Appendix 6 ~ DSG Central Schools Services Block Allocations 2023/24

- 1. This appendix provides further details of the central schools services block.
- 2. The table below summarised the allocation for Cheshire East and shows the change from 2022/23.
- 3. The DfE have continued their approach of reducing the historic commitments element by 20% year on year.

Change to CSSB	2022/23 December 2021	2023/24 July 2022	%
Historic Commitments	£752,128	£601,702	-20%
On-going Responsibilities	£1,785,601	£1,823,257	+2.1%
Total	£2,537,7290	£2,424,960	-4.4%

4. The figures are broken down into the proposed allocations set out below:

Service	Historic Commitments 2023/24 £'000	On-going Responsibilities 2023/24 £'000	Approval Required
Central licences negotiated by the Secretary of State		301	For Schools Forum awareness only
Admissions Service		370	Schools forum approval given
Servicing of Schools Forum		21	Schools forum approval given
Contribution to responsibilities that local authorities hold for all schools.		1,094	Former ESG element. Schools forum approval given.

Service	Historic Commitments 2023/24 £'000	On-going Responsibilities 2023/24 £'000	Approval Required
Eg Finance, Audit, Statutory Heads of Service posts etc			
Contribution to combined budgets for ICT systems and analysis – eg data capture and analysis software and analysis time.	294		Schools forum approval given.
Prudential borrowing costs	458		Schools forum approval given
Increase in on-going responsibilities because of pupil numbers		37	
20% reduction applied to historic commitments	-150		
Total 2023/24	602	1,823	2,425
Total 2022/23	752	1,786	2,538
Net Change	-150	37	113