

TITLE OF REPORT: Schools Balances 2020/21

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Schools Forum on the movement of school balances for the financial year 2020/21 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 2020 maintained schools held total revenue balances of £5.48m and eleven schools had a deficit balance amounting to £1.17m.
5. At the 31 March 2021 maintained school balances increased by £3.43m to £8.91m.
6. Twelve schools were in a deficit position at the end of 2020/21 totalling £0.95m a decrease from £1.17m. Five schools increased their deficits, 5 schools decreased their deficits, with one school coming out of a deficit balance and two new schools having a deficit balance. 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.
9. It should be noted that the balances include the provision for the possible increased costs for term time only non-teaching staff as brought to Schools Forum in May 2020.

Proposal

10. That Schools Forum notes:

- Schools balances have increased from £5.48m at 31 March 2020 to £8.91m at 31 March 2021, an increase of £3.43m.
- The number of schools with a deficit balance has increased by one to twelve.
- There has been a decrease in the value of the total deficits held by schools by £0.221m to £0.948m.

Recommendation

11. It is recommended that Schools Forum notes: -

- The value of maintained school balances and the in-year increase of balances by £3.43m to the year-end value of £8.91m.
- The number of schools with a deficit balance at the end of 2020/21.
- The decrease in the value of deficit balances at the end of 2020/21.

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	Opening Balance 2020/21	Movement	Closing Balance 2020/21
Barley Mow Primary	-7,529	-86,745	-94,274
Bede Primary	-77,397	-42,730	-120,126
Bensham Grove Nursery School	-2,273	-33,428	-35,701
Bill Quay Primary	47,016	18,337	65,353
Birtley East Primary	-60,666	-13,482	-74,148
Blaydon West Primary	-134,057	-61,943	-196,000
Brandling Primary	-279,282	823	-278,459
Brighton Avenue Primary	-13,374	11,788	-1,586
Caedmon Primary	-147,628	-17,095	-164,722
Carr Hill Primary	-250,499	-40,200	-290,699
Chopwell Primary	-162,680	28,911	-133,769
Clover Hill School	-137,114	-47,639	-184,753
Colegate School	68,712	61,208	129,920
Corpus Christi RCP	-199,877	-9,715	-209,592
Crookhill School	-10,092	-57,144	-67,236
Dryden School	117,707	-102,710	14,996
Dunston Hill School	-70,140	-87,821	-157,961
Emmaville Primary	-79,024	-104,653	-183,677
Eslington School	110,644	-100,681	9,963
Falla Park School	-70,813	-47,255	-118,068
Fell Dyke School	-180,148	22,622	-157,526
Fellside School	-41,847	3,333	-38,514
Front Street School	-177,295	-82,841	-260,136
Furrowfield School	-130,336	-45,997	-176,332
Gibside School	-776,625	-8,393	-785,018
Glynwood School	-121,482	-37,327	-158,809
Greenside Primary	-5,087	-50,113	-55,199
Harlow Green Primary School	-224,202	-136,885	-361,088
High Spen Primary	-41,910	-63,986	-105,895
Highfield Com Primary School	-73,948	-40,558	-114,506
Hill Top School	169,328	-9,368	159,960
Kells Lane Primary	-82,733	-153,883	-236,616
Kelvin Grove School	-159,979	-47,178	-207,157
Kingsmeadow School	-725,736	-656,657	-1,382,393
Larkspur School	-81,010	82,958	1,948
Lingey House Primary	-221,847	-163,689	-385,536
Lobley Hill Primary	-50,461	-60,680	-111,141
Oakfield Infant School	-36,315	31,308	-5,006
Oakfield Junior School	-72,101	4,530	-67,570
Parkhead School	-80,727	-48,988	-129,715

Portobello Primary	-53,719	-40,135	-93,855
Ravensworth Terrace Primary	112,482	-90,308	22,173
Roman Road Primary	-113,806	-116,957	-230,764
Rowlands Gill Primary School	274,825	-62,192	212,633
Ryton Community Infant School	34,071	27,262	61,333
Ryton Community Junior School	21,769	4,190	25,959
South Street School	-3,666	-32,479	-36,145
St Agnes RCP	-20,324	-40,252	-60,576
St Aidans Primary	-58,489	-87,967	-146,456
St Albans RCP	-25,705	2,131	-23,573
St Augustines RCP	-180,533	-134,417	-314,950
St Josephs Catholic Inf Birtley	-80,656	17,551	-63,105
St Josephs Catholic Jnr Birtley	-96,159	-48,592	-144,752
St Josephs RCP Blaydon	-59,260	-68,051	-127,311
St Josephs RCP Gateshead	-56,854	10,185	-46,669
St Josephs RCP Highfield	-78,161	-2,115	-80,276
St Mary and St Thomas RCP	-45,365	-38,940	-84,305
St Marys RCP	-38,165	-20,497	-58,663
St Oswalds RCP	-166,743	-17,802	-184,545
St Peters RCP	-57,177	-3,308	-60,485
St Philip Neri RCP	-24,512	-56,635	-81,147
St. Wilfrids RCP	-11,088	-24,577	-35,665
Swalwell Primary	-119,964	785	-119,179
The Drive School	-11,191	-29,478	-40,669
Wardley Primary	-113,125	-58,607	-171,731
Washingwell Primary	-5,089	20,002	14,914
Whickham Parochial	27,870	-61,964	-34,094
White Mere School	184,807	44,505	229,312
Windy Nook Primary	-120,908	-120,194	-241,102
Winlaton West Lane Primary	-122,115	-207,477	-329,592
Totals	-5,479,777	-3,430,298	-8,910,075
Value of Deficits	1,169,231		948,464