

**Budget Fact Sheet**

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**Schools Budget 2010/11**

- The Government's Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) announced in December 2007 provided local authorities with indicative budget information to cover the multi-year budget period 2008 –2011. The next CSR period will commence in 2011/12; details will be confirmed by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) in Autumn 2010.
- 2010/11 is the final year of the current multi year budget period. The Chancellors Pre Budget Report on 9 December confirmed pre-announced budget plans for 2010/11. The Table below summarises the key data for Dudley:

Financial Year	£ per pupil funding guaranteed	% increase per pupil funding	Minimum Funding Guarantee level set	Dedicated Schools Grant Cash Increase
2008/09	3,949	4.3%	2.1%	2.82%
2009/10	4,092	3.6%	2.1%	2.17%
2010/11	4,263	4.2%	2.1%	<i>Est. 3.68%</i>

- The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2010/11 will be based on the 'actual' pupil numbers in January 2010 and will reflect pupils recorded on the **Schools Census, Alternative Provision Census, School Census for Pupil Referral Units** and the **Early Years Census**. Thus all pupils aged 3 to 16 will be recorded for the final determination of the DSG not just those in Dudley mainstream and special schools.
- For 2010/11 the LSC (Learning and Skills Council) will still be responsible for funding pupils in Dudley's three mainstream sixth form schools and will direct the relevant funding for those schools to Dudley. Thereafter the funding arrangements for 6<sup>th</sup> form schools and colleges will change.
- **Funding Arrangements for 6<sup>th</sup> form Provision post 2010/11**  
The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 devolves responsibility for the provision of 16-19 training and education to the local level. The draft framework is outlined in the National Commissioning Framework consultation for implementation post April 2010. The LSC will be disbanded and replaced by a new process whereby the Local Authority (LA) commissions the post 16 provision, which is funded by the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) and the DCSF. A further update will be provided after the consultation closure date of 5th February 2010.
- **Early Years Single Funding Formula update**  
The DCSF announced on 10th December the postponement of the implementation of the Early Years Single Funding Formula, which was scheduled for implementation 1st April 2010. However if a LA considers that they are ready to implement the formula in April 2010 they have been invited to apply to become part of a further wave of pathfinder local authorities. It is likely that Dudley will apply to become part of the pathfinder project with a view to implementing the proposed formula which is currently out for consultation effective from April 2010.
- **Uniform Business rates revaluation**  
Every five years the Valuation Office Agency re-assesses all business properties and gives them new rateable values, the next Revaluation will take effect from 1st April 2010. The likely impact for schools is that rateable values and hence Uniform Business Rate charges will fluctuate next year. However the revised charge for each school will also be reflected in the level of funding received through the LMS funding formula, so the net effect will be cost neutral for individual schools.
- **Chancellors Pre Budget Report 9 December 2009**

Ed Balls response to the pre budget report includes the following "schools are guaranteed an overall 0.7% real terms annual average increase in funding for 2011/12 & 2012/13 which when combined with efficiency savings of 0.9% will meet the 1.6% pressures they face from things like rising pupil numbers and pay". Further updates will be provided in due course.

Full details are available at [http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn\\_id=2009\\_0242](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0242)

- **Early Indicative School Budgets 2010/11**

Early indicative budgets for 2010/11 have now been prepared based on the latest pupil numbers as recorded on the October 2009 schools census data; this has been used as a proxy for the actual pupil data available in January 2010. There will be elements of the budget that will be updated during the Spring term for publication in March 2010 (further detail below). These early indicative budgets now reflect a better estimate of funding for 2010/11 than those previously issued at 31st March 2009.

- Whilst not pre-empting the outcome of proposed changes to the LMS funding formula which are currently out for consultation, the completion of the early indicative budgets assumes the following :
  - **Early Years Single Funding Formula** - implemented April 2010 as detailed in the consultation document issued October 2009 (consultation period ends 8th Jan 2010).
  - Funding for **under attainment in secondary schools** based on KS2 SATs results (consultation period ends 8th Jan 2010).
  - **Premises funding –condition and backlog** - funding re-directed through floor area unit of resource (consultation period ends 8th Jan 2010).
  - **Pupils on roll and Free School Meals** based on October 2009 school census.
  - **Funding for pupils with statements** - pupils with statements as at 31st August 2009.
- In addition to those listed above, other areas of the budget which will be updated further during Spring 2010 include the following. The main changes, hopefully marginal, will reflect the actual pupil data determined from the January 2010 schools census
  - Dedicated schools Grant available to fund school budgets.
  - Pupil led funding affecting a number of formula factors.
  - Uniform Business Rates.
  - Free School Meals
  - Early years funding
  - Early years adjustment to mainstream formula
  - Liability Insurance

- **School Budgets 2010/11**

It is anticipated that further indicative school budgets for 2010/11 will be issued on or around 5th March 2010 with final budgets to be confirmed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

- **Next Stage in the DSG Budget Process**

Schools Forum is scheduled to meet on 23rd February and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Head Teachers Consultative Forum – Budget Working Group is scheduled to meet on 9th February and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

- **Further Details**

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