

Appendix 6 ~ DSG Central Schools Services Block Allocations 2024/25

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 2023/24.
3. The DfE have continued their approach of reducing the historic commitments element by 20% year on year.

Change to CSSB	2023/24 December 2022	2024/25 July 2023	%
Historic Commitments	£601,703	£481,362	-20%
On-going Responsibilities	£1,851,770	£1,921,794	+3.8%
Total	£2,453,473	£2,424,960	-2.1%

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

Service	Historic Commitments 2024/25 £'000	On-going Responsibilities 2024/25 £'000	Approval Required
Central licences negotiated by the Secretary of State		335	For Schools Forum awareness only
Admissions Service		390	Schools forum approval given
Servicing of Schools Forum		21	Schools forum approval given
Contribution to responsibilities that local authorities hold for all schools.		1,106	Former ESG element. Schools forum approval given.

Service	Historic Commitments 2024/25 £'000	On-going Responsibilities 2024/25 £'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.	233		Schools forum approval given.
Prudential borrowing costs	369		Schools forum approval given
Increase in on-going responsibilities because of pupil numbers		70	
20% reduction applied to historic commitments	-121		
Total 2024/25	481	1,922	2,403
Total 2023/24	602	1,852	2,454
Net Change	-121	70	-51