

Alternative Provision (AP) Budgets for 2021-22

AP District Budgets

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In 2021/22 as in 2020/21 the total funding will be divided between a devolved budget for each nonselective secondary school and a delegated budget for each PRU for the full financial year.

2. Composition of Budgets

- 2.1 The distribution of funding is based upon allocating a fixed total budget across four different factors as summarised in the table below and then allocating these factor amounts to secondary schools based on the schools' number of units of the factor relative to the county total. Grammar school allocations are then redistributed to nonselective secondary schools in the same district.

Factors used for distribution	%	Total funding
Pupil numbers – KS3 & KS4	50%	£5,736,290
Income Deprivation Affecting Children's Index (IDACI)	40%	£4,589,032
Looked After Children (LAC)	5%	£573,629
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	5%	£573,629
	<u>100%</u>	<u>£11,472,579</u>

The pupil numbers used in the calculation are a 50:50 mix of PAN and actual headcount recorded on the census. The IDACI, LAC and EAL are all calculated consistently with how they are dealt with in the school formulae budget.

Historic AP central budget

- 2.2 Prior to April 2013 a budget of £11,221,500 was held centrally for AP. For a number of years the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) High Needs Block funding was flat cash, which meant there was no funding for inflationary pressures. In 2015-16 we were able to allocate an element of DSG headroom towards inflationary pressures and this increased the amount available for distribution to £11,249,579. In September 2019 with the new arrangements a separate administration budget of £223,000 was included in the total for formulaic distribution. In 2021-22 there is no DSG headroom available to fund inflationary pressures and therefore the overall envelope of funding will remain at £11,472,579.
- 2.3 The data used to distribute this funding is provided by the DfE and is the same data used to calculate 2021-22 School and Academy budgets and is primarily

based on the October 2020 school census. Please note that LAC is no longer a factor in the Kent Local Funding Formula, however we still have access to this data and have decided to continue to use it to calculate AP budgets.

London Fringe

- 2.4 An entitlement to additional pay exists for teachers within certain defined areas of Kent with close proximity to London. The data supplied by the DfE includes an indicator identifying those schools and academies that are located within the eligible area. In recognition of the additional salary costs, an uplift of 3.64% is applied to the funding attributed to each school /academy within the entitled location. For information schools and academies in the school districts Dartford and Sevenoaks are entitled to funding for London Fringe. It is appropriate that PRU's located in these areas also attract this enhancement to cover the additional salary costs associated with qualified teachers. Funding will only be allocated on the basis that AP district staff are in receipt of the London Fringe allowance. London Fringe costs will be funded in addition to the budget total in section 2.2

3 Delegated or Devolved Budgets

Delegated

- 3.1 The DfE rules stipulate that where there is a physical PRU they must have a delegated budget. The method for allocating a delegated PRU budget, prescribed by the DfE, is "Place Plus". Place Plus is explained in more detail later in this section.
- 3.2 One of the fundamental aspects of the PRU review was to give districts the freedom to determine the delivery of AP in their area via the collective voice of its schools and academies. As there is a fixed overall budget and each district will determine its own delivery of AP it's not possible to apply Place Plus strictly as defined by the DfE.
- 3.3 A total number of PRU places for Kent will be calculated as 0.42% of the pupil count used in the allocation model. These places will be allocated to each district based on their share of the initial calculation in section 2.1 and will be rounded to the nearest integer. The number of places multiplied by £18,000 will be the notional delegated budget for the district. If there is a PRU then this will be the PRU delegated budget, otherwise this funding will be added to the district devolved budget to be passed to local nonselective secondary schools.
- 3.6 Funding will be paid through the schools' advances system and profiled in 12 equal instalments.
- 3.7 Place Plus requires a defined sum/rate of funding for each pupil, the rate of funding is then broken down into three elements which is the method used to pass the funding to the institution.

- 3.8 Elements 1 & 2 are known as place funding and are nationally set at £4,000 and £6,000 respectively. Element 3 is the top-up funding of £8,000

Devolved

- 3.9 The devolved budget for each district will be the district share of the calculation in section 2.1 multiplied by the remainder of the total budget less the delegated budget. This district budget will then be shared across the relevant schools based on their share of the district total in the calculation in section 2.1
- 3.10 Funding will be paid through the schools' advances system and profiled in 12 equal instalments.

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