

Committee report

Committee	SCHOOLS FORUM
Date	17 JULY 2025
Title	BUDGET MONITORING & FUNDING
Report of	DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report confirms the outturn position for the 2024/25 financial year, overall deficit carry forward and future years forecast.
2. The budget monitoring position for early 2025/26 is also included, although it should be noted this is an early forecast and subject to change as the year progresses.

2024/25 BUDGET – FINAL OUTTURN

3. This report sets out the final outturn position for the 2024/25 Schools budget as at 31 March 2025, confirming a final in-year overspend of £5,370,000 (5.3%) which includes additional Safety Valve funding of £970,000. The report details variances across funding blocks and explains the position on the overall Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) This can be summarised for each block as follows:

Block	Current Budget	Outturn	Variance	
	£000	£000	£000	%
Early Years Block	11,121	11,168	47	0.4
Schools Block	55,980	55,932	-48	-0.1
High Needs Block	22,439	27,838	5,399	24.1
Central School Services Block	616	588	-28	-4.5
Total DSG	90,156	95,527	5,370	6.0
Other Grants (Pupil Premium etc.)	11,066	11,066	0	0.0
Total	101,223	106,593	5,370	5.3

4. A breakdown of these figures is shown in Appendix A. The key variances are broken down by block in the following section. A breakdown of budget heading is included in appendix C.

EARLY YEARS

5. The budget predominantly funds direct provider funding. The outturn position for Early years block is an overspend of £47,000. This position reflects pressures of £100,000 in the 2-year-old entitlement and £137,000 in the 3-4-year-old entitlement. These were partially offset by underspends of £121,000 in the under-2 entitlement budget and £69,000 in the central team budget.
6. The variances in the entitlement budgets are due to differences between the Local Authority's funding allocations, which are based on censuses data, and the actual hours claimed by Early Years providers through termly submissions. The central team underspend is attributed to a part-year vacancy within the team.
7. The final outturn for 2024/25 is subject to the January 2025 census outcome which will be confirmed in the July DSG update. The expansion of the Early Years entitlement to include under-2s and 2-year-old children of working parents has led to an increase in funded part-time equivalents (PTEs) of 31.7% in 2024/25.

	2021/22 PTE	2022/23 PTE	2023/24 PTE	2024/25 PTE*
Universal entitlement 3-4 y.o.	1,479	1,403	1,346	1,327
Working parents' entitlement 3-4 y.o.	640	634	636	639
Additional support entitlement 2 y.o.	302	273	266	265
Working parents' entitlement 2 y.o.				446
Working parents' entitlement under 2 y.o.				283
Total	2,421	2,310	2,248	2,960
% change	0.4%	-4.6%	-2.7%	31.7%

* Provisional, subject to census outcome

SCHOOLS BLOCK

8. The majority of this budget relates to school budget shares which is passported on to schools based on their allocations agreed at the beginning of the financial year. There are no variances in relation to the budget shares element of the budget.
9. Growth fund budget of £43,000 underspend. The Local Authority requested to admit additional secondary pupils to the Bay and Christ the King college in the academic year 2024/25. The growth funding to schools was calculated in line with local funding policy:

School	Number of additional pupils	KS 3 AWPU	7/12 Sept-Mar
The Bay	30	£5,096	£89,180
Christ the King	25	£5,096	£74,316
Total	55	£5,096	£163,496

10. The surplus funding of £9,305 in de-delegated trade union budget due to vacancies in NASUWT and Voice was distributed to mainstream schools on a per pupil basis resulting in nil variance in this budget.

HIGH NEEDS BLOCK

11. The outturn position for 2024/25 financial year shows a forecast overspend of £5,399,000 (24.1%). The budget remains a major contributor to the overall DSG deficit due to a continuing increase in the number of children with EHCP, a rise in the complexity of needs and shortage in the local specialist provision.
12. According to the latest government statistics released in June 2025, the number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) has increased nationally by 10.8% in January 2025 compared to January 2024, with 5.3% of pupils across England now having an EHCP. The Isle of Wight continues to have one of the highest proportion of pupils with EHCPs among local authorities, at 6.8%.
13. The Local Authority is actively working on strategies to close the funding gap. In the 2024/25 academic year, specialist provisions on the Isle of Wight were expanded to better support children with Special Educational Needs and include:
 - St Georges Special School: A new satellite provision has been established, offering 20 places specifically for children with complex Social, Emotional, and Mental Health (SEMH) needs.
 - Medina House Special School: The capacity has been increased by 34 places.
 - Greenmount Resourced Provision: An additional 6 places have been added to meet the growing demand in the primary sector.
14. New primary resourced provision at the Bay for 12 places has been approved and further expansion of SEND provision is planned for the 2025/26 academic year. A formal consultation took place during May and June and the expansion was approved by the Children's Services Education and Skills committee on 26 June:

	Current Agreed Places Number	Proposed Additional Places Number
St Georges School - Satellite Provision	20	20
Medina House School- Satellite provision	0	30
Hunnyhill Primary School - Resourced Provision	8	4
Brading CE Primary School – Resourced provision	8	4
Brighthstone CE Primary School – Resourced provision	0	12
The Bay CE School (secondary site) – Resourced provision	15	5
Lionheart School – Satellite Provision	60	60

15. The expansion of specialist provision on the Island will not only ensure that the needs of young people are met more effectively within their local community but will also reduce the financial pressures associated with expensive off-island placements and alternative provision for young people in mainstream settings and Educated Other Than At School.
16. A significant budget gap of £1.7million was identified as part of the high needs budget setting taking into account strategies identified in the Safety Valve programme and additional funding of £970,000 as per the Safety Valve agreement. This gap of savings to be identified, has been flagged under the 'high needs contingency' line.
17. In addition to the projected budget shortfall of £1.7 million, further in-year variances and financial pressures have emerged. There have been no material changes to the outturn position compared to the January 2025 forecast presented to the Schools Forum in March 2025, and the figures remain consistent with those previously reported:
 - Educated Other than at School or College - £1.1million pressure. Increase in demand in the latter part of 2023/24 and continued increase in this financial year contributed to the overspend position. On average 78 young people (an increase of 26% compared to 2023/24) were supported by this budget in 2024/25 financial year with an average cost of package of £34,000. 22% of the support is provided via Direct payments, the remaining 78% is managed by the Local Authority. Majority of spend funds alternative provisions, purchased tutoring and therapies.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	£000	£000	£000	£000
EOTAS/C	£996	£1,612	£2,156	£2,706
% increase	26%	62%	34%	26%
Number of children (average)	33	49	64	78

Type of Provision	% Spend 2024/25
Purchased Tutoring	32%
Alternative Provision	30%
Direct Payments	22%
Therapies	9%
Other support/equipment	7%
Grand Total	100%

- Independent and non-maintained special school placements - £1.1million overspend. The pressure is due to the increase in the number of placements in the latter part of the 2023/24 financial year and continuing increase in 2024/25. The budget was based on 85 independent placements. There were 99 at the end of the financial year, 21 off island and 78 on island. The average unit cost of placement increased from £49,066 in March 2024 to £52,184 in March 2025 and attributable to the high-cost mainland placements and higher than anticipated inflationary increases to the providers in this financial year.

INMSS Placements	Mar-23	Mar-24	Mar-25
Pre-16	63	77	83
Post-16	17	17	16
TOTAL	80	94	99
<i>Average education cost</i>	<i>£45,029</i>	<i>£49,066</i>	<i>£52,184</i>
<i>Off Island</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>On Island</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>78</i>
<i>Average cost of on island placement</i>	<i>£27,119</i>	<i>£31,136</i>	<i>£35,019</i>
<i>Average cost of off island placements</i>	<i>£146,523</i>	<i>£124,773</i>	<i>£115,927</i>

- PRU top up Lionheart school - £710,000 overspend. Increase in demand in the latter part of 2023/24 financial year, unknown at budget setting and continued increase in demand in 2024/25 resulted in the pressure this financial year. 11 pupils permanently excluded from mainstream schools transitioned to PRU. The activity in Spring term 2025 increased by 29% compared to Spring 2024. 124 pupils were funded in the Spring term, 49 of which are medical and 24 had an EHCP.
- Post 16 top up - £441,000 overspend due to higher than anticipated increase in the number of learners in post 16 settings, in particular at the IOW college and HTP. This has led to 11% increase in the number of learners in this financial year.
- Special Schools place and top up funding - £501,000 overspend attributed to the increased capacity at St Georges (20 places) and Medina House (34 places) from September 2024 to support the growing demand for specialist provision on the island. Due to the complexity of pupil need, the majority of support is funded on the highest band B2 and B3.

Band	Band values	2023/24 %	2024/25 %
A1	£4,525	0	0
A2	£7,036	7	5
A3	£8,041	9	7
B1	£8,544	3	5
B2	£12,059	35	36
B3	£17,079	45	47
Total		100	100

- Top up funding – Mainstream EHCPs – £248,000 overspend due to the increase in average top up value per child as a result of the increase in complexity of needs in mainstream schools and academies. Since the start of the new Academic year 2024/25 there has been a reduction in the number of children with EHCP in mainstream settings linked to the expansion of specialist provision since September

2024. The table below demonstrates the activity and unit cost in the last 3 years and to date:

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
FTE pupil	529	574	635	626
<i>FTE % change</i>	13%	8%	11%	-1%
Average top up per annum	£3,437	£3,752	£4,102	£4,573
<i>Average top up % change</i>	3%	9%	9%	11%

Mainstream band	Top up by	Spring term 2024/25
Historic LSA		17
Targeted A		26
Targeted B		104
Enhanced A		121
Enhanced B		230
Exceptional		130
Total number of EHCPs		628

- Resourced provision place and top up funding - £107,000 overspend. Budget variance is due to commissioned places being higher than budgeted. Increase in commissioned places at Greenmount resourced unit from September 2024 from 6 to 12 resulted in the variance in these budgets. Change in provisions banding values has also contributed towards the pressure this year.
- Discretionary top up spend is £65,000 lower than budgeted. This budget which primarily provides additional support funding for children in mainstream schools, academies, colleges and PRU who otherwise may be placed in more expensive independent placements. Expansion of local specialist provision in academic year 2024/25 reduced the demand on this budget and contributed towards the small underspend in this budget in this financial year.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Discretionary spend	£712	£935	£1,107	£451
% change	48%	31%	18%	-59%

- Primary Behaviour Service - £107,000 underspend due to vacancy in the team and less than budgeted property and non-salary team costs.
- Central Teams – £198,000 underspend due to vacancies in SEN improvement project and business admin teams and additional grant funding for central employed teacher to support teachers' pay award.
- Support for inclusion and education out of school - £41,000 underspend is due to sixteen permanent exclusions, eleven of which transitioned to Lionheart School.

CENTRAL SERVICES BLOCK

18. The majority of this budget is recharge based with no significant variances. Small underspend of £3,000 on copyright license following confirmation of actual charge by the DfE for financial year 2024/25. Non-SEN independent placements show a £24,000 underspend, attributed to just two placements in the year, both of which concluded prior to year-end.

OTHER GRANTS

19. Other grants are based on DfE provided allocations and are passported on to schools within a week of grant receipt by the local authority. This method of distribution will continue in 2025/26 financial year. The significant grants in this area include Core School Budget grant (CSBG), Teachers' Pay Additional grant, Teacher's pension contribution grant, pupil premium, universal infant free school meals, sixth form funding, recovery premium and the PE and sports premium.
20. The 2024/25 Teachers' Pension Contribution, Teacher's Pay Additional Grants and Core School Budget Grant have been rolled into the national funding formula from 2025/26 financial year. For special and alternative provision schools (maintained and academies) these 3 funding streams will be combined into one single grant to local authorities for 2025/26.

DSG DEFICIT & FUTURE YEARS FORECAST

21. In addition to the £5,370,000 million in-year DSG deficit for 2024/25, a cumulative deficit of £6.6 million was carried forward from the previous financial year. This results in a total cumulative deficit of £11,963,000 million after Safety Valve funding for the financial year 2024/25:

DSG Account		2024 - 25
DSG deficit brought forward		6,593
In year total deficit before Safety Valve funding		6,340
Safety Valve funding 2024-25		970
Deficit after Safety Valve funding		5,370
Cumulative deficit after SV funding		11,963

Total SV funding received as at March 2025	8,120
---	--------------

22. Under the Safety Valve agreement, the Local Authority is required to submit progress reports and updated financial forecasts to the Department for Education (DfE) on a tri-annual basis. The agreement sets out a target to achieve an in-year surplus position by the conclusion of the programme in 2026/27. The latest report submitted to the DfE in April 2025 identifies an in-year funding shortfall of £4.3 million by the end of the agreement period:

Forecast - to assess whether LA is on track to achieve an in-year balance and a £0 DSG deficit								
Please fill in the years relevant to your Safety Valve agreement	Outturn 22-23	Outturn 23-24	Outturn* 24-25	Forecast 25-26	Forecast 26-27	Forecast 27-28	Forecast 28-29	Forecast 29-30
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cumulative DSG deficit - brought forward (deficit at beginning of financial year)	-6,345	-4,007	-6,593	-11,725	-16,064	-17,326	-20,276	-23,409
In year DSG deficit (before Safety Valve and local contributions)	-2,742	-4,656	-6,103	-5,859	-4,312	-2,950	-3,133	-3,387
Safety Valve programme contribution	5,080	2,070	970	1,520	3,050	0	0	0
Local general fund contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumulative DSG deficit - carry forward (deficit at end of financial year including SV payments and local contributions)	-4,007	-6,593	-11,725	-16,064	-17,326	-20,276	-23,409	-26,796

**Provisional outturn at the time of SV progress submission*

23. The latest forecast assumes continued 9% increase in the number of EHCPs in 2025/26 academic year, block transfer of 0.5% and incorporates strategies for expansion of specialist provision by 271 places. The Local Authority is currently preparing its second submission to the DfE, due by 16 July, for the 2025/26 financial year. This will include the final outturn for 2024/25 and further strategies.
24. The DfE has required the Local Authority to revise its Safety Valve Plan to align with the new SEND strategy and its corresponding implementation plan, once finalized. The revised plan must clearly outline the financial implications of these strategies and demonstrate a path toward achieving an in-year balanced budget. Revised plan will be developed for Autumn term submission.
25. As per [The School and Early Years Finance \(England\) Regulations 2023 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk) local authorities are no longer permitted to fund any part of the DSG deficit from sources other than future DSG income and must carry it forward into the new or future financial years unless the Secretary of State authorises the local authority not to do so. This arrangement was due to end on 31 March 2026 however the statutory override has been extended to 31 March 2028 as the government plans to reform SEND. The annual decision from Schools Forum on carrying forward the deficit is no longer applicable or required.

2025/26 BUDGET – OVERALL FORECAST POSITION

26. The forecast year end position for 2025/26 as at 31 May 2025 is an overspend of £4,324,000. This position should be treated with extreme caution at this early stage of the financial year as there are many variables and demand led elements to the budget as well as savings strategies that will start to take effect that may change this.

27. It should be noted, the forecast takes into account additional DSG funding of £1,520,000 as per the Safety Valve agreement as this is subject to satisfactory progress of the programme. The first instalment for 2025/26 financial year has been confirmed by the DfE following progress submission in April 2025. A breakdown of the budget headings and variances is included in Appendix B summarised as:

Block	Current Budget	Forecast	Variance	
	£000	£000	£000	%
Early Years Block	15,082	15,079	-3	0
Schools Block	56,491	56,489	-3	0
High Needs Block	24,448	28,777	4,329	17.7
Central School Services Block	666	666	0	0
Total DSG	96,687	101,011	4,324	4.5
Other Grants (Pupil Premium etc.)	7,036	7,036	0	0
Total	103,723	108,047	4,324	4.2

EARLY YEARS BLOCK

28. Presently only a minor underspend of £3,000 in the central team budget due to vacancy. The variances in the early years entitlement budgets are likely to develop once actual activity is submitted by the providers and funding following outcome of January 2025 census is confirmed by the DfE later this month. Additional Summer and Autumn censuses introduced for the new under 2 and 2-year-old working parents' entitlements in 2025/26 will impact further on the Early Years block allocations in this financial year.

SCHOOLS BLOCK

29. The vast majority of this budget relates to school budget shares which are passported on to schools based on their allocations agreed at the beginning of the financial year. No variances are reported in relation to the budget shares element of the budget.
30. Growth fund budget of £193,000 is currently forecast to be fully spent. Presently £176,000 of this budget has been committed as the Local Authority requested to admit additional secondary pupils to the Bay and Christ the King college in the academic year 2025/26. The growth funding to schools was calculated in line with local funding policy, as follows:

School	Number of additional pupils	KS 3 AWP	7/12 Sept-Mar
The Bay	30	£5,502.19	£96,288
Christ the King	25	£5,502.19	£80,240
Total	55	£5,502.19	£176,529

HIGH NEEDS BLOCK

31. The forecast position as at May 2025 shows a forecast overspend of £4,329,000 (17.7%). This budget continues to be a major contributor to the overall DSG deficit in 2025/26 financial year. It should be noted, the forecast takes into account additional DSG funding of £1,520,000 as per the Safety Valve agreement.
32. A significant budget gap of £4,064,000 linked to the continuing increase in the number of EHCPs at 9% and shortage of specialist provision on the island leading to high-cost independent placements and alternative provision for children with EHCP was identified as part of the high needs budget setting. This gap of savings to be identified, has been flagged under the 'high needs contingency' line.
33. In addition to the budget shortfall of £4,064,000 the following pressures and variances are emerging:
 - PRU top up funding - £44,000 pressure. Continuing demand on and growth in the number of pupils supported at Lionheart School. Following confirmation of Spring term activity, the number of funded FTEs expected to rise to 120 in 2025/26, an increase from 113 in 2024/25 financial year.
 - Educated Other Than At School - £70,000 due to the increasing costs of educational packages. There are currently 80 children supported by this budget at an average cost of £36,000. The budget was set on the assumption that the expansion at St Georges and Lionheart schools in the academic year 2025/26 will result in the reduction in the number of children supported through this budget.
 - Independent and non-maintained special school - £203,000 overspend linked to the higher-than-expected inflationary increases to the providers and a high cost mainland placement due to start in the new academic year.

CENTRAL SERVICES BLOCK

34. Most areas are predicting as per budget for this early point in the year and many areas relate to fixed contributions to costs. Variances in relation to non-SEN placements may develop as the year progresses as this is a demand led budget.

OTHER GRANTS

35. The majority of funding in this area is passported on to schools so no variances are expected at this stage. Other grants are based on DfE provided allocations and are passported on to schools as and when they are received. The significant grants in this area include pupil premium, universal infant free school meals, national insurance contributions grant, schools budget support grant, sixth form funding, and the PE and sports premium.

CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

36. Capital allocations for 2025/26 financial for schools and high needs year has been confirmed as follows:
- Schools Condition Allocation - £1,552,055
 - Devolved Formula Capital - £439,333
 - High Needs Provision Capital Allocation - £1,056,772

2025/26 AND BEYOND - SCHOOL FUNDING

37. 2026/27 operational guidance and indicative allocations were expected July however, due to the timing of the 2025 Spending Review this summer, will be published in autumn. Schools national funding formula (NFF) summary policy document for 2026 to 2027 has been released by the DfE confirming there are no changes to the structure of the NFF for 2026/27 financial year and the requirement for the LA to move 10% closer to NFF values. IOW mirrors National Funding Formula values already.
38. Consultation with the schools on the funding formula for 2026/27 will be initiated during Autumn term. This will enable decisions about how the 2026/27 funding formula will be determined and inform decisions around any high needs block transfer which must be made in November.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Schools Forum notes the 2024/25 schools' budget outturn position and future years forecast.
2. That Schools Forum notes the May 2025 forecast 2025/26 position.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

Appendix A – 2024/25 Schools' Budget Final Outturn
Appendix B – 2025/26 Budget Monitoring Forecast Position May 2025
Appendix C – Budget Heading Descriptions

Contact Point: Irina Rowan, Senior Finance Business Partner, Isle of Wight Council
☎ 01983 821000 e-mail: irina.rowan@iow.gov.uk

ASHELY WHITTAKER
Director of Children's Services

CHRIS WARD
Director of Finance

Appendix A – 2024/25 Schools' Budget Final Outturn

Service Area	Current Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variance	
	£000	£000	£000	%
SCHOOLS BUDGET				
Under 2 Year Old Free Entitlement	1,715	1,593	-121	-7.1
2 Year Old Free Entitlement	2,909	3,009	100	3.5
3-4 Year Old Free Entitlement	5,896	6,033	137	2.3
SEN Inclusion	175	175	0	0.0
Early Years Central Expenditure	427	358	-69	-16.1
EARLY YEARS BLOCK	11,121	11,168	47	0.4
Primary Budget Shares	38,351	38,351	0	0.0
All-through Budget Shares	8,210	8,210	0	0.0
Secondary Budget Shares	8,360	8,360	0	0.0
School Budget Shares	54,921	54,921	0	0.0
De-delegation	85	80	-5	-5.9
LA Education Functions	767	767	0	0.0
Growth Fund	206	163	-43	-20.7
SCHOOLS BLOCK	55,980	55,932	-48	-0.1
Special Place Funding	2,989	3,214	225	7.5
Resourced Place Funding	286	297	11	3.9
PRU - Place Funding	774	774	0	0.0
LA Education Functions (all schools HN)	27	27	0	0.0
Place Funding	4,076	4,312	236	5.8
Special School Top Up	4,855	5,131	276	5.7
Mainstream School Top Up	2,641	2,888	248	9.4
Resourced Provision Top Up	708	804	96	13.5
PRU Top Up	759	1,468	710	93.5
Post 16 Top Up	1,991	2,432	441	22.2
Early Years SEN Funding	255	183	-71	-28.1
High Needs Top Up Funding - Discretionary	516	451	-65	-12.7
Pupils in Other Local Authorities Top Up	20	5	-15	-73.2
High Needs Top Up Funding	11,744	13,363	1,619	13.8
Educated Other Than At School	1,653	2,706	1,053	63.7
Independent & Non-Maintained Special Schools	3,957	5,064	1,107	28.0
SEN Central Teams	1,137	939	-198	-17.4
Early Years SEN Team	184	182	-2	-1.1
Hospital Education Provision	16	13	-3	-19.7
Support for Inclusion & Education Out of School	165	124	-41	-24.8
Primary Behaviour Service	572	465	-107	-18.7
SEN Transport	670	670	0	0.0
High Needs Contingency	-1,735	0	1,735	-100.0
HIGH NEEDS BLOCK	22,439	27,838	5,399	24.1
Admissions Service	178	178	0	0.0
Copyright	120	117	-3	-2.7
Fees to Independent Schools without SEN	80	56	-24	-30.6
LA Education Functions (all schools)	201	201	0	0.0
Centrally Employed Teachers	23	23	0	0.0
Servicing of Schools Forum	14	14	0	0.0
CENTRAL SERVICES BLOCK	616	588	-28	-4.5
Pupil premium and other grants	11,066	11,066	0	0.0
OTHER GRANTS	11,066	11,066	0	0.0
TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET	101,223	106,593	5,370	5.3
2025/26 Safety Valve funding (£1,520k as per profile)				970
2025/26 deficit without Safety Valve funding				6,340
CUMULATIVE DSG POSITION INCLUDING SV FUNDING				11,963

Appendix B – 2025/26 Budget Monitoring Forecast Position May 2025

Service Area	Current Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variance	
	£000	£000	£000	%
SCHOOLS BUDGET				
Under 2 Year Old Free Entitlement	4,005	4,005	0	0.0
2 Year Old Free Entitlement	3,962	3,962	0	0.0
3-4 Year Old Free Entitlement	6,436	6,436	0	0.0
SEN Inclusion	210	210	0	0.0
Early Years Central Expenditure	469	466	-3	-0.5
EARLY YEARS BLOCK	15,082	15,079	-3	0.0
School Budget Shares	55,479	55,479	0	0.0
De-delegation	81	79	-3	-3.4
LA Education Functions	738	738	0	0.0
Growth Fund	193	193	0	0.0
SCHOOLS BLOCK	56,491	56,489	-3	0.0
Special Place Funding	3,437	3,437	0	0.0
Resourced Place Funding	316	316	0	0.0
PRU - Place Funding	1,055	1,055	0	0.0
LA Education Functions (all schools HN)	31	31	0	0.0
Place Funding	4,839	4,839	0	0.0
Special School Top Up	5,667	5,667	0	0.0
Mainstream School Top Up	2,847	2,868	20	0.7
Resourced Provision Top Up	954	954	0	0.0
PRU Top Up	1,246	1,291	44	3.6
Post 16 Top Up	2,529	2,511	-18	-0.7
Early Years SEN Funding	181	168	-13	-7.4
High Needs Top Up Funding - Discretionary	234	233	-2	-0.8
Pupils in Other Local Authorities Top Up	20	17	-3	-16.7
High Needs Top Up Funding	13,679	13,707	29	0.2
Educated Other Than At School	2,344	2,414	70	3.0
Independent & Non-Maintained Special Schools	4,926	5,129	203	4.1
SEN Central Teams	1,168	1,148	-20	-1.7
Early Years SEN Team	187	187	0	0.0
Hospital Education Provision	16	13	-3	-16.7
Support for Inclusion & Education Out of School	165	154	-11	-6.7
Primary Behaviour Service	519	516	-2	-0.5
SEN Transport	670	670	0	0.0
High Needs Contingency	-4,064	0	4,064	-100.0
HIGH NEEDS BLOCK	24,448	28,777	4,329	17.7
Admissions Service	182	182	0	0.0
Copyright	126	126	0	0.0
Fees to Independent Schools without SEN	82	82	0	0.0
LA Education Functions (all schools)	193	193	0	0.0
Centrally Employed Teachers	71	71	0	0.0
Servicing of Schools Forum	14	14	0	0.0
CENTRAL SERVICES BLOCK	666	666	0	0.0
Pupil premium and other grants	7,036	7,036	0	0.0
OTHER GRANTS	7,036	7,036	0	0.0
TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET	103,724	108,048	4,324	4.2
2025/26 Safety Valve funding (£1,520k as per profile)				1,520
2025/26 deficit without Safety Valve funding				5,844
CUMULATIVE DSG FORECAST INCLUDING SV FUNDING				16,287
SAFETY VALVE FUNDING RECEIVED TO DATE				8,120

Appendix C – Budget heading descriptions

EARLY YEARS BLOCK

Under 2-Year-Old Free Entitlement Funding – Early years funding for providers for under two-year olds eligible for the entitlement for working parents.

2-Year-Old Free Entitlement Funding – Early years funding for providers educating two-year olds eligible for the free entitlement including those eligible for the entitlement for working parents.

3-4-Year-Old Free Entitlement – Early years funding for providers educating three- and four-year olds calculated through the Early Years Single Funding Formula, including those eligible for the 30 hours entitlement for working parents, the Early Years Pupil Premium and the Disability Access Fund.

Early Years Central Expenditure – Costs of the local authority early years team responsible for administering the entitlement, auditing and inspecting providers, ensuring sufficiency of places, providing support and guidance for providers on best practice and running local projects in partnership with providers.

Early Years SEN Inclusion – Contribution from the early years block to meet the costs of SEN top-up funding for early years providers.

SCHOOLS BLOCK

De-delegated: Licences / Subscriptions – Funding maintained schools have elected to give up from their budget shares to fund the cost of licences negotiated centrally for schools including Access Budgeting Tool and (Primary Schools only) Fischer Family Trust subscription

De-delegated: Free School Meals Eligibility – Funding maintained schools have elected to give up from their budget shares to cover the cost of local authority officers checking the eligibility of pupils for free school meals on behalf of schools

De-delegated: Staff Supply Cover (TU Facilities) – Funding maintained schools have elected to give up from their budget shares to fund employers of trade union representatives to release their employees to support union members in other schools

Pupil Growth – Growth fund allocations made under the policy agreed by forum

Schools Budget Shares – School budget allocations determined through the local funding formula

HIGH NEEDS BLOCK

Special Place Funding – Funding of commissioned places in maintained special schools at the fixed rate of £10,000 per place regardless of occupancy

Resourced Place Funding – Funding of commissioned places in maintained resourced provisions at the fixed rate of £10,000 per place (if empty in preceding autumn census) or £6,000 per place (if occupied in preceding autumn census) regardless of occupancy

Appendix C – Budget heading descriptions

PRU - Place Funding – Funding of commissioned places in the maintained Pupil Referral Unit at the fixed rates of £10,000 per place for 40 behaviour places and for 20 emotionally vulnerable/unwell places, regardless of occupancy

Top Up Funding - Resourced provisions – Additional funding for resourced provisions at an agreed top-up rate for the type of provision, based on actual occupancy

Top Up Funding - Post 16 – funding for high needs students attending post-16 institutions including the Isle of Wight College and HTP.

Top Up Funding - Special Schools – Additional funding for pupils in special schools at a banded level of funding based on their level of need, at actual occupancy. Also, over-occupancy funding at £10,000 per pro-rata place where occupancy is above agreed places

Top Up Funding – PRU – Additional funding at an agreed top rate, pro-rata based on actual occupancy

Hospital Education Provision – Funding for occasional pupils (typically 0-2 in a year) who are attending specialist hospital education on the mainland following referral by a medical practitioner

Early Years SEN Funding – Additional funding for early years settings to support pupils with SEN, with lower level inclusion funded from early years and high needs funding from this budget

Independent & Non-Maintained Special Schools – Expenditure on placements for pupils with SEN with non-maintained and independent providers, including St Catherine's and specialist mainland providers

High Needs Contingency – Contingency budget from surplus budget to be used to offset savings not achieved or reduce the brought forward deficit.

Support for Inclusion & Education out of school – Support for pupils at risk of permanent exclusion to keep pupils in mainstream education where suitable, and the costs of the Elective Home Education team who support parents who choose to home educate their children

SEN Central Teams – Central SEN teams supporting pupils with additional needs including Speech and Language Therapy, Specialist Teacher Advisors (visual impaired, hearing impaired and dyslexia) and the Early Years SEN team, plus supporting admin

Top Up Funding – Mainstream – Top-up funding for pupils in mainstream education with Education, Health and Care Plans, as per banding framework, after schools have funded the initial £6,000 of additional needs

Top Up Funding – Discretionary – Additional funding for schools outside of the standard funding arrangements, including specialist equipment and other high-cost provision specified in plans

Direct payments / Managed Educational Packages – The cost of providing educational personal budgets to children with SEN either via Direct payments mechanism or commissioned by the LA.

Appendix C – Budget heading descriptions

SEN Transport – A fixed contribution of £670,000 to the costs of transport of children with SEN, which was previously part of the schools' block prior to 2017/18 but was moved to the high needs block (along with the equivalent amount of funding)

LA Education Functions (maintained schools) – High needs block funding of £78.54 per place retained from special schools and the ILC, used to fund local authority statutory services as agreed by forum

CENTRAL SCHOOL SERVICES BLOCK

Fees to Independent Schools without SEN – Education costs of children in mainland social care placements who do not have SEN, but where mainstream education is not suitable

Admissions Service – Fixed contribution to local authority admissions services for all schools

Copyright – Amount charged by the DfE for copyright licences negotiated for all schools nationally

Servicing of Schools Forum – Costs of schools' forum including premises, staffing costs including the costs of the clerk and report preparation

LA Education Functions (all schools) – Use of central school services funding for local authority statutory duties relating to all schools, including academies.

GRANTS

Pupil Premium & Other School Grants – Various school related grants which are passed on to schools including Pupil Premium, Universal Infant Free School Meals, PE and Sports, and Post-16 funding for maintained sixth forms.