

Appendix 5 ~ DSG High Needs Block Allocations 2024/25

1. The council's high needs block allocation for 2024/25 is set out in the table below.

| Cheshire East - DSG Block Allocations | 2023/24 £m | 2024/25 £m | Year on Year Change £m | Year on Year Change % |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| High Needs Block | 53.9 | 58.6 | 4.7 | 8.7% |
| Additional High Needs Funding | 2.3 | - | -2.3 | -100% |
| Block Transfer from Schools Block | - | 1.4 | 1.4 | - |
| Total High Needs Funding | 56.2 | 60.0 | 3.8 | 6.76% |

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 provisional allocations of the budgets, based on the DSG management plan submitted to DfE on 12 January 2024, are set out in the table below:

2024/25

Summary of High Needs Spend

| | £m | £m | £m |
|--|------|-------|--------------|
| High Needs Block Allocation | | | (58.6) |
| HN Block Transfer from Schools Block (not approved) | | | (1.4) |
| Total Income | | | (60.0) |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Brought forward DSG Reserve Deficit | 89.6 | | |
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| Post 16 places | 2.3 | | |
| Resource Provision Places | 1.3 | | |
| Top-up Funding for Resource Provision and mainstream | 26.5 | | |
| Enhanced Mainstream Provision | 0.5 | | |
| Special Schools including supported internships | 21.2 | | |
| Alternative Provision | 1.5 | | |
| Independent and non maintained schools | 51.6 | | |
| Outreach | 0.5 | | |
| | | 105.5 | |
| Service Allocations | | | |
| Additional services to support children including the tuition team, autism service, sensory service, speech and language support and the virtual school. | 4.6 | | |
| Early Years - high needs support | 1.1 | | |
| | | 5.7 | |
| Total Estimated Expenditure | | | 200.9 |
| Estimated DSG Reserve Deficit at 31 March 2025 | | | 140.8 |

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