

West Northants Schools forum: 4 July 2023
Agenda Item 12
Administrative arrangements for the allocation of
central Government grants 2023-24

Related agenda items

none

Appendices

Appendix A – grants to be delegated in 2023-24

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report is to provide Schools Forum with details of the administration arrangements for the allocation of central government grants in 2023-24.
- 1.2 There are no votes required in relation to this agenda item but forum member views are welcome.

2 Background

- 2.1 Local authorities are required to provide information with schools forum on the administration arrangements for the allocation of central government grants on an annual basis.
- 2.2 Schools Forum members are requested to give a view on these arrangements and where appropriate, inform the governing bodies they represent.
- 2.3 The majority of grants provided by Government that WNC delegate to schools are for maintained schools only with the ESFA paying academies directly.
- 2.4 WNC aims to pay grants to schools in the month following receipt of the payment, where allocations have been provided by Government. Where allocations are not provided but a budget is managed locally, the time scales will vary depending on the grants purpose and terms and conditions.
- 2.5 For the delegation of DSG formula funding, for maintained schools, the first grant payment is paid at 12% and each following month at 8%. Other parts of the DSG are paid monthly (for example high needs funding) or ad hoc, depending on its purpose.

2.6 This report does not set out the terms and conditions of each grant as they are available on the Government website gov.uk with separate terms for each grant with significant levels of detail.

3 Key Changes 2023-24

3.1 There are no significant changes to the grants or their administration arrangements for payment to schools and academies in 2023-24.

3.2 Changes include the “base lining” of 2022-23 supplementary grant into the general DSG formula funding grant and a new inflationary grant called the “additional” grant. This forms part of the DSG but is allocated separately and not part of the regular formula.

4 Grants for delegating to schools in 2023-24

4.1 Appendix A provides a table of grants and payment dates for 2023-24 financial year and a list of those grants believed to have now ceased.

4.2 Terms and conditions for the grants listed in the appendix can be found on gov.uk. Government grants can change throughout the year as new funding may be added. We would advise schools use gov.uk information as the most up to date reference point and to contact the ESFA directly with queries about them.

5 Financial implications

5.1 Financial implications are about the timing and continuation or ceasing of Government grant payments and are set out in the paper above and the appendix to the report.

6 Legal implications

6.1 There are no legal implications arising from the information in this paper.

7 Recommendations for schools forum

7.1 That schools forum maintained members note administrative arrangements for grants in 2023-24.

8 Next Steps

8.1 Grants will be administered to schools 2023-24. Payment information will be stored on the Schools Information Hub Teams Site and emailed to maintained school bursars to share with their Heads and Governors.

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