

7 July 2022

**TITLE OF REPORT: Schools Balances 2021/22**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To update the Schools Forum on the movement of school balances for the financial year 2021/22 and the number of schools in a deficit position at the end of the financial year.

**Background**

2. As part of the Council's responsibilities for the management and good financial practice of maintained schools, the balances held by each individual school, the movement (increase or decrease in balances) and the number of schools with a deficit balance for the financial year will be brought to the attention of Schools Forum to note.
3. This information is also reported to the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital and the Service Director, Education, Schools and Inclusion.

**Balances**

4. At the 31 March 2021 maintained schools held total revenue balances of £8.91m and eleven schools had a deficit balance amounting to £0.97m.
5. At the 31 March 2022 maintained school balances increased by £0.031m to £8.94m.
6. Seventeen schools were in a deficit position at the end of 2021/22 totalling £1.14m, an increase from £0.97m. Four of these schools are closed academy convertors with small balances due to pay award transactions which will be delt with during 2022/23. There are five new schools in deficit, four schools are out of deficit and four schools increased their deficits. The Council will continue to work with the schools on their deficit recovery plans.
7. These balances consist of all revenue funding streams including schools' individual budgets, government grants and any income received by the school.
8. The detail of the individual balances and the in-year movement is contained in Appendix 1.

## **Proposal**

9. That Schools Forum notes:

- Schools balances have increased from £8.91m at 31 March 2021 to £8.94m at 31 March 2022, an increase of £0.031m.
- The number of schools with a deficit balance has increased by five to 17 (4 of which are closed schools).
- There has been an increase in the value of the total deficits held by schools by £0.17m to £1.14m.

## **Recommendation**

10. It is recommended that Schools Forum notes: -

- The value of maintained school balances and the in-year increase of balances by £0.031m to the year-end value of £8.94m.
- The number of schools with a deficit balance at the end of 2021/22.
- The increase in the value of deficit balances at the end of 2021/22.

## **For the following reason(s):**

- To ensure that the year-end financial position is brought to the attention of Schools Forum.

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## Appendix 1

School	Amount	Movement	Closing Balance
Bensham Grove Nursery	-35,701	66,484	30,783
Barley Mow Primary	-94,274	29,460	-64,814
Bede Primary	-120,126	43,824	-76,302
Bill Quay Primary	65,353	-2,813	62,540
Birtley East Primary	-74,148	-15,799	-89,947
Birtley St Josephs Infants	-63,105	65,190	2,086
Birtley St Josephs Junior	-144,752	146,647	1,895
Blaydon RC Primary	-127,311	127,311	0
Blaydon West Primary	-196,000	-96,915	-292,915
Brandling Primary	-278,459	616	-277,844
Brighton Avenue Primary	-1,586	19,523	17,937
Caedmon Primary	-164,722	-117,962	-282,684
Carr Hill Primary	-290,699	-52,623	-343,322
Chopwell Primary	-133,769	7,389	-126,380
Clover Hill Primary	-184,753	-23,880	-208,633
Colegate Primary	129,920	31,716	161,636
Corpus Christi Primary	-209,592	209,592	0
Crawcrook St Agnes Rc Primary	-60,576	-45,175	-105,751
Crookhill Primary	-67,236	13,519	-53,716
Dryden	14,996	-113,627	-98,631
Dunston Hill Primary	-157,961	-15,576	-173,537
Dunston St Philip Neri RCP	-81,147	83,454	2,307
Emmaville Primary	-183,677	-76,012	-259,689
Eslington	9,963	-64,855	-54,891
Falla Park Primary	-118,068	1,941	-116,127
Fell Dyke Primary	-157,526	121,292	-36,234
Fellside Primary	-38,514	-5,600	-44,115
Furrowfield	-176,332	228,647	52,315
Gateshead St Josephs RC	-46,669	47,272	603
Gateshead St Oswalds RCP	-184,545	184,545	0
Gateshead St Peters RCP	-60,485	60,485	0
Gateshead St Wilfreds RCP	-35,665	39,496	3,832
Gibside	-785,018	-36,869	-821,887
Glynwood Primary	-158,809	49,895	-108,914
Greenside Primary	-55,199	-24,425	-79,624
High Spen Primary	-105,895	20,370	-85,526
Highfield Primary	-114,506	4,587	-109,919
Highfield St Josephs RCP	-80,276	-17,686	-97,962
Hilltop	159,960	-21,575	138,385
Kells Lane	-236,616	-37,338	-273,954
Kelvin Grove Primary	-207,157	121,370	-85,787
Kingsmeadow Comp	-1,382,393	-957,130	-2,339,524
Larkspur Primary	1,948	-32,731	-30,783
Lingey House Primary	-385,536	-69,106	-454,643
Lobley Hill Primary	-111,141	-97,371	-208,512
Oakfield Infant	-5,006	5,314	308
Oakfield Junior	-67,570	4,053	-63,517
Parkhead Primary	-129,715	26,563	-103,152
Portobello Primary	-93,855	-15,244	-109,099
Ravensworth Terrace Primary	22,173	-72,053	-49,880
RomanRoad Primary	-230,764	-30,467	-261,231
Ryton Infants	61,333	-7,581	53,752
Ryton Jnr	25,959	-7,510	18,449
South Street	-36,145	31,617	-4,528
St Aidans C of E	-146,456	-46,312	-192,768
St Albans RC	-23,573	23,573	0
St Augustines RC Aided	-314,950	314,950	0
St Mary&StThomasAqCathPrim	-84,305	-15,092	-99,398
Swalwell	-119,179	2,260	-116,919
The Drive	-40,669	-10,604	-51,273
Wardley	-171,731	-1,944	-173,675
Washingwell	14,914	10,444	25,357
Whickham Front Street Primary	-260,136	-73,690	-333,826
Whickham Parochial	-34,094	-10,839	-44,933
Whickham St Marys R C	-58,663	9,339	-49,323
White Mere	229,312	100,078	329,391
Windy Nook Primary	-241,102	-67,727	-308,829
Winlaton West Lane	-329,592	49,401	-280,191
Harlow Green Primary	-361,088	-75,629	-436,717
Rowlands Gill Primary	212,633	26,517	239,150
Gateshead St Annes RCP			
	<b>-8,910,075</b>	<b>-31,022</b>	<b>-8,941,097</b>