

## Appendix 5 ~ DSG High Needs Block Allocations 2023/24

1. The council's high needs block allocation for 2023/24 is set out in the table below.

Cheshire East - DSG Block Allocations	2022/23	2023/24	Year on	Year on
	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Year Change	Year Change
	£m	£m	£m	%
High Needs block	48.9	54.1	5.2	10.6%
Additional High Needs Funding	1.8	2.3	0.5	27.8%
<b>Total High Needs Funding</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>11.2%</b>

2. The funding is provided to meet the costs of pupils with education, health and care plans and is under significant pressure from increasing demand.
3. The detailed allocations of the block and the additional funding will be developed over the next few months based on the existing DSG Management Plan approved by committee in September 2022, the latest information on demand and the mitigations, and the outcomes of the Delivering Better Value Programme so far.
4. The provisional allocations of the budgets, based on 2022/23 spend, are set out in the table below:

**2023/24**

**Planned Allocations of High Needs Block**

	£m	£m	£m
High Needs Block plus supplementary funding			56.4

**Planned Expenditure**

Brought forward DSG Reserve Deficit	45.6		
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Post 16 places	2.2		
Resource Provision Places	1.4		
Top - up Funding for Resource Provision and mainstream	14.9		
Enhanced Mainstream Provision	0.8		
Special Schools	12.0		
Supported Internships	0.1		
Alternative Provision	1.4		
Independent and non maintained schools	34.6		
Use of additional high needs funding	2.3		
		69.7	
Additional services to support children including the tuition team, autism service, sensory service, speech and language support and the virtual school.	4.0		
Early Years - high needs support	0.7		
		4.7	
<b>Total Estimated Expenditure</b>		<hr/>	<b>120.0</b>
<b>Estimated DSG Reserve Deficit at 31 March 2024</b>			<hr/> <hr/> <b>(63.6)</b>