

## Appendix 1

### Growth Fund 2023/24

#### What changes have the Department for Education (DFE) made to National Growth Fund Allocations to Local Authorities

As with 2022/23, for 2023/24 the DFE will allocate growth funding at Local Authority (LA) level, based on the observed differences between primary and secondary pupils at schools within each MSOA (Middle Layer Super Output Area) in the October 2021 and October 2022 censuses. Only positive MSOA growth will be used in calculating the number of pupils to be funded.

The DFE are not making any changes to the ways in which Local Authorities can distribute growth funding.

The maximum reduction in growth funding for any LA will be set at -0.5% of their total Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) schools block allocation in 2023/24 – before a safety net is applied.

#### BCC Modelling 2023/24

The table below reflects the financial modelling we have carried out on the 2022 estimated census pupil data information we have received from our Education Infrastructure service (EDI)

	<b>£m</b>
Projected Implicit Growth i.e. pupil growth numbers to be built into formula (source: APT estimate based on EDI/LD implicit grow pupil numbers and year group)	3.693
Projected Explicit Growth i.e. centrally held growth budget requirements for 2023/24 (Source: EDI/LD Explicit File Cell W22)	3.575
Projected Falling Rolls Fund (Source: EDI/LD Explicit File Cell W23)	1.357
<b>Projected Total Growth Requirement 2023/24</b>	<b>8.625</b>
Less Refunded by DFE Recoupment Process: (Apr-Aug 2023 payments) (Source: EDI/LD Explicit & Falling Rolls 5/12 total Cell S22)	(1.022)
Projected DFE funding in 2023/24 (actual MSOA pupil changes between Actual Oct 21 and estimated Oct 22) <sup>1</sup>	(5.290)
<b>Projected Shortfall in Funding 2023/24</b>	<b>2.313</b>
<b>Funded from DSG School Block Reserves</b>	<b>2.313</b>

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<sup>1</sup> The Education Funding Agency (EFA) will issue final DSG allocations in December.

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