

SUBJECT: Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funding including Schools Funding Formula 2025/2026

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Forum:

- a) Notes the total Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation for 2025/26.
- b) Approves the transfer of £834k (0.5%) from the Schools' Block to the High Needs Block for 2025/26.
- c) Approves the dis-application request £500k from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block for 2025/26 – subject to approval by Secretary of State.
- d) Approves the de-delegation of budgets for 2025/26.
- e) Schools' Forum approves the contribution to responsibilities that local authorities hold for maintained schools of £650k.
- f) Notes the indicative APT 2025/26 in accordance with the consultation exercise held during November and December 2024 on school budgets 2025/26 and to note that this is subject to ESFA data validation and checking and may be subject to minor change(s), as well as updates to be made following the decisions of Schools' Forum at this meeting on the items and amounts to be de-delegated. Final approved APT and any changes will be reported to Schools Forum in March 2025.
- g) Approves the Central Services School Block budgets for 2025/26.
- h) Notes the comments on the High Needs Block budgets for 2025/26.
- i) Notes the comments on the ongoing Safety Valve Programme.

1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details how Merton proposes to allocate DSG funding in 2025/2026, in light of the responses by schools to consultation in November - December 2024 (please see Appendix 3). This consultation only relates to the School Block funding.
- 1.2 The budgets presented have been produced after due consideration of the feedback from the consultation with schools in November/December and within the overall funding available to Merton.
- 1.3 The DSG has been balanced by making the key assumptions listed below:
- Primary AWPU set as high as possible.
 - Both KS3 and KS4 AWPU are lower than last year, on a like for like basis when rolled in grants are considered.
 - All other factors are set at the minimum level.
 - No growth/falling rolls fund is available
 - MFG has been set at 0%, which is the highest possible amount within the permissible range between -0.5% and 0%.

This approach was taken to support primary schools, where falling rolls are impacting most significantly. Schools with deficits resulting from falling pupil numbers may be eligible for consideration of limited support from the Schools in Challenging Circumstances Fund.

- 1.4 The Government announced the DSG allocation on 18th December 2024, and Merton's allocation is split over the four blocks as per Table 1 below. These allocations are as published by the DfE:

Table 1 - Merton DSG Block Allocations

	2025/26	2024/25	Increase / (Decrease)	% Change
Allocation	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	
Schools block	166,849	156,218	10,631	6.8%
Grants rolled into baseline		11,300	(11,300)	(100.0%)
Schools block inc. grants	166,849	167,518	(669)	(0.4%)
Central Schools Services block	1,178	1,163	15	1.3%
High Needs block	53,042	50,149	2,894	5.8%
Early Years block	31,393	23,075	8,318	36.1%
Total DSG	252,462	241,905	10,558	4.4%
*Recoupment	(41,098)	(38,394)	(2,704)	7.0%
DSG received	211,364	203,511	7,853	3.9%
Numbers of pupils in census	23,704	24,057	(353)	(1.5%)

*Recoupment calculated as part of school formula for academies 2025/26 (estimated).

NB: Please note that the previous year's figures include the allocations for Stanford Primary, which has now closed.

- 1.5 The option for National and Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) payments to be administered by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) is available and Merton is starting this payment process for 2025/26. To provide more meaningful year on year comparisons, indicative school budgets within this report are inclusive of their budget allocations for NNDR, however as these will be paid centrally from 2025/26 schools will not physically receive the rates allocation and will no longer need to arrange payment of the rate bills.
- 1.6 This report provides details of how the four blocks of the DSG are budgeted to be used in 2025/26.

Recommendation (a)

Schools' Forum notes the DSG allocations for 2025/26 published on the 18th December 2024 and notes the actual amounts will be subject to change(s) during the financial year because of recoupment from High Needs Block and inter-authority place changes (including as a result of Merton being a net exporter of children) and any other amendments implemented by DfE.

2. Schools Block

- 2.1 The Schools Block allocation of £166.849m is split into the following expenditure types within the school formula as table 2 below:

Table 2 - Merton DSG Schools Block Breakdown

	2025/26	2024/25	Increase / (Decrease)	% Change
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	
Transfers to 0.5% HNB	834	781	53	6.8%
Additional £500k Transfer (Subject to SoS Approval)	500	500	0	0.0%
De-Delegated Items (Maintained Schools Only)	2,569	2,169	400	18.4%
Central Duties to Maintained Schools	629	629	0	0.0%
National & Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR)	3,126	2,957	169	5.7%
Individual School Budgets (ISBs)	159,190	149,182	10,008	6.7%
Grants rolled into 24-25 baseline		11,300	(11,300)	(100.0%)
Total Schools Block	166,849	167,518	(669)	(0.4%)

*Subject to decisions taken at this meeting of schools forum, £2.569m is the highest de-delegation would be based on the possible options consulted upon.

- 2.2 The schools block figures for 2025/26 include 3 rolled-in grants, which include Teacher's Pay Additional Grant (TPAG), Teacher's Pension Employer Contribution Grant (TPECG) and Core Schools Budget Grant (CSBG).
- 2.3 Pupils numbers have decreased by 223 overall ; (286 in maintained schools, offset by an increase of 63 in academies. This excludes the loss of 130 pupils as a result of the closure of Stanford Primary.

- 2.4 The area cost adjustment (ACA) has reduced from 1.14748 in 2024/25 to 1.14507 this year, a reduction of 0.00241.

Growth/Falling Rolls Fund

- 2.5 There is no separate growth/falling rolls fund this year as outlined in the summary. Schools with deficits resulting from falling pupil numbers may be eligible for consideration of limited support from the Schools in Challenging Circumstances Fund. Block Transfers
- 2.6 For 2025/26 Merton will propose to transfer £834k from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block (£781k in 2024/25). This represents 0.5% of the Schools Block allocation and will be used to fund the growing cost pressure of increased pupils with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities in mainstream schools with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs).

Decision (b)

Schools' Forum approves the transfer of £834k (0.5%) from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block for 2025/26. Following the consultation with schools, 100% of respondents approved the estimated transfer from the schools block to the High Needs Block.

- 2.7 As reported to Schools' Forum on 13th November 2024, and in support of the DfE Safety Valve plan to address the recovery of the cumulative DSG deficit, it was proposed to top slice £500k from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in support of continued SEN pressures. The disapplication request was submitted to the Secretary of State (SOS) on 8th October 2024 and remains subject to approval.

Decision (c)

Schools' Forum approves the dis-application request of £500k from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2025/26, subject to SOS approval.

De-delegation

- 2.8 The total de-delegated budget for 2025/26 is £2.569m (based on the most expensive options consulted upon). All de-delegated budgets shown in table 3 below have been set based on the categories discussed at Schools' Forum on the 13th November 2024. Table 3 details the total allocation for de-delegated services, as well as the unit cost for each of these services for 2025/26 if the most expensive options are selected. Each phase and line by line must be agreed by maintained schools' representatives on Schools' Forum, (not academies).

Table 3 - De-Delegated Budgets

Service	Sub-service	2025/26		2024/25		Measure	Primary / Secondary
		Budget £'000s	Unit Cost	Budget £'000s	Unit Cost		
Contingencies	*Schools in Challenging Circumstances	700	£ 37.38	400	£ 21.26	NOR	P & S
	*Attain	100	£ 5.40	100	£ 5.31	NOR	P & S
	Tree Maintenance	65	£ 3.51	65	£ 3.45	NOR	P & S
Free school meals eligibility		40	£ 3.05	40	£ 2.99	NOR	P Only
Staff costs supply cover		770	£ 41.56	770	£ 40.92	NOR	P & S
Support to underperforming ethnic minority groups and bilingual learners		70	£ 14.63	70	£ 14.65	Low Prior Attainment	P & S
Behaviour support services		287	£ 59.99	287	£ 60.11	Low Prior Attainment	P & S
Additional school improvement services	*School Improvement Service	354	£ 28.98	254	£ 13.50	NOR	P & S
	Attendance	183	£ 9.88	183	£ 9.73	NOR	P & S
^Total		£2,569	£204	£2,169	£172		

* Please note that the data in this table has been created based on the most expensive choice for the sub-services where multiple options were provided. Therefore, this table displays the most expensive scenario and likely to change, depending on the de-delegation voting that takes place today.

^Please also note that these totals are inclusive of in-year academy converters.

Decision (d) (Maintained schools only)

Schools' Forum (maintained schools only) consider the consultation responses on de-delegation and agrees the items and values of de-delegation to be implemented for the budgets in 2025/26.

Local Authority statutory duties previously funded by the Education Service Grant (ESG)

2.9 In order to maintain the Local Authority's statutory central duties to Merton maintained schools (the services previously funded by the Education Service Grant (ESG), schools are required to make a contribution towards these services based on numbers on roll through the Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) factor (funded autumn numbers on roll for special schools).

2.10 For 2025/26, £629k is contributed from the Schools Block, while £21k comes from the High Needs Block for special schools (2024/25 budget split was £629k from the Schools' Block and £21k from the High Needs Block).

Decision (e)

Schools' Forum approves the contribution to responsibilities that local authorities hold for maintained schools of £650k (previously funded by ESG).

Individual Schools Budget share

- 2.11 The Individual Schools Budget (ISB) share (the total amount available to be paid to schools, academies, and free schools for 2025/26 as part of the Schools Block), is £159.190m. representing a -0.4% change in funding to schools. This change includes 3 rolled-in grants (TPAG, TPECG, CSBG), which were previously separate from the main allocations.
- 2.12 Individual School Budget shares for 2025/26 can be found in Appendix 1. The funding formula rates are attached in Appendix 2.

3 School Funding Formula Factors

- 3.1 The final attached allocations have been produced using the following approach:
- Primary AWPUS set as high as possible.
 - Both KS3 and KS4 AWPUS are lower than last year, on a like for like basis when rolled in grants are considered.
 - All other factors are set at the minimum level.
 - No growth/falling rolls fund is available
 - MFG has been set at 0%, which is the highest possible amount within the permissible range between -0.5% and 0%.
- 3.2 A summary of the NFF factors used can be found at Appendix 2.
- 3.3 The area cost adjustment (ACA) is also applied to uplift funding in line with local labour market costs. The ACA has reduced from 1.14748 in 2024/25 to 1.14507 this year, a reduction of 0.00241.
- 3.4 The minimum per pupil funding and the funding floor are applied to ensure that all schools attract at least the minimum level of per pupil funding through the formula and that all schools do not attract a decrease compared to their 2024-25 baseline pupil-led funding per pupil. The funding floor has been set at 0% for 2025-26.
- 3.5 The primary to secondary funding ratio is 1:1.32 in comparison of 1:1.33 for 2024/25.
- 3.6 These figures exclude the 6th Form funding which still needs to be provided by the ESFA and does not form part of the schools funding formula. It also excludes additional resource provision and individual pupil statement funding which forms part of the high needs block.
- 3.7 Pupil Premium funding is not included in these figures and the 2025/26 allocations will be provided separately when maintained schools are informed of their budgets on or before 28th February 2024.
- 3.8 **Rolled-in Grants (TPAG, TPECG and CSBG):** These have now been rolled into the DSG funding baseline for 2025/26 and no additional allocations will be made for 2025/26

Decision (f)

School Forum approves the APT 2025/26 in accordance with the Consultation exercise held during November/December 2024 of school budgets 2025/26 and to note that this is subject to ESFA data validation and checking and may be subject to minor change(s). Final approved APT and any changes will be reported to School Forum in March 2025.

4 Central Schools Services Block

4.1 The Central School Services Block (CSSB) was introduced in 2018/19 to fund local authorities for the statutory duties that they hold for both maintained schools and academies. The CSSB brings together:

- Residual funding for historic commitments, previously top-sliced from the Schools Block and now subject to savings/reductions each year.
- Funding for ongoing central functions, such as admissions, previously top- sliced from the Schools Block.
- Funding previously allocated through the retained duties element of the Education Services Grant (ESG).
- Table 4 below details 2024/25 budget allocation in comparison to 2025/26.

Table 4 - Central School Services Block (CSSB)

	2025/26	2024/25
Unit Cost - Funding per pupil (£s)	£ 47.41	£ 45.54
Pupil Count - NOR	23,704.00	24,048.50
Historic Commitment Funding (£s)	£ 54,328.00	£ 67,910.00
Total CSSB (£s)	£1,178,135	£1,163,079

4.2 Merton's Central Schools Services Block retained items are detailed in table 5 below.

Table 5 - Central School Services Block (CSSB)

	2025/26	2024/25
Description	£'000s	£'000s
Central licences and subscriptions	173	141
School admissions	311	311
Servicing of school forums	12	12
Prudential borrowing for schools	207	207
Statutory and regulatory duties LAs hold for all schools (including academies & free schools)	395	412
Teachers' Pay Grant (TPG) and Teachers' Pension Employer Contribution Grant (TPECG)	80	80
Total Schools Block	£1,178	£1,163

Decision (g)

Schools Forum approves the Central Services School Block budgets for 2025/26.

5. High Needs Block

- 5.1 The high needs funding system is designed to support a continuum of provision for pupils and students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) from their early years to age 25 and Alternative Provision for compulsory school age.
- 5.2 Funding to institutions from the High Needs Block is allocated within the ‘place plus’ funding approach. The base funding (“place funding”) is given to local authorities to commission to institutions for them to provide places on an on-going basis. This is supplemented with “top-up funding” which allows individual pupils and students to receive educational support. The top-up funding provided to local authorities includes funding for central services or statutory duties to support high- cost places.
- 5.3 Final allocations to these budgets will be confirmed at the forthcoming SEND review meeting.
- 5.4 Although Merton was previously requested by DfE to model the high needs block increasing by 7% in 2025/26 for the most recent round of safety value monitoring, the DSG allocations subsequently published for 2025/26 show only a 5.8% increase in the high needs block.

Mainstream settings and SEN

- 5.5 Schools are expected to contribute the first £6,000 of additional educational support for High Needs pupils and students in mainstream settings before additional SEN funding. This additional support is for a provision over and above the standard offer of teaching and learning for all pupils or students in a setting. Pre-16, schools and academies will continue to receive a clearly identified ‘notional’ SEN budget from which to make this contribution. Merton will provide this budget for maintained schools, whilst the ESFA will provide it for academies. The notional SEN will comprise three elements as detailed below in table 6 from the schools block formula.

Table 6 - Notional Formula Factor

	APT Allocation	2025/26	2025/26 Notional Budget
	£'000s	%	£'000s
AWPU Allowance	124,347	2.5%	3,109
Deprivation (FSM & IDACI)	16,914	10.0%	1,691
Low cost, high incidence SEN (Low Prior Attainment)	9,256	100.0%	9,256
Total	£150,516		£14,056

- 5.6 The total notional SEN budget included within the formula is £14.056m for 2025/26

(£13.734m 2024/25) and should be used to support all pupils with low cost, high incidence SEN, as well as for the first £6,000 support for pupils with EHCPs.

- 5.7 The notional allocation is only a guide, and schools are expected to set their budgets in such a way as to meet the needs of all their pupils, including those with additional needs, within the resources available.
- 5.8 Early Years settings with SEN children are funded differently from mainstream schools at SEN support, as all funding is child led. All children whose places are funded through the Early Years Dedicated School Grant (EYDSG) (school nursery classes and Private Voluntary and Independent (PVI)) receive their SEN funding as described in the separate Early Years report.
- 5.9 As part of the consultation with schools and academies for 2025/26 96% of respondents approved the budget £350k (2024/25 £350k) to pay outside of the school formula funding in supporting schools with high numbers of SEN pupils recorded on census. Calculations in 2025/26 will be based upon affordability and percentage applied.
- 5.10 Merton's basic EHCP funding will be kept the same as in 2024/25 and is detailed in the table 7 below.

Table 7 - EHCP Funding Bands

	Reception Onwards		2, 3 and 4 Year Olds			
			Universal Entitlement		Extended Entitlement	
Band 1	Part of notional £6,000 SEN funding		Part of SEN support funding		Part of SEN support funding	
Band 2	£ 5,805	£ 5,805	£ 5,903	£ 5,903	£ 9,739	£ 9,739
Band 3	£ 7,983	£ 7,983	£ 6,992	£ 6,992	£ 11,536	£ 11,536
Band 4	£ 10,160	£ 10,160	£ 8,080	£ 8,080	£ 13,332	£ 13,332
Band 5	£ 12,338	£ 12,338	£ 9,169	£ 9,169	£ 15,129	£ 15,129

- 5.11 The band amounts shown for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds are inclusive, and represent the total funds that a setting will receive. This amount is funded from two sources: the EYDSG and the "top-up" from the High Needs Block (HNB). For children taking up the extended entitlement the EHCP is not transferable and therefore a child can only access one provision. On this basis, the extended hours EHCP is funded at 60%.

Special Schools

- 5.12 Special schools will continue to receive a base level of funding on the basis of an agreed number of planned places, commissioned at £10,000 per place. Top-up funding above this level will be commissioned by the LA for 2025/26 as in previous years.
- 5.13 Since 2021/22 and the introduction of funding in support of the Teachers' Pay Grant (TPG) and Teachers' Pension Employer Contribution Grant (TPECG) an additional £660 per place will be paid to specialist SEN settings, including Alternative Provision (AP) in support of the TPG and TPECG that was previously paid outside of the DSG in a grant. There is a minimum place setting of 40 for this additional grant funding as designated by the DfE.
- 5.14 The total for special settings includes the school budgets for Cricket Green, Perseid,

and Melrose Special School.

Additional Resource Provisions (ARPs)

- 5.15 Places in special units and resourced provision attracts a base level of funding of either £6,000 (occupied) or £10,000 (empty) per place, depending on whether a place was occupied or empty at the time of the October census. Each child will also receive a 'top-up' element of funding. Current settings and place numbers as reported in the APT are:

Table 8 - HN ARPs & Units Numbers

School Name	N.o. Pre-16 SEN Places		Increase / (Decrease)
	2025/26	2024/25	
Hatfeild Primary School	22	24	(2)
West Wimbledon Primary School	50	48	2
Cranmer Primary School	24	24	0
*Liberty Primary	24	24	0
Wimbledon Chase Primary School	16	16	0
Ricards Lodge High School	10	10	0
Raynes Park High School	27	27	0
Rutlish School	10	10	0
Harris Primary Academy Merton	22	22	0
Total	205	205	0

*Please note that the previous year figures for Liberty Primary were the children that were previously placed at Stanford Primary, which has now closed.

- 5.16 Where numbers have decreased due to a setting closure, additional places will be commissioned in another school, and place plus top-up funding will be adjusted to reflect the recommissioned places within the high needs budget. Any additional top-up funding banding will be agreed by the Special Schools and ARP Funding Panel.

Pupil Referral Unit

- 5.17 The PRU (Canterbury Campus) will receive a base level of funding of £10,000 per commissioned place. Top-up funding above this level is set at £6,800 (total place plus top-up is £16,800 per place). The medical PRU is funded differently.
- 5.18 Mainstream schools and Academies have important commissioning responsibilities with regards to pupils of compulsory school age who are placed in Alternative Provision (AP) for the purpose of early intervention or as a result of fixed-term exclusion. In such instances they are responsible for paying top-up funding to the AP settings in which they place pupils.
- 5.19 Alternative education and medical service provision are also delivered through Merton's PRU (Canterbury and Lavender campuses).

- 5.20 The exclusion process involves a deduction of Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU), using national criteria and a local agreement, meaning that each school will pay £3,000 per excluded pupil and receive £3,000 for a re-integrated pupil. This agreement is between all secondary maintained schools and academies and will continue in 2025/26.

Centrally retained funding for Commissioned Services

- 5.21 The Local Authority centrally retain these services to deliver direct services or procure services from external providers to ensure the most economic use of resources. The following table (9) identifies these services:

Table 9 - Centrally retained funding for Commissioned Services

Service
Cost of Merton pupils in other LA maintained schools
Cost to other LAs for their children in Merton maintained schools
Merton academies (individual SEN EHCPs)
Sensory team
Schools' standards quality core offer
Language and learning therapy
Other non-maintained school related costs
Behaviour support
Education welfare
SEN referral and early help 0-25 team
Vulnerable children's education
Social inclusion
Merton Autism Outreach Service (MAOS)
SEN support
Therapy in special schools
Independent hospital provision
Portage
Independent Providers
Independent Residential placements
Post 16 providers (FE & ISP)

- 5.22 Of the centrally retained services funding, Merton has tried to limit cost pressures as far as possible. The increase in number of EHCPs has however resulted in major cost pressure on independent, residential placements and out-of-borough provision.
- 5.23 The growth received on the HNB is not sufficient to cover the rising cost pressures. For 2025/26 the growth will be allocated against various budgets with known pressures to address the expected overspends, but still leaves a shortfall to meet growth and demand and cost-effective savings to achieve a balanced budget and within the delivery of the Safety Valve agreement.

Post 16 Further Education (FE) College and Independent Specialist Provider (ISP) funding

- 5.24 The funding in this area relates to high level SEN costs for young people aged over 16 in Further Education (FE) colleges and Independent Specialist Providers (ISPs). The responsibility for these payments transferred to Local Authorities within the Children and Families Act 2013 with statutory educational responsibility for young people up to

the age of 25.

Centrally retained funding for special schools

- 5.25 This includes the funding for centrally provided services for the special schools, similar to de-delegated budgets held for the maintained primary and secondary schools. The services available are detailed in Table 9.

Table 10 - Centrally retained funding for Special Schools

Service	Total Budget £s
School Meals Subsidy	2,000
Schools in Challenging Circumstances	10,000
Parenting and TU cover	17,017
Support to underperforming ethnic minority groups and bilingual learners	2,000
Tree work	2,000
Behaviour Support	5,000
School Improvement	4,000
Attain	2,000
Total	44,017

Central Duties to maintained schools

- 5.26 In order to maintain the statutory central duties to Merton maintained schools (the services previously funded by the Education Service Grant (ESG)); schools are required to make a contribution towards these services based on numbers on roll through the AWPU factor (top-up NOR for special schools).
- 5.27 For 2025/26 £629k is contributed from the Schools' Block while £21k comes from the High Needs Block for special schools (same contribution for 2024/25).

Transfers from other blocks

- 5.28 For 2025/26 Merton will transfer £834k from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block (£781k in 2024/25). This represents 0.5% of the Schools Block allocation and will be used to continue to fund the growing cost pressure of SEN within the DSG.
- 5.29 A disapplication request has been submitted to the Secretary of State (SoS) on 8th October 2024 to transfer an additional £500k (cash) from the schools block to the high needs block.

Recommendation (h)

Schools' Forum to comment and note the budget setting of the High Needs Block for 2025/26.

DSG Safety Valve

- 5.30 Due to the ongoing cost pressures within the High Needs Block, Merton's reported cumulative DSG deficit at the end of 2023/24 was £41.243m, with the latest monitoring return to DfE submitted on 27th November 2024 forecasting this increasing to £54.041m by the end of the current financial year, 2024/25. Ongoing pressures,

including our continued, relatively high number of EHCPs and the impact of inflation on non-maintained independent placement costs; means that this pressure is expected to continue to grow.

- 5.31 After acceptance of the DfE Safety Valve Programme in January 2022, Merton continues to address the HNB deficit robustly, through the DfE Safety Valve actions, which are considered by the DSG deficit subgroup of the Schools' Forum.
- 5.32 As part of the Safety Valve agreement, whilst we continue to address the agreed actions, Merton receives funding from the DfE in support for the ongoing deficit of £1.675m in 2024/25 and £2.625m per year in 2025/26 and 2026/27. Quarterly reporting to the DfE, with regards to activity and progress towards bringing the DSG back into balance, is a requirement.

Recommendation (i)

Schools' Forum notes and comments on ongoing Safety Valve Programme.

6. Financial, resource and property implications

6.1 The financial implications are detailed in the main body of this report.

7. Legal and statutory implications

7.1 No legal implications at this stage.

8. Human rights, equalities and community cohesion implications

8.1 None at this stage.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1: Indicative ISB allocation

9.2 Appendix 2: 2025/26 APT funding formula rates

9.3 Appendix 3: Consultation responses

9.4 Appendix 4: Consultation comments

9.5 Appendix 5: Draft APT Proforma

10. Background Papers – the following documents have been relied on in drawing up this report but do not form part of the report:

10.1 Centrally held financial information and other papers held by the Finance & Digital Team.

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