

5 July 2023

TITLE OF REPORT: Schools Balances 2022/23

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Schools Forum on the movement of school balances for the financial year 2022/23 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 2022 maintained schools held total revenue balances of £8.94m and 17 schools had a deficit balance amounting to £1.14m.
5. At the 31 March 2023 maintained school balances decreased by £0.67m to £8.27m.
6. 23 schools were in a deficit position at the end of 2022/23 totalling £1.4m, an increase from £1.14m. 9 of the schools in deficit are due to closed schools due to academy conversions. If the converted schools are discounted then there are 14 schools in deficit one less than 2021/22. 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 decreased from £8.94m on 31 March 2021 to £8.27m at 31 March 2022, a decrease of £0.67m.
 - The number of schools with a deficit balance has increased, but this is due to small balances post conversion.

- There has been an increase in the value of the total deficits held by schools by £0.26m to £1.4m.

Recommendation

10. It is recommended that Schools Forum notes: -

- The value of maintained school balances and the in-year decrease of balances by £0.67m to the year-end value of £8.27m.
- The number of schools with a deficit balance at the end of 2022/23.
- The increase in the value of deficit balances at the end of 2022/23.

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 2022/23	Movement	Closing Balance 2022/23
Barley Mow Primary	-64,814	41,242	-23,572
Bede Primary	-76,302	105,280	28,977
Bensham Grove Nursery	30,783	-23,590	7,193
Bill Quay Primary	62,540	-15,066	47,474
Birtley East Primary	-89,947	-21,293	-111,240
Birtley St Josephs Infants	2,086	2,618	4,704
Birtley St Josephs Junior	1,895	2,823	4,718
Blaydon RC Primary	0	51	51
Blaydon West Primary	-292,915	-38,381	-331,296
Brandling Primary	-277,844	14,888	-262,955
Brighton Avenue Primary	17,937	-7,177	10,760
Caedmon Primary	-282,684	84,905	-197,779
Carr Hill Primary	-343,322	-79,771	-423,093
Chopwell Primary	-126,380	30,554	-95,825
Clover Hill Primary	-208,633	18,639	-189,994
Colegate Primary	161,636	47,001	208,638
Corpus Christi Primary	0	738	738
Crawcrook St Agnes Rc Primary	-105,751	99,496	-6,255
Crookhill Primary	-53,716	34,737	-18,979
Dryden	-98,631	-66,583	-165,213
Dunston Hill Primary	-173,537	85,935	-87,602
Dunston St Philip Neri RCP	2,307	-1,157	1,150
Emmaville Primary	-259,689	-62,799	-322,489
Eslington	-54,891	-36,350	-91,242
Falla Park Primary	-116,127	23,074	-93,053
Fell Dyke Primary	-36,234	-21,512	-57,746
Fellside Primary	-44,115	-31,911	-76,026
Furrowfield	52,315	127,795	180,110
Gateshead St Josephs RC	603	0	603
Gateshead St Oswalds RCP	0	-5	-5
Gateshead St Peters RCP	0	654	654
Gateshead St Wilfreds RCP	3,832	-12,665	-8,834
Gibside	-821,887	208,847	-613,039
Glynwood Primary	-108,914	124,477	15,563
Greenside Primary	-79,624	55,037	-24,587
Harlow Green Primary	-436,717	30,392	-406,325
High Spen Primary	-85,526	-23,739	-109,265
Highfield Primary	-109,919	8,177	-101,742
Highfield St Josephs RCP	-97,962	32,476	-65,486
Hilltop	138,385	-130,325	8,060
Kells Lane	-273,954	27,718	-246,236
Kelvin Grove Primary	-85,787	-351	-86,138

Kingsmeadow Comp	-2,339,524	-656,590	-2,996,113
Larkspur Primary	-30,783	39,070	8,287
Lingey House Primary	-454,643	24,371	-430,272
Lobley Hill Primary	-208,512	43,041	-165,471
Oakfield Infant	308	41,127	41,435
Oakfield Junior	-63,517	51,636	-11,881
Parkhead Primary	-103,152	20,817	-82,335
Portobello Primary	-109,099	67,414	-41,684
Ravensworth Terrace Primary	-49,880	16,121	-33,759
Roman Road Primary	-261,231	114,038	-147,193
Rowlands Gill Primary	239,150	-504	238,646
Ryton Infants	53,752	-1,400	52,352
Ryton Jnr	18,449	51,636	70,086
South Street	-4,528	-116,530	-121,058
St Aidans C of E	-192,768	-25,136	-217,903
St Albans RC	0	2	2
St Augustines RC Aided	0	1	1
St Mary&StThomasAqCathPrim	-99,398	95,975	-3,423
Swalwell	-116,919	-3,950	-120,869
The Drive	-51,273	-20,270	-71,543
Wardley	-173,675	47,247	-126,428
Washingwell	25,357	15,053	40,410
Whickham Front Street Primary	-333,826	-3,923	-337,749
Whickham Parochial	-44,933	-8,515	-53,448
Whickham St Marys R C	-49,323	48,499	-825
White Mere	329,391	99,274	428,665
Windy Nook Primary	-308,829	67,557	-241,272
Winlaton West Lane	-280,191	25,400	-254,792
Totals	-8,941,097	666,342	-8,274,755