Schools Forum Meeting 15th October 2015 (4.00 pm, Training Room 3, BEST hub, Colindale)

Attended	Type of Member	Name	Representing AGENDA I	Hember EM 4 until end
Members	Academy Representative	Tom Brighton (substitute for Angela Trigg)	London Academy	Sep 2016
	Academy School Principal	Rachel Fink (substitute for Andrew McClusky)	Hasmonean High School	Oct 2018
	Primary Community Gov	Nigel Taylor	Wessex Gardens	May 2018
	Primary Community Gov	Elizabeth Pearson	Holly Park/Livingstone	Sep 2016
	Primary Community Gov	Lesley Ludlow	Moss Hall Infants	Apr 2017
	Primary Community HT (4)	Sally Lajalati	Colindale Primary	Sep 2014
	Primary Foundation/ VA Gov	Anthony Vourou	St Johns CE N11	Sep 2016
	Primary Foundation/VA HT	Matthew Glenn	St Mary's & St John's	Apr 2018
	Primary Foundation/VA HT	Maureen Kelly	St Theresa's Catholic	Jul 2017
	Private Early Years Provider	Sarah Vipond	Middlesex Uni. Nursery	Sep 2016
	Secondary HT	Seamus McKenna	Finchley Catholic	Nov 2016
	Secondary HT	Simon Horne	Friern Barnet	Oct 2017
	Special School Governor	Gilbert Knight	Oakleigh	Sep 2016
	Special School Headteacher	Lesley Burgess	Northway	Sep 2016
	Unions	Keith Nason	National Union of Teachers	Sep 2016
LA Officers	LBB Officer	lan Harrison	Education & Skills Director	
	LBB Officer	Val White	Lead Commissioner	
	LBB Officer	Catherine Peters	CSG – Head of Finance	
	LBB Officer	Carol Beckman	CSG – School Funding	
	LBB Officer (Clerk)	Claire Gray	CSG – School Funding	

Members	14-19 Provider	David Byrne	Barnet & Southgate Col	
	Representative			
	Academy School Principal	Andrew McClusky	Hasmonean High School	Oct 2018
	Academy School Principal	Jo Djora	The Hyde Academy	Jul 2017
	Academy School Principal	Jack Newton	Grasvenor Infants	Nov 2015
	Academy School Principal	Jane Beaumont	Copthall	Jan 2016
	Academy School Principal	Marc Lewis (substitute for Michael Whitworth)	Wren Academy	Nov 2016
	Nursery School Headteacher	Perina Holness	Moss Hall Nursery	May 2017
	Primary Community Gov	Cllr Brian Salinger (substitute for Elizabeth Pearson)	Holly Park/Livingstone	Sep 2016
	Primary Community HT	Jude Stone	Tudor / Cromer Road	Mar 2018
	Primary Community HT	Jeanette Adak	Monkfrith Primary	Sep 2016
	Primary Community HT	Clare Rees	Sunnyfields Primary	Feb 2017
	Primary Foundation/VA Gov	VACANT		
	Primary Foundation/VA HT	VACANT		
	Pupil Referral Unit	Joanne Kelly	Pavilion PRU	Sep 2016
	Secondary Community/VA Governor	VACANT		
Non Members	EFA Observer	Beverley Pennekett	EFA	
	LBB Officer	Chris Munday	Commissioning Director for Children and Young People	
	LBB Officer	Nick Adams	CSG – Financial Services	
	Elected Member	Cllr R Thompstone	Lead member for Children's Services	

1. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Gilbert Knight (GK) welcomed new members: Lesley Burgess (replacing Jenny Gridley who is on secondment to the local authority), Andrew McClusky (apologies for this meeting) and his substitute, Rachel Fink (RF) of Hasmonean High School.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received at the meeting from Andrew McClusky, Jeanette Adak, Chris Munday, Jude Stone and Nick Adams. Post-meeting apologies were received from Perina Holness and Jo Djora.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Keith Nason (KN) declared his interest in item 8c) De-delegation of Trades Union facilities time.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Members were asked to nominate a Chair and Vice Chair person for the forthcoming academic year.

Elizabeth Pearson (EP) nominated Gilbert Knight (GK); this was seconded by Nigel Taylor (NT). As there were no other nominations, GK was elected.

Tony Vourou (TV) volunteered as Vice-Chair; he was nominated by Keith Nason, seconded by Sally Lajalati (SL). As there were no other nominations, TV was elected.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed as a true and accurate record.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Ian Harrison (IH) confirmed that letters had been sent to schools with high balances, requesting responses to the authority by half-term. No responses have been received to date.

EP asked if the DfE had made any announcements regarding extension of the 3&4 year old free entitlement. IH replied that there have been no announcements.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7a 2015/16 Budget monitoring

Catherine Peters (CP) presented the Quarter 1 budget summary as shown in the agenda. This is the most recent position that was presented to the council P&R committee on 2nd September 2015. There has been a reduction to income received from the EFA mainly due to fewer 2 year olds than expected, as shown in Appendix 2; expenditure in the Schools Budget and High Needs lines has reduced by the same amount.

7b 2015/16 Schools Budget

CP clarified that the projected outturn is currently an underspend of £99,000, made up mainly by an underspend on top-up funding of £490k, and an overspend on growth.

7c Applications to become a maintained school

Val White (VW) presented a report on the current status of the application to join the maintained sector made by Menorah High School for Girls (MHS), and sought the views of Schools Forum on the proposal in order to inform the assessment of the school's case which takes place before the next meeting of Schools Forum.

This has been a complex application and has included carrying out due diligence by legal services. An external consultant has also been appointed to work with the school regarding the requirements of maintained sector financial management, and also to assess whether the curriculum offer is appropriate and manageable within the formula funding available.

Barnet has also received confirmation from the EFA that the DSG allocation will be increased in line with MHS pupil numbers if and when the transfer takes place. However, with secondary schools per pupil formula funding is slightly higher than the amount received in DSG.

NT asked if the proposed application was good news for Barnet. VW commented Barnet was proud of the diversity of its educational offer and that the proposal would extend this diversity. Although located in Brent, the overwhelming proportion of pupils are Barnet residents and should the school close, Barnet would have a duty to offer alternative places to children who wanted one.

SL asked about the admissions criteria and process as the school is currently an independent school, VW advised that the school would be required to follow the Admissions Code and would be part of the Barnet co-ordinated admissions service.

KN asked if the school has to pay staff on Inner London pay scales. CB confirmed that it does, but that does not mean an increase in formula funding – the school must manage staff costs within the formula funding allocation. RF asked how the school could join the maintained Barnet sector yet offer Inner London salaries. VW advised that the school will have greater budget pressures, but there will be no additional formula funding for this. VW explained that given the size of the school, the council has engaged some external financial assistance to test the financial standing of the school.

Seamus McKenna asked if any other schools had approached Barnet to join the maintained sector. VW confirmed that Noam Primary has expressed an interest, and Menorah High School for Boys has also made enquiries.

NT & KN commented that Barnet needs to clarify ownership of the site and the condition of the premises. VW confirmed that due diligence on all site and property issues is being carried out by the legal services team.

SL asked who has covered the cost of processing this application and the legal/ financial advice taken. VW confirmed that Barnet has covered these costs so far.

Members expressed concern regarding the limited curriculum offered and viability of the school 6th form, which currently has very small pupil numbers. VW advised that these matters will be considered.

VW asked Schools Forum for a summary of their views so that she could factor these into the decision making process, as the application will be progressing before the next Schools Forum meeting. The Forum indicated that it felt the council should be cautious

about the extra financial liability. Members expressed concern about Barnet taking on such a small secondary school, the small size of the sixth from and its location in Brent. They also questioned whether there is any benefit to Barnet children.

7d Consultation responses

Carol Beckman (CB) provided members with a tabled paper showing the responses to the Schools Formula funding consultation which had closed the previous day, 14^{th} October 2015. 37 schools had responded, of which 31 expressed a preference for one of the formula funding options proposed. Seventeen of the 31 schools expressing a preference selected option 3 (+£10 AWPU/ 15% cap on MFG gains) as their first choice, with option 1 the next most popular; option 2 was the least popular, other than the no preference option.

The Schools Forum was therefore asked to give a view on the option to adopt for schools in 2016/17, bearing in mind that the total amount of funding available will remain at 2015/16 levels other than any increase in relation to additional pupils.

Decision: Members agreed that Option 3 was the most popular and should be implemented, but acknowledged that the MFG and cap on gains constrain the authority so tightly that more significant changes cannot be made. Members therefore recommended implementation of Option 3 in the 2016/17 budget planning.

7e Schools forum training on 30 September 2015

IH advised that a number of members had attended the training session on 30 September which provided an overview of the principles and application of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and schools funding.

Lesley Burgess (LB) asked if the training had covered issues of High Needs (HN) funding and the HN funding block. IH said that this was covered, but that the Forum should note that the DfE has issued documents stating that authorities cannot bid for an increase in places as was allowed last year. Place numbers in establishments within the authority could be re-organised but there would be no funding increase.

Simon Horne (SH) thanked IH and CB for the training provided, and commented that he found the papers provided and the discussions very helpful in increasing his understanding of the DSG and funding system.

8. ITEMS FOR DECISION

8a 2016/17 Schools budget planning

The first draft of the 2016/17 schools budget will form the basis of the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) submission due to the EFA at the end of October. The first draft presents a balanced budget, but only by drawing on the 2014/15 underspends to cover the additional growth funding and also the (reducing) nursery school subsidy. The income from the Early Years and High Needs blocks are not confirmed until later in the year.

The draft school budget share expenditure has been based on October census pupil numbers at maintained schools, but academy pupil numbers are not yet known and therefore the budget is still on estimated pupil data at this stage.

Other expenditure has been based on the following assumptions:

- 2 year old funding best estimate on take-up
- 3/ 4 year old funding 3% increase in pupil numbers/ funding (based on past pupil number trend)
- HN places place funding and estimated top-up values on current data
- Kisharon converting from a Special free school to Special maintained status
- Oak Hill campus converting to Special Academy status

Officers will provide a further report in December once all pupil data has been factored into the modelling. They will also provide a summary of any DfE announcements made as a result of the government Comprehensive Spending Review in November.

8b 2016/17 Funding formula & APT submission

As stated above, the current school budget modelling has incorporated up-to-date pupil numbers where known and these will be included in the provisional APT submission made to the EFA in October. As a result of the Schools Forum recommendation on the formula funding consultation (item 7d) and subject to the agreement of the council's Director of Children's Services, Option 3 giving a £10 AWPU increase and setting a 15% cap on gains, will be factored into the APT to be submitted in October. The final APT will be submitted in January, once the EFA have provided Barnet with a full school level data set, so the schools budget will continue to change. Updates will be provided at the Schools Forum meetings in December and February.

Decision: Members unanimously agreed to recommend that Option 3 should be factored into the APT model for submission to the EFA by 30th October.

8c 2016/17 Dedelegation by maintained schools

IH advised members that Schools Forum representatives of maintained schools must vote whether to dedelegate the following budgets for provision of some central services in 2016/17. The table below shows the items currently dedelegated in 2015/16 by sector:

Line no.	Description	Primary maintained	Secondary maintained
1.1.2	Behaviour Support	Yes	No
1.1.3	Narrowing the Gap	Yes	Yes
1.1.9	TU facility time	Yes	Yes

LB asked if Special Schools vote on this and whether they can use Behaviour Support (HIST) services. IH advised that they can use the services, but that could not be funded through dedelegation. SL asked what the offer is for Behaviour Support. IH stated that Level 1 is the core service available to primary schools, but Level 2, which provides additional services, can be purchased by schools. SL asked whether TU representation at school level is covered by the facility time budget. IH said no, it was only for LA level TU representatives.

The council was asking representatives of maintained schools by sector whether they wish to dedelegate the same budgets in 2016/17, with the following results:

Voting

-		Primary r	naintained	Secondary maintained		
1.1.2	Behaviour Support	Agreed	7/7 members	Not agreed	*0/3	
					members	
1.1.3	Narrowing the Gap	Agreed	6/7 members	Agreed	*3/3	
					members	
1.1.9	TU facility time	Agreed	7/7 members	Agreed	*3/3	
					members	

* Includes St Mary's & St John's all-through school

9. SCHOOLS FORUM TERMS OF REFERENCE & VACANCIES

The Schools Forum terms of reference should be reviewed each year, but no change was proposed for 2015/16 since the profile of numbers and types of schools has not changed significantly in the last year. SV asked for clarification of PVI representation. This is shown under 'stakeholders'

The TOR will be reviewed again in the autumn of 2016.

Members were also asked to encourage other Headteacher and Governor representatives to come forward, as there are currently 4 vacancies on the Schools Forum.

Decision: Members voted unanimously to keep the Terms of Reference unchanged for this academic year.

10. DRAFT AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The draft agenda for the next meeting was agreed, with the additional information that item 6.1 will be the 2015/16 quarter 2 budget monitoring position.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Two members recorded their apologies in advance for the next meeting on 3 December – Lesley Ludlow and Elizabeth Pearson.

SMcK commented that the format of the Schools Forum papers was much improved and easier for members to access now they are published on the Barnet committee website.

GK thanked members for their attendance and contribution.

Meeting closed at 5.30pm

Dates of future meetings:

3 December 2015, 4pm.	Training Room 3, BEST hub, Colindale
11 February 2016, 4pm.	Training Room 3, BEST hub, Colindale
12 May 2016, 4pm.	Training Room 3, BEST hub, Colindale
7 July 2016, 4pm.	Training Room 3, BEST hub, Colindale

2015/16 Schools Budget

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AGENDA ITEM 6

Introduction

This report shows the quarter three position which will be reported as part of the Quarter three Budget and Performance Monitoring 2015/16 to the Performance and Contract Management Committee on 15th February 2016. It is presented to Schools Forum to note. The details are also contained in Appendix 1.

2015/16 Schools budget

There have been no changes to the school budget since the budget was last presented to Schools Forum. However, a number of budget adjustments are necessary to reflect the adjustments made by the EfA. These are set out in Appendix 2 and relate to 2, 3 & 4 year olds and high needs recoupment. In addition a further cash transfer was made for non-recouped academies of £233k.

2015/16 Schools budget monitoring

The position as at December 2015, forecasts an underspend of £1.702m.

Details of the variations are contained in Appendix 1. The main over and underspends are as follows:

S251	Main reasons for over/underspend	£'000
Line		
reference		
1.0.1 &	Projections revised using updated figures for Autumn	(497)
1.1.1	term and also forecast of take-up of 2, 3 and 4 year old places less than budgeted.	
1.2.1,	This is the net position relating to top up funding for high	(£1,188)
1.2.2,	needs in	
1.2.3 &	 maintained provider schools (nursery, primary 	
1.2.5	and secondary) including those who are out of borough.	
	 academy and free schools and additional funding for high needs pupils in Academy ARPs and 	
	 independent and non-maintained special schools, pre and post 16 	
	The net underspend is based on reduced commitment based on current known data.	
1.2.5	Therapies not yet committed	(44)
1.3.1	Early years vulnerable children - from no new referrals	(76)
1.4.10	Growth – Additional bulge classes and bulge class	146
	protection.	
1.7.4	Higher allocation for bursaries from EFA	(43)

Figures in brackets denotes an underspend

The second quarter monitoring position reported at Performance and Contract management committee projected an underspend of £238k. This was a net increase to the underspend of £139k reported in quarter 1 which was due to fewer high cost placements being made.

In quarter 3, the underspend increased by a further £1.464m to that reported in quarter 2. This is mainly due to:

- Top up funding for maintained schools, academies, free schools & colleges as a result of better information on top-up liability from out of borough schools and local authorities; Reduction in expensive placements; reductions in fees and the release of contingencies relating to anticipated new placements (-£1,076k).
- A reduction in projected payments relating to Early years vulnerable children (-£76k).
- Increase in funding from DfE for the diseconomies of London and Wren academies (£-268k).
- ➤ Higher allocation received from EFA (-£43k).

Recommendation:

To note the revisions to the budget and the quarter three monitoring position for 2015/16 and agree to receive further budget monitoring reports at future meetings.

Previous reports to the Forum:

- 14 May 2014 noted budget changes
- 15 October 2015 noted budget changes and the quarter one budget monitoring position

2015/16 BUDGET MONITORING - QUARTER 3

		Quarter 3 - Budget N	Ionitoring		
		Budget	Projection	Variance	Explanation
	DITURE				
Schools	s Block	Q3			
		£	£	£	
1.0.1	Individual Schools Budget	172,047,780	171,653,684	(394,096)	Projections revised using updated figures for Autumn term. Underspend also in the 2 year old payment to providers whic is based on revised target number of children.
1.1.1	Contingencies	194,850	94,177	(100,673)	Assume no further call on this budget.
1.1.2	Behaviour Support Services	77,610	75,839	(1,771)	
1.1.3	Support to UPEG and bilingual learners	85,560	85,561	1	
1.1.9	Staff costs - supply cover for facility time	47,510	47,510	0	
		172,453,310	171,956,771	(496,539)	
High Ne	eds Block				
1.2.1	Top-up funding - maintained schools	16,142,700	15,618,246	(524,454)	
1.2.2	Top-up funding - academies, free schools and colleges	6,854,894	6,711,651	(143,243)	
1.2.3	Top-up and other funding - non-maintained and independent providers	9,835,970	9,315,514	(520,456)	Underspends based on current known commitments
1.2.5	SEN support services	3,198,223	3,154,065	(44,158)	
1.2.6	Hospital education services	530,010	530,006	(4)	
1.2.11	Direct payments (SEN and disability)	200,000	200,000	0	
		36,761,797	35,529,482	(1,232,315)	
Early Ye	ears Block				
1.3.1	Central expenditure on children under 5	1,714,070	1,637,590	(76,480)	Projection based on current commitments and underspend is due to no new referrals made this financial year.
		1,714,070	1,637,590	(76,480)	
Central	Block				
1.4.1	Contribution to combined budgets	777,890	791,204	13,314	
1.4.2	School Admissions	361,200	356,123	(5,077)	
1.4.3	Servicing of schools forums	34,680	34,680	0	
1.4.10	Pupil growth / Infant class sizes	1,308,910	1,447,107	138,197	Higher growth than initially estimated.
1.4.11	SEN transport	400,000	400,000	0	
1.4.13	Other items	106,500	106,500	0	
		2,989,180	3,135,614	146,434	
		213,918,357	212,259,457	(1,658,900)	
NCOME 1.7.1	Estimated Dedicated Schools Grant for 2014-15	(205,247,100)	(205,247,000)	100	
1.7.2	Dedicated Schools Grant b/f from 2013/14	(2,637,910)	(2,637,910)	0	
1.7.4	EFA funding	(6,033,347)	(6,076,515)		Higher allocation for one school plus bursaries
		(213,918,357)	(213,961,425)	(43,068)	
	GRAND TOTAL	0	(1,701,968)	(1,701,968)	

APPENDIX 1

Schools Budget 2015/16

		Scho	ols Forum October 201	5		Quarter 3	
		Gross Budget	Recoupment	Net Budget	Budget changes	Revised budget	Reason for Budget change
EXPEN	DITURE						
Schools	s Block						
		£	£	£	£	£	
1.0.1	Individual Schools Budget	263,635,512	(90,433,912)	173,201,600	(1,153,820)		Reduced expenditure on anticipated numbers of 2, 3 & 4 year
					(1,155,520)	172,047,700	olds and high needs recoupment
1.1.1	Contingencies	194,850	0	194,850		194,850	
1.1.2	Behaviour Support Services	77,610	0	77,610		77.610	
1.1.3	Support to UPEG and bilingual learners	85,560	0	85,560		85,560	
1.1.9	Staff costs - supply cover for facility time	47,510	0	47,510		47,510	
		264,041,042	(90,433,912)	173,607,130	(1,153,820)	172,453,310	
High Ne	eds Block						
1.2.1	Top-up funding - maintained schools	16,142,700	0	16,142,700		16,142,700	
1.2.2	Top-up funding - academies, free schools and colleges	6,854,894	0	6,854,894		6,854,894	
1.2.3	Top-up and other funding - non-maintained and independent providers	9,835,970	0	9,835,970		9,835,970	
1.2.5	SEN support services	3,198,223	0	3,198,223		3,198,223	
1.2.6	Hospital education services	530,010	0	530,010		530,010	
1.2.11	Direct payments (SEN and disability)	200,000		200,000		200,000	
		36,761,797	0	36,761,797	0	36,761,797	
Early Ye	ears Block						
1.3.1	Central expenditure on children under 5	1,714,070	0	1,714,070		1,714,070	
		1,714,070	0	1,714,070	0	1,714,070	
Central	Block						
1.4.1	Contribution to combined budgets	777,890	0	777,890		777.890	
1.4.2	School Admissions	361,200	0	361,200		361,200	
1.4.3	Servicing of schools forums	34,680	0	34,680		34,680	
1.4.10	Pupil growth / Infant class sizes	1,041,250	0	1,041,250	267,660	1,308,910	Increase in the growth fund as a result of the additional income from DfE (see below)
1.4.11	SEN transport	400,000	0	400,000		400,000	
1.4.13	Other items	106,500	0	106,500		106,500	
		2,721,520	0	2,721,520	267,660	2,989,180	
		305,238,429	(90,433,912)	214,804,517	(886,160)	213,918,357	
INCOME							
1.7.1	Estimated Dedicated Schools Grant for 2014-15	(296,567,174)	90,433,912	(206,133,262)	886,160	(205,247,102)	Net of the increase in growth fund and reduction of 2 year old funding.
1.7.2	Dedicated Schools Grant b/f from 2013/14	(2,637,908)	0	(2,637,908)		(2,637,908)	
1.7.4	EFA funding	(6,033,347)	0	(6,033,347)	0	(6,033,347)	
		(305,238,429)	90,433,912	(214,804,517)	886,160	(213,918,357)	

APPENDIX 2

Item 7a – 2016/17 Schools Budget

AGENDA ITEM 7

Author: Carol Beckman Position: School Funding Manager

The draft Schools Budget will be considered by the council's Policy & Resources Committee on 16th February 2016, prior to submission to the government at the end of March as part of the Section 251 return. The Schools Budget is subject to continuing change until the end of the 2016-17 financial year due to updated funding allocations from the government and conversions of schools to academies.

Available resources derive from 3 sources:

- 1. Dedicated Schools Grant (currently partially announced, partially estimated);
- 2. Post 16 learning funding from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) for school 6th forms not yet announced);
- 3. Use of underspends from previous years.

The last of these is important as the cost of pupil growth in schools, academies and free schools is not funded by the government, and underspends will remain crucial to balancing the budget over the next 5 years at least.

The budget has been compiled by

- 1. Estimating income (as above) as accurately as possible using projected pupil numbers
- 2. Entering the details of the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) submitted in January 2016
- 3. Calculating the need and therefore the cost of high needs places at various types of school and the likely top-ups or fees using information about the numbers and range of needs of young people with high needs
- 4. Projecting the cost of early years education, both 3 & 4 year olds, and the growing number of eligible 2 year olds taking up their entitlement.
- 5. Maintaining most other budgets at their 2015/16 level.

Barnet's Dedicated Schools Grant announced in December 2015 was as expected but with the unexpected addition of £350,000 for the High Needs block. However, the Early Years block for 2,3 and 4 year olds has been estimated by the DfE at the same level as 2015/16 and as we know that numbers in this age group are rising so we have made adjustment for this. We will also receive funding for the pupils at Menorah High School for Girls when it becomes a voluntary aided school on 1st April 2016.

Funding for post 16 students in Barnet maintained school 6th forms have not yet been announced, but as this is passported through to schools there is no impact on the budget

£1.3m of underspend from previous years has been required to balance the budget for pupil growth and the nursery school subsidy. This is not all the available underspend because some needs to be carried forward for growth in future years.

87% of the gross Schools Budget (ie before recoupment) is paid to schools, academies, free schools and early years providers to fund the provision of education and support to young people aged 2 to 19.

A further 10% is budgeted to be paid to schools in and out of Barnet as high needs top-ups and fees. Much work has been done to reduce the reliance on expensive out of borough placements and save money, so it has been possible to put in an extra £500K in the 2016/17 budget to raise statement top-up rates after having been frozen for some time.

The cost of pupil growth expected in September 2016 is nearly £3.6m. Our projections show that this figure will be between £3 and £4m per annum for the next 5 years at least. In the table attached, the growth fund (line 1.4.10) is shown as £1.2m, but this only includes lump sums paid for new classes and other non-capital costs associated with expansion. The cost of new year groups, £2.5m, is included in the APT on line 1.0.1.

The costs of central services have not been increased for 2016/17, so as the DSG rises these are a smaller percentage of total expenditure than in the past. The exception is additional support for the Virtual School to help raise achievement of the council's looked after children. This also reflects a new statutory duty to have a Virtual School headteacher, which was introduced in the Children and Families Act, 2014. Making this a full-time post increased the costs to the service.

Balancing the Schools Budget has not been as difficult as in previous years mainly because of the headroom created by savings in SEN.

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S251 code	S251name	2015/16 Gross Budget (S251)	2016/17 Gross Budget	2016/17 Gross Budget (Oct 15)	Change from 2015/16	Change from October Schools Forum	2015/16 Budget net of recoupment	2016/17 Budget net of recoupment	Change from 2015/16
Expendi	ture								
1.0.1	Individual Schools Budget before Academy recoupment	264,376,738	269,632,025	270,972,617	5,255,287	(1,340,592)	172,047,780	175,375,311	3,327,531
1.1.1	Contingencies	194,850	147,135	86,550	(47,715)	60,585	194,850	147,135	(47,715)
1.1.2	Behaviour Support Services	77,613	79,133	79,133	1,520	-	77,610	79,133	1,523
1.1.3	Support to UPEG and bilingual learners	85,564	87,001	87,001	1,437	-	85,560	87,001	1,441
1.1.8	Staff costs - supply cover excluding cover for facility time	(0)	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
1.1.9	Staff costs - supply cover for facility time	47,512	48,774	48,774	1,262	-	47,510	48,774	1,264
1.2.1	Top-up funding - maintained schools	16,142,716	16,969,414	16,593,822	826,698	375,592	16,142,700	16,969,414	826,714
1.2.2	Top-up funding - academies, free schools and colleges	6,854,903	7,434,145	7,021,783	579,242	412,362	6,854,894	7,434,145	579,251
1.2.3	Top-up and other funding - non-maintained and independent providers	9,835,971	9,084,010	8,680,292	(751,961)	403,718	9,835,970	9,084,010	(751,960)
1.2.5	SEN support services	3,198,188	3,425,542	3,198,212	227,354	227,330	3,178,543	3,425,542	246,999
1.2.6	Hospital education services	530,006	530,006	530,006	-	-	530,010	530,006	(4)
1.2.8	Support for inclusion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.2.11	Direct payments (SEN & Disability)	200,000	300,000	200,000	100,000	100,000	200,000	300,000	100,000
1.2.12	Carbon Reduction commitment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.3.1	Central expenditure on children under 5	979,072	979,072	979,072	-	-	1,714,070	979,072	(734,998)
1.4.1	Contribution to combined budgets	777,892	777,892	777,892	-	-	621,580	777,892	156,312
1.4.10	Pupil growth / Infant class sizes	1,041,250	1,232,036	1,440,893	190,786	(208,857)	1,308,910	1,344,179	35,269
1.4.11	SEN transport	400,000	400,000	400,000	-	-	400,000	400,000	-
1.4.13	Other items	106,500	106,500	106,500	-	-	106,500	106,500	-
1.4.2	School Admissions	361,200	361,200	361,200	-	-	361,200	361,200	-
1.4.3	Servicing of schools forums	34,680	34,680	34,680	-	-	34,680	34,680	-
Income		305,244,655	311,628,564	311,598,426	6,383,909	30,138	213,918,357	217,483,993	3,565,636
1.7.1	Dedicated Schools Grant	(296,567,169)	(304,299,712)	(304,589,467)	(7,732,543)	289,754	(207,885,010)	(210,155,141)	(2,270,131)
1.7.2	Balance b/fwd	(1,902,908)	(1,342,393)	(1,022,500)	560,515	(319,893)	-	(1,342,393)	(1,342,393)
1.7.4	Post 16 allocations from EFA	(6,774,578)	(5,986,459)	(5,986,459)	788,119	-	(6,033,347)	(5,986,459)	46,888
		(305,244,655)	(311,628,564)	(311,598,426)	(6,383,909)	(30,139)	(213,918,357)	(217,483,993)	(3,565,636)

Item 7b – Authority Proforma Tool (APT) submission January 2016

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Barnet submitted the APT to the government on 21st January 2016. This detailed Barnet's final funding formula for use in 2016/17 for both maintained schools and academies. Please see Appendix 1 for the full details of the factors used and the rates applied.

On 6th January the Children Education Libraries and Safeguarding (CELS) committee agreed the changes to the funding formula proposed by the Schools Forum concerning the scaling system for capping gains and an increase in the Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU). However further issues came to light when the schools data from the October census was received from the government in December, as it was found that the IDACI scores were substantially lower for all schools.

The Barnet formula for 2015/16 used bands 4,5, and 6 of the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI). The government used new data and rebased their indices of multiple deprivation, including IDACI, in the autumn of 2015 with the result that most postcodes in Barnet (and London generally) moved to a lower band. Barnet now has no postcodes in Band 6 or above. Regeneration will have had an effect in some areas, but the change in the IDACI score relative to other parts of the UK is the main reason for the change.

Had the same funding formula rates been used in 2016/17 as in 2015/16, many schools would have lost funding and 75% would have been dependent on the minimum funding guarantee. In order to bring schools closer to what they received in 2015/16 and what was predicted in the autumn, the following changes were made to the funding formula rates:

	Pr	imary Rates	(£)	Secondary Rates (£)			
	2016/17	2015/16	Change	2016/17	2015/16	Change	
AWPU	3,325.75	3,315.75	+10.00	4,772.86	4,762.86	+10.00	
FSM 6	1,423.56	1,383.56	+40.00	505.00	1,375.32	-870.32	
IDACI band 3	350.00	0.00	+350.00	1,450.00	0.00	+1450.00	
IDACI band 4	2,100.00	215.00	+1,885.00	5,225.00	247.00	+4,987.00	
IDACI band 5	4,200.00	717.00	+3,483.00	10,450.00	519.00	+9,931.00	
IDACI band 6	0.00	4,205.00	-4,205.00	0.00	2,917.00	-2,917.00	
EAL 2	530.00	530.00	-	1,378.00	1,378.00	-	
Mobility	422.90	422.90	-	618.53	618.53	-	

Although there are some large changes in the funding rates, these was necessary to ensure that the same proportion of funding goes to schools via the different factors, especially deprivation (see below) as well as maintaining the primary: secondary ratio of funding per pupil, ie 1:1.29.

It was also found to be more advantageous to the secondary schools to distribute a greater amount via IDACI and less via Free School Meals (Ever 6). Following these changes, the cap on gains which had been proposed as 15% (schools keep 15% of all gains per pupil compared to last year) was able

to be raised to 20% without increasing the overall cost of the Individual Schools Budget (ISB) or disadvantaging other schools.

There are now 24 schools on the MFG (21%) with top-ups ranging from £2,800 to £970,000. 61 schools are capped (53%) with the amount withheld ranging from £242 to £411,000.

Category	Percent
AWPU	80%
Deprivation (FSM6 and IDACI)	11%
EAL & Mobility	2%
Lump sum	6%
Other	1%

Proportion of the ISB distributed by different categories of funding.

In cash terms, academies and free schools receive their funding directly from the government apart from that for early years (2,3 & 4 year olds) and high needs top-ups (statements, EHCPs, additional resourced provision).

The APT submission includes budget shares for all mainstream schools, academies and free schools in Barnet, and pupil numbers include estimates of additional pupils for any of those schools opening new year groups in September 2016. The budget shares (as well as base funding for high needs places in additional resourced provision for academies and free schools) is recouped from the DSG by the government which pays the academies and free schools direct.

Income for grants (PE, Universal Infant Free School Meals, Pupil Premium, DFC, etc)and Post 16 education is simpler in that Barnet is only given the funding to be passported to maintained schools. The exception is the pupil premium for Looked After Children which is distributed via the Virtual School to all schools where Barnet looked after children are on roll.

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Pupil Led Factors										
	Reception uplift	No	Pupi	l Units	C	.00				
1) Basic Entitlement	Description	Amour	nt per pupil	Pupi	l Units	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG	Notiona	I SEN (%)
Age Weighted Pupil Unit								funding (%)		
(AWPU)	Primary (Years R-6) Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)		,325.75 ,772.86		160.17 549.12	£96,979,424 £55,599,603	£187,627,968	41.26% 23.65%		50% 50%
	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)		,772.86		43.38	£35,048,941	1107,027,500	14.91%		50%
	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR		Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEM (%)
	FSM6 % Primary	£1,423.56		7,549.93		£10,747,781			20.00%	
	FSM6 % Secondary		£505.00		5,556.22	£2,805,893				20.00%
	IDACI Band 1	£0.00	£0.00	3,113.26	2,048.50	£0			20.00%	20.00%
2) Deprivation	IDACI Band 2	£0.00	£0.00	2,865.91	1,930.44	£0	£27.047.701	11.51%	20.00%	20.00%
	IDACI Band 3	£350.00	£1,045.00	4,785.89	3,017.95	£4,828,814			20.00%	20.00%
	IDACI Band 4	£2,100.00	£5,225.00	1,328.01	1,014.34	£8,088,731			20.00%	20.00%
	IDACI Band 5 IDACI Band 6	£4,200.00 £0.00	£10,450.00 £0.00	8.35	51.81 0.00	£576,482 £0			20.00%	20.00%
		10.00	£0.00	0.00	0.00	EU			20.00%	20.00%
	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEI (%)
3) Looked After Children (LAC)			E0.00		3.97	£0		0.00%		00%
4) English as an Additional	EAL 2 Primary	£530.00		6,048.38		£3,205,642		1.83%	100.00%	
anguage (EAL)	EAL 2 Secondary		£1,378.00		801.28	£1,104,161	£4,597,604	1.03%		100.00%
5) Mobility	Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£422.90	£618.53	519.10	110.38	£287,801		0.12%	100.00%	100.00%
	Description	Weighting	Amount per pupil	Percentage of eligible Y1-3 and Y4-6 NOR respectively	Eligible proportion of primary and secondary NOR respectively	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SER (%)
	N/A	100.00%			0.00	£0			0.00%	
6) Prior attainment	N/A Secondary pupils not achieving						£0	0.00%	0.0078	0.00%
	(KS2 level 4 English or Maths)		£0.00		3,339.72	£0				
Conter Factors Factor 7) Lump Sum 3) Sparsity factor			Lump Sum per Primary School (£) £122,000.00 £0.00	Lump Sum per Secondary School (£) £122,000.00 £0.00	Lump Sum per Middle School (£)	Lump Sum per All- through School (£) £0.00	Total (£) £13,958,833 £0	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%) 5.94% 0.00%	Notiona 0.00% 0.00%	
9) Fringe Payments			20.00	20.00	10.00	20.00	£0	0.00%	0.007	0.00
10) Split Sites							£285,580	0.12%	0.0	00%
11) Rates							£1,547,725	0.66%	0.0	00%
12) PFI funding							£0	0.00%		00%
13) Sixth Form							£0	0.00%	0.0	00%
14) Exceptional circumstances (can only be used with prior agreemen	nt of EFA)								
	Formula (excluding MFG Funding Tot	al) (£)					£235,065,411	100.00%	£18,4	50,403
							£2,965 Ye			
15) Minimum Funding Guarante		cific ceiling and (or scaled)				re			
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L5) Minimum Funding Guarante Apply capping and scaling factor Capping Factor (%)	rs? (gains may be capped above a spe 0.00%			80.	.00%		-£2,64	7,808		
15) Minimum Funding Guarante Apply capping and scaling factor Capping Factor (%) Total deduction if capping and s	rs? (gains may be capped above a spe 0.00% caling factors are applied			80.	.00%		Total (£)	Proportion of Total funding(%)		
15) Minimum Funding Guarante Apply capping and scaling factor Capping Factor (%) Total deduction if capping and s	rs? (gains may be capped above a spe 0.00%			80.	.00%			Proportion of Total		
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15) Minimum Funding Guarante Apply capping and scaling factor Capping Factor (%) Total deduction if capping and s MFG. Net Total Funding (MFG + o Growth fund (if applicable)	rs? (gains may be capped above a spe 0.00% caling factors are applied deduction from capping and scaling)			80.	.00%		Total (£) £321,263 £1,119,8	Proportion of Total funding(%) 0.14% 392.00		
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15) Minimum Funding Guarante Apply capping and scaling factor Capping Factor (%) Total deduction if capping and s	rs? (gains may be capped above a spe 0.00% caling factors are applied deduction from capping and scaling) Formula			80.	.00%		Total (£) £321,263 £1,119,1 £235,38	Proportion of Total funding(%) 0.14% 392.00 16,675 2%		

Item 7c - High Needs Funding Block: Estimates for the 2016-17 Financial Year						
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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In December 2014 the Schools Forum considered a report on a zero-based analysis of the anticipated place requirements for this financial year, 2015/16. That report identified a number of trends, including:
 - a shift in expenditure from Other Local Authority and independent and non-maintained provision to local placements
 - an increase in planned spending on local provision
 - a continuing increase in the number of pupils with statements of SEN or Education, Health and Care Plans.

These trends have continued, and a similar in-depth analysis has been undertaken this year to inform the budget setting process for 2016/17.

HIGH NEEDS PLACES IN SPECIALIST PROVISION

- 2.1 As part of the programme to reduce reliance on out-of-Borough (OOB) and independent specialist provision, capacity has recently been expanded at Oakleigh, Northway and Mapledown Special Schools. A building programme is shortly to commence at Oak Lodge Special School, which will provide additional places, which will need to be funded in the next financial year.
- 2.2 In addition, some additional places have been commissioned at a number of ARPs, including increasing capacity at Oak Hill to provide additional SEMH places.
- 2.3 We are also anticipating that, by the start of the 2016/17 financial year, Kisharon Special School will have converted from its current status as an independent special school to become a Free School. To reflect this, £600,000 of fees currently included in the budget for Independent Special Schools has been removed and compensating provision has been made with a new Special Academies top-up budget. The place-funding element will be provided by the Education Funding Agency for three years.
- 2.4 The number of specialist places planned for 2016/17 is set out in Annex A to this report

HIGH NEEDS PLACES IN BARNET MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS 2015-16

3.1 The estimated number of statemented pupils in mainstream settings across 2016/17 is 829, which represents a small decrease in the number estimated for 2015/16. These numbers have been allocated to the existing bands as follows:

	Pupils	Тор Uр	
BAND	FTE	Value	Total Top Ups
Maintained Primary Band A	9	£2,382	£21,438

Maintained Primary Band B	24	£5,176	£124,224
Maintained Primary Band C	57	£7,970	£454,290
Maintained Primary Band D	83	£10,764	£893,412
Maintained Primary Band E	292	£13,558	£3,958,936
Maintained Primary Band F	2	£16,352	£32,704
Maintained Primary Band G	1	£19,146	£19,146
Maintained Primary Band H	1	£21,960	£21,960
Maintained Primary Band I	1	£24,734	£24,734
TOTAL PRIMARY	470		£5,550,844
Maintained Secondary Band A	9	£2,382	£21,438
Maintained Secondary Band B	28	£5,176	£144,928
Maintained Secondary Band C	41	£7,970	£326,770
Maintained Secondary Band D	72	£10,764	£775,008
Maintained Secondary Band E	191	£13,558	£2,589,578
Maintained Secondary Band F	6	£16,352	£98,112
Maintained Secondary Band G	1	£19,146	£19,146
Maintained Secondary Band H	0	£21,960	£-
Maintained Secondary Band I	1	£24,734	£24,734
Maintained Secondary Band M	1	£35,910	£35,910
TOTAL SECONDARY	350		£4,035,624
Maintained Nursery Band A	9	£8,382	£75,438
GRAND TOTAL	829		£9,661,906

This is £630,000 less than the estimated requirement for 2015/16.

PLACEMENTS IN OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISION

4.1 The number of children with statements placed in schools in other LAs has increased slightly this year, mainly in other LA Special Schools, reflecting pressure on the number of specialist places in Barnet.

176 places were anticipated in 2015/16, but we are now estimating 194 will be required in 2016/17.

		Budget	Estimated		No of	Average
CC	CC Desc	2015/16	16/17	Difference	FTE	cost
11437	Maint Prim	£510,600	£345,871	-£164,729	42.7	£8,101
11440	Maint Sec	£552,230	£649,452	£97,222	58.0	£11,197
11413	Maint Spec	£678,760	£858,918	£180,158	48.9	£17,547
11418	Acad Prim	£31,930	£74,479	£42,549	6.8	£10,961
11417	Acad Sec	£215,570	£257,165	£41,595	32.1	£8,004
11420	Acad Spec	£95,040	£67,643	-£27,397	5.7	£11,937
TOTAL		£2,084,130	£2,253,527	£169,397	194.2	£11,602

PLACEMENTS IN THE INDEPENDENT AND NON-MAINTAINED SPECIAL SCHOOL SECTOR

- 5.1 The numbers of placements in Non-Maintained and Independent Day and Residential schools has continued to fall as the result of a considerable amount of work undertaken to restrict the numbers of such placements, including challenging over 30 cases at Tribunal, and to review those already made.
- 5.2 The trend in recent years has been for the unit costs for these placements to increase substantially, but we have challenged robustly any requests for fee increases. As a result, costs have been more stable this year. The end result is that the increase in the number of places has been slightly less than anticipated and costs have not risen as much as expected. Given the expensive nature of such placements, this has a substantial effect on the budget.
- 5.3 As noted previously, £600,000 of this reduction is in anticipation that Kisharon's application to become a Free School is successful.

		Budget	Estimated		No of	Average
CC	CC Desc	2015/16	16/17	Difference	FTE	cost
	Ind. SS					
11415	Res.	£2,638,360	£2,354,102	-£284,258	24.1	£97,541
11414	NMSS Res.	£583,900	£718,854	£134,954	11.0	£65,503
44444	NI	000.040	074 700		0.0	07.000
11444	Nurseries Ind.	£89,340	£71,796	-£17,544	9.3	£7,692
11445	Mainstream	£1,224,150	£1,280,373	£56,223	58.3	£21,949
11427	NMSS Day	£618,680	£351,515	-£267,165	5.7	£62,032
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11429	Ind. SS Day	£3,035,660	£2,257,768	-£777,892	67.0	£42,560
TOTAL		£8,190,090	£7,034,407	-£1,155,683	175.4	£40,095

5.4 The anticipated demand for 2016/17 is as follows:

OTHER CHANGES

Early Years Inclusion Fund

In previous years, only Private, Voluntary and Independent Early Years providers were allowed to request additional support from the Early Years Inclusion fund, as the maintained sectors benefited from funding in addition to the Early Years Education allocations. Now this is no longer the case, it has been decided, following consultation, that the fund should be open to all early years settings. It is therefore proposed that this fund, which supports early intervention and thereby reduces future demand, should ne increased by moving £100,000 from the Specialist packages budge, which has supported some of these cases in the past.

PRU Funding

We are currently developing a banding model for PRUs, to be implemented from April 2016. At present, the Specialist Packages budget supports some exceptional PRU placements where the current level of top up is insufficient to provide the support required. About £100,000 per annum

has been used in this way in the past. It is therefore proposed to move £100,000 to the PRU topup budget to enable the new banding structure to cover thee exceptional needs.

Post 16 Placements

The estimate for the funding required to support post-16 placements in 2016/17 has been reduced by £354,000. This reflects the general demographic trend for this age group and the development of provision at Barnet & Southgate College.

SUMMARY

Overall financial implications

Despite the continuing pressures of rising numbers of pupils with SEN and increasing complexity of needs, the policy of developing local provision is continuing to offer substantial benefits. As a result, the estimate for the requirement for the High Needs Funding block for 2016/17 shows that it is in line with the budget provision for 2015/16. A summary of the detail of the proposed 2016/17 High Needs Funding Block is set out in Annex B to this report.

Risks

These estimates are the result of a rigorous analysis of placements for 2016/17, but it must be recognised that SEN placements are, by their very nature, difficult to predict. In the past few years, we have perhaps been over-cautious in our estimations, resulting in underspends at the end of the year. Given the pressure on the DSG overall, we have not built in to these figures any contingency for unexpected growth and will look to the use of the general contingency fund should this occur.

There is a particular risk should Kisharon not be successful in its application to become a Free School. The balance between the level of fees estimated would be due in 2016/17 and the level of top-ups included in the 2016/17 estimates is £375,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) The Schools Forum is asked to note the current estimated position for the High Needs Funding Block for 2016-17.
- b) The Schools Forum is asked to note the proposed number of places in Barnet's specialist provision for 2015-16.

	Places	Places
School	Sept 15	Sept 16
SPECIAL		
Northway	100	100
Oakleigh (incl Acorn)	106	106
Oak Lodge	165	175
Mapledown	78	78
PRU		
Pavilion	108	108
Northgate	10	10
Danegrove	3	3
The Orion	3	3
ARP		
Broadfields Primary School	24	24
Child's Hill School	13	13
Colindale School	9	9
Coppetts Wood	12	12
Hendon School-HI	21	21
Hendon School-ASD	25	25
Jewish Community Secondary		
School	37	37
Livingstone School- Nursery	6	6
Livingstone School	14	14
London Academy	18	18
Mill Hill High School	32	35
Summerside Primary School	11	11
The Orion Primary School	9	12
Whitefield School	4	4
TOTAL	808	824

ANNEX A: High Needs Funding Places

Annex B: High Needs Funding Block Estimates 2016/17

S251	сс	CC Name	Budget 15-16 Gross	Estimate 16-17	Variation	Comments
1.0.1	10161	Special base funding - Barnet maintained schools	4,320,000	4,884,763	564,763	Additional places at Special Schools
	11392	PRU Base Funding	1,136,667	1,240,000	103,333	
	11438	ARP base funding - all phases	2,298,333	2,385,000	86,667	Additional places commissioned
1.0.1	Total	High Needs places in Individual Schools Budget	7,755,000	8,509,763	754,763	
1.2.1	10199	Statements - Children's Centres	39,737	20,000	-19,737	Compensating increase in EY Inclusion Fund
	11411	Medical Pathways - Barnet maintained schools	80,000	80,000	-	
	11413	Special topups - OOB maintained schools (includes LAC)	678,765	858,918	180,153	Reflecting demand
	11425	PRU Top-ups	858,483	855,156	-3,327	
	11431	Statement topups: Barnet maintained primary	5,234,759	5,145,847	-88,912	
	11432	ARP topups - Barnet maintained primary	1,075,536	1,202,495	126,959	Additional places commissioned
	11433	Special topups - Barnet maintained schools	5,490,372	5,799,933	309,561	Additional places commissioned
	11434	ARP topups - Barnet maintained secondary	503,402	599,288	95,886	Additional places commissioned
	11435	Statement topups: Barnet maintained secondary	1,018,242	907,418	-110,823	Demand lower than anticipated

	11436	Statements - Barnet maintained nursery classes	100,584	64,661	-35,923	
	11437	Statement topups - OOB maintained primary	510,604	345,871	-164,733	Demand lower than anticipated
	11440	Statement topups - OOB maintained secondary	552,232	649,452	97,219	
1.2.1 T	otal	Top-up funding - maintained schools	16,142,716	16,529,039	386,323	
1.2.2	11416	Statement topups - Post 16 FE	1,204,729	1,080,000	-124,729	Post 16 population falling and more use of Barnet & Southgate
	11417	Statement topups - OOB academy secondary	215,567	257,165	41,598	
	11418	Statement topups - OOB academy primary	31,931	74,479	42,547	
	11420	Special topups - OOB academies (includes LAC)	95,044	67,643	-27,401	

	NEW	Special topups - Barnet Academies	-	219,956	219,956	Kisharon moved from Ind Spec Schools and additional top- ups added
	11422	ARP topups - Barnet academies - primary	388,647	425,661	37,014	Additional places commissioned
	11423	ARP topups - Barnet academies - secondary	969,972	1,344,904	374,932	Additional places commissioned
	11424	Medical Pathways - Barnet academies	10,000	10,000	-	
	11442	Statement topups: Barnet academies - secondary	3,510,254	3,128,206	-382,049	Demand lower than anticipated
	11443	Statement topups: Barnet academies - primary	411,995	404,997	-6,998	
	11451	Statements - Barnet academy nursery classes	16,764	10,777	-5,987	
1.2.2 T	otal	Top-up funding - academies, free schools and colleges	6,854,903	7,023,786	168,883	
1.2.3	11281	External Residential Care Contribution	153,150	153,150	-	
	11410	Specialist Packages	563,544	363,544	-200,000	Movement of budgets to PRU top-up funding and EY Inclusion fund
	11414	Special Topups - NMSS Residential	583,903	718,854	134,951	Move from ind. residential
	11415	Special School Fees - Independent Residential	2,638,363	2,354,102	-284,261	Continued policy of reducing dependence
	11427	Special Topups - NMSS Day	618,676	351,515	-267,161	Continued policy of reducing dependence
	11428	Statement topups - Post 16 Independent Specialist Providers	929,191	700,000	-229,191	Post 16 population falling and more use of Barnet & Southgate
	11429	Special School Fees - Independent Day	3,035,658	2,257,768	-777,890	£600k of reduction due to Kisharon move
	11444	Statements - Private Early Years Providers	89,340	71,796	-17,544	
	11445	Statements - Independent Mainstream	1,224,146	1,280,373	56,226	
1.2.3 T	otal	Top-up and other funding - non-maint and ind providers	9,835,971	8,251,101	- 1,584,870	
1.2.5	10183	Specialist Team Management	132,770	132,770	-	
	10184	Area SENCOs (Early Years)	281,490	325,740	44,250	Simplification of EY
						commissioned

						budgets
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	10187	Children in Care (Education)	283,750	283,750	-	
	10190	SEN Advisory Team	700,160	700,160	-	
	10194	SEN Therapies	793,669	793,669	-	
	10195	Oakleigh Pre School Teaching	237,366	371,810	134,444	Simplification of EY commissioned budgets
	10265	SEN Inclusion - 3 and 4 year olds	128,760	293,760	165,000	Movement from Specialist Packages and 2 year olds budget
	10289	Special Schools - Insurance	12,793	12,793	-	
	10708	Tracker Project	79,440	-	-79,440	Simplification of EY commissioned budgets
	10963	SEN Training (Early Years)	17,500	17,500	-	
	10977	Barnet Early Autism Model	303,140	303,140	-	
	10978	Small Circles	21,900	-	-21,900	Simplification of EY commissioned budgets
	11291	Education Psychologist Team DSG	120,770	120,770	-	
	11397	SEN Inclusion - 2 year olds	65,000	-	-65,000	Simplification of EY commissioned budgets
	10222b	Support Services - DSG on line 1.2.5 SEN support	19,680	19,680	-	
1.2.5 T	otal	SEN support services	3,198,188	3,375,542	177,354	
1.2.6	11336	Hospital funding	530,006	530,006	-	
1.2.6 T	otal	Hospital education services	530,006	530,006	-	
1.2.11	11549	Direct payments (SEN & Disability)	200,000	300,000	100,000	Provision for expansion of Personal Budgets
1.2.11	Total	Direct payments (SEN & Disability)	200,000	300,000	100,000	
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1.4.11	10213	SEN Transport (contribution)	400,000	400,000	-	
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