

**TO: SCHOOLS FORUM
11 JANUARY 2024**

2024-25 PROPOSALS FOR THE EARLY YEARS BLOCK BUDGET

**Executive Director: People
Executive Director: Finance**

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek agreement from Schools Forum to proposals for the 2024-25 early years budgets, including the values to be attributed to the Bracknell Forest Council Early Years Funding Formula and proposals to support schools with the costs of early years teachers following the September 2023 teachers pay award.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

That Schools Forum considers the council's proposals for allocating funds to schools to contribute to the cost of the September 2023 Teachers' Pay Award and AGREES:

- 2.1 **A fixed lump sum payment of £1,489.12 to each eligible provider for the period September 2023 to 31 March 2024 (point 5.1).**
- 2.2 **A fixed lump sum payment of £3,500 to each eligible provider for the 2024-25 financial year (points 5.3 to 5.5).**

That Schools Forum considers the early years budget proposal from the council and AGREES:

- 2.3 **That for the 2024-25 financial year the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Learning sets:**
- i. **The early years dedicated schools grant (DSG) income budget at £15.149m (Table 2)**
 - ii. **The funding rates in the early years funding formula are as set out in Tables 3, 4 and 5**
 - iii. **The proposed budgets as set out in Annex 2**
- 2.4 **That Schools Forum notes the Council's plan to consult with childminders on the introduction of monthly payments from April 2024, as set out in points 5.32 to 5.34.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The proposals have taken account of views of providers, local priorities and estimated levels of available resources.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None. The proposals reflect current operational guidance and the overall affordability within the financial settlement allocated by the Government.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Proposals for allocating funds to providers to contribute to costs arising from the September 2023 Teachers' pay award

- 5.1 In recognition that the September 2023 Teachers' pay award of 6.5% was above the expected level and placed additional cost pressures on providers employing teachers' the DfE have allocated additional funds to LAs to pass on to providers. Funding for 2023-24 is through a new grant, for 2024-25, the DSG includes additional funds for this purpose. Proposals from the council are set out below which the Forum is recommended to agree.
- 5.2 For 2023-24, the council is proposing that:
- i. In line with the government's announcement of supporting schools with the costs of the September 2023 teachers pay award, this funding is allocated to schools only
 - ii. All schools in Bracknell Forest with a nursery class in the autumn term 2023 will receive a one-off payment of £1,489.12 in the 2023 to 2024 financial year
- 5.3 In 2024 to 2025 the TP&P is allocated via the early years block of the DSG and equates to a notional funding rate for Bracknell Forest of £0.08, equivalent to a notional allocation of £121,349.
- 5.4 The September 2023 teachers pay award is an increase of 6.5% to teachers pay. At main grade 6, and assuming oncosts of 30%, this equates to an annual increase of approximately £3,500.
- 5.5 For 2024-25, the Council is proposing that:
- i. A TP&P payment of £3,500 is paid to eligible schools in Bracknell Forest for the 2024 to 2025 financial year
 - ii. To be eligible for TP&P funding a school must meet both of the following criteria:
 - i) employ a teacher between 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, who directly delivers the EYFS to nursery age children for the majority of their day
 - ii) claim early years free entitlement funding for 3- and 4-year-olds
 - iii. Payment will be processed termly
 - iv. Funding will be paid pro rata for schools meeting eligibility criteria for part of the year
 - v. The balance of TP&P funding will be allocated via the base rate for 3- and 4-year-olds in the 2024-25 early years funding formula

2024-25 Budget Proposals

- 5.6 In March 2023 the Government announced changes to early years and childcare entitlements to support working parents. These changes include access to 30 hours of free childcare per week, for 38 weeks of the year, for working parents from when their child is 9 months old to when they start school.
- 5.7 The expansion of the entitlements will be implemented in phases, with children eligible for funding from the term after they reach the required age:
- i. the 15 hours entitlement over 38 weeks of the year (equivalent to 570 hours a year) for eligible working parents of 2-year-old children from 1 April 2024

- ii. the 15 hours entitlement over 38 weeks of the year (equivalent to 570 hours a year) for eligible working parents of children from 9 months to 2 years from 1 September 2024
 - iii. the 30 hours entitlement over 38 weeks of the year (equivalent to 1,140 hours a year) for working parents of children from 9 months to 3 years from 1 September 2025
- 5.8 In July 2023 the government announced funding to support schools with the September 2023 teachers pay award in the 2023 to 2024 and 2024 to 2025 financial years.
- i. For the 2023 to 2024 financial year £12.5m of funding has been provided to local authorities to support early years provision from September 2023, distributed via the early years teachers' pay additional grant (EY TPAG).
 - ii. For the 2024 to 2025 financial year £22.5m funding for teachers pay and pensions (TP&P) in early years will be provided to local authorities via the early years block of the dedicated schools grant
 - iii. It is for local authorities to determine the most appropriate way of allocating funding allocated for to support schools with the September 2023 teachers pay award
- 5.9 This report presents proposals on:
- i. Arrangements for the early years teachers' pay additional grant, which covers the period 1 September 2023 to 31 March 2024
 - ii. Arrangements for the teachers pay and pension in early years, which covers the 2024 to 2025 financial year
 - iii. The 2024 to 25 early years block element of dedicated schools grant that the Department for Education allocates to local authorities to fund provisions and support for children up to the age of 5. It covers:
 - i) the 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of children from 9 months to 2-year-olds (new entitlement from 1 September 2024)
 - ii) the 15 hours free entitlement for disadvantaged 2-year-olds
 - iii) the 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of 2-year-old children (new entitlement from April 2024)
 - iv) the universal 15 hours entitlement for all 3- and 4-year-olds
 - v) the additional 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of 3- and 4-year-olds
 - vi) the Early Years Pupil Premium
 - vii) the Disability Access Fund
 - viii) the Special Educational Needs Inclusion Fund
 - ix) other specialist and general support services

National Funding Framework

- 5.10 The Department for Education uses an early years national funding formula to distribute dedicated school grant income to local authorities. This formula sets out key requirements on local authorities in setting their early years block budgets. These requirements are:
- i. To develop and maintain a local early years funding formula in accordance with parameters set by the Department for Education, undertaking consultation with providers and the Schools Forum when any changes are proposed, the early years funding formula:
 - i) must include a single funding rate (including the same base rate and supplements) for both entitlements for 3- and 4-year-olds (that is, both the universal 15 hours, and the additional 15 hours for working parents)
 - ii) must include a funding rate for the 2-year-old working parent entitlement
 - iii) must include a funding rate for disadvantaged 2-year-olds that is at least equivalent to the total funding rate for the 2-year-old working parent entitlement
 - iv) must include a funding rate for the working parents of children aged 9 months up to 2 years.
 - v) must plan to pass on at least 95% of funding directly to providers – the “pass through rate”
 - vi) must use a universal base rate for each entitlement, paid at the same value to all providers
 - vii) must use a deprivation supplement to target additional funds to the providers admitting the most disadvantaged 3- and 4-year-old children
 - viii) For the 2-year-old entitlements and the entitlement for children aged 9 months up to 2 years old, the funding formula should reflect the additional costs of supporting children from disadvantaged backgrounds
 - ix) can include other discretionary supplements, which the Department for Education restricts to rurality / sparsity, flexibility of provision, English as a second language and quality of provision
 - x) supplements selected by a Local Authority can generally use any measure of eligibility, provided it is applied equally to all providers in a transparent and fair way
 - xi) must not allocate more than 12% of funding through supplements
 - ii. That a Special Educational Needs Inclusion Fund (SENIF) should be created to support all children taking up the entitlements with lower level or emerging Special Educational Needs
 - iii. Required to pass on the Early Years Pupil Premium to providers to support eligible disadvantaged children
 - iv. Required to pass on Disability Access Funding to providers to support disabled children’s access to the entitlements

Provisional estimate of early years block dedicated schools grant income

- 5.11 In the summer 2023 the government consulted on the proposed approach to distributing entitlements funding for 2-year-olds and under from 2024-25, this included changes to the early years national funding formula and operational guidance to local authorities.

- 5.12 The consultation response¹ was published alongside the 2024-25 funding rates², and the 2024-25 operational guidance for local authorities³ on 29 November 2023. Annex 1 sets out the main changes in the consultation response.
- 5.13 From April 2024-25 each local authority will receive an early years funding rate for each of the entitlements; 3- and 4-year-olds, 2-year-olds (covering both the working parent entitlement and disadvantaged 2 year old entitlement) and under 2's.
- 5.14 Bracknell Forest will receive an increase in the 3- and 4-year-old funding rate of £0.39. The national funding rate for early years pupil premium (EYPP) will increase by £0.02 per hour and the disability access fund (DAF) will increase by £51.08 per year.

Table 1 sets out the change in funding rates. Funding rates for 2023-24 are inclusive of the early years supplementary grant.

Table 1: Change to Early Years Funding received by BFC

	2023-24	2024-25	Change
Under 2's	n/a	£13.06	-
2-year old's	n/a	£9.63	-
3- & 4-year old's	£6.14	£6.53	6.4%
EYPP	£0.66	£0.68	3.0%
DAF	£858.92	£910	5.9%

- 5.15 To ensure that every local authority receives an increase in their hourly funding rate, the DfE has introduced funding protections that limit increases to fund top ups that are required to local authorities that would otherwise receive reduced funding. All local authorities therefore receive a minimum increase in their hourly funding rate of 1%, with gains in 3- and 4-year-old funding capped at 5%.
- 5.16 The Bracknell Forest funding rate for 3- and 4-year-olds in 2024-2025 includes a notional funding rate for the TP&P of £0.08 per hour. This notional funding rate is applied after the application of the 5% funding cap. Therefore, although the Bracknell Forest funding rate for 3- and 4-year-olds in 2024-25 is subject to the 5% cap, the published funding rate is 6.4% higher than the 2023-24 funding rate.
- 5.17 Without the gains cap, funding for 3- and 4-year-olds in Bracknell Forest would have been set at £6.57 per hour, £0.04 higher than the capped rate. This would have represented a 7% increase in funding.
- 5.18 To reflect potential fluctuation in take-up of the entitlements, and therefore costs, the Department for Education uses 2 census points to calculate each Local Authorities Early Years Block Dedicated Schools Grant income. January 2024 part-time equivalent actual head count data of eligible children is used to calculate the first 5 months of the financial year from April to August 2024; with the equivalent January 2025 data used to fund the 7 months from September 2024 to March 2025.

¹ [Early years funding – extension of the entitlements - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/early-years-funding-extension-of-the-entitlements)

² [Early years funding: 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/early-years-funding-2024-to-2025)

³ [Early years entitlements: local authority funding operational guide 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/early-years-entitlements-local-authority-funding-operational-guide-2024-to-2025)

- 5.19 Using this methodology, the earliest point the DfE could collect data for the 2 new working parent entitlements is January 2025. Therefore, to make allocations for local authorities as accurate as possible, the basis for funding allocations for these new working parent entitlements in 2024 to 2025 will be as follows:
- i. Indicative allocations will be based on the Department for Education's estimated take-up numbers for the new working entitlements
 - ii. Final allocation will be adjusted on the basis of actual take-up for each term, collected through 2 additional headcounts in the 2024 summer and autumn terms and the January 2025 census
- 5.20 The forecast income and expenditure for the expanded entitlements provided below is based on Department for Education estimates of the number of children likely to take up the expanded entitlements. These estimates have been tested against available local data and are considered reasonable. However, as forecasts are based on untested estimates there is a risk that take up and therefore income is lower than anticipated. The DfE's proposal for data collection as set out in point 5.19 and the Council's conservative approach to setting the early years block budget for 2024-25 should mitigate this risk.
- 5.21 Table 2 below provides a summary of the £15.149m anticipated early years block dedicated schools grant income for 2024-25 and Annex 2 provides a more detailed breakdown of the calculation. The calculation uses January 2023 actual part-time equivalent data as a proxy for likely take up of the 3- and 4-year-old entitlements in the 2024-25 financial year and the Department for Education's estimated take-up numbers for the 2 new working entitlements, so represents an estimate.

Table 2: Forecast early years block income 2024-25

Item	Estimated amount
Funding for 3- & 4-year-olds: universal 15 hours	£6,427,025
Funding for 3- & 4-year-olds: extended 30 hours for working parents	£3,018,623
Sub Total: 3- & 4-year-olds	£9,445,648
Funding for 2-year-olds	£3,670,945
Funding for under 2's	£1,868,048
Funding for Early Years Pupil Premium	£98,447
Funding for Disability Access Fund	£66,430
Total	£15,149,517

Proposals for the 2024-25 early years block budget

- 5.22 The funding framework requires local authorities to consult with providers and Schools Forum when changes are proposed to the local early years funding formula. Due to the timing of the publication of the guidance and funding rates, there is insufficient time to consult providers on changes to the Bracknell Forest early years funding formula for the 2024-25 financial year. Proposals therefore extend the current funding formula for 3- and 4-year-olds to the 2 new working parent entitlements.
- 5.23 The proposal to extend the funding formula for 3- and 4-year-olds across all age groups for the 2024-25 early years block budget was presented to the Early Years Forum on 30 November 2023. The Early Years Forum supported the proposal.

- 5.24 Budget proposals for 2024-25 reflect the DfE funding settlement and are informed by feedback from the Early Years Forum.
- 5.25 The proposals maximise the allocation of funding through the Basic rate and are based on DfE estimates for the number of under 3's accessing the entitlements.
- 5.26 Where changes to the percentage of funding allocated to a component of the early years funding formula are proposed, the 2023-24 figure is inclusive of the early years supplementary grant.
- 5.27 All proposals will be with effect from April 2024. The proposals are:
1. The components of the Early Years Funding Formula for 2023-24 as shown in Annex 3 are retained for 2024-25 and are extended to include the 2 new working parent entitlements.
 2. The Basic rate for 3- and 4-year-olds paid to providers will increase from £5.48 to £5.85. The funding allocated to the Basic rate for 3- and 4-year-olds will increase from 94.5% to 95% of the total funds for 3- and 4-year-olds allocated to providers through the Early Years Funding Formula.
 3. The Basic rate for 2-year-olds paid to providers is set at £8.49. The funding allocated to the Basic rate for 2-year-olds is set at 95% of the total funds allocated for 2-year-olds to providers through the Early Years Funding Formula.
 4. The Basic rate for under 2's paid to providers is set at £11.51. The funding allocated to the Basic rate for under 2's is set at 95% of the total funds allocated for under 2's to providers through the Early Years Funding Formula.
 5. The rate for the EYPP element of the deprivation supplement will decrease from £2.02 to £2.00. The funding allocated to the EYPP element of the deprivation supplement will decrease from 2.2% to 2% of the total funds allocated to providers through the Early Years Funding Formula.
 6. The rate for the IDACI element of the deprivation supplement will remain unchanged at £0.16 for band 1 and £0.32 for band 2. The funding allocated to the IDACI element of the deprivation supplement will decrease from 1.6% to 1.5% of the total funds allocated to providers through the Early Years Funding Formula.
 7. The rate for the quality supplement will remain unchanged at £0.14. The funding allocated to the quality supplement will decrease from 1.7% to 1.5% of the total funds allocated to providers through the Early Years Funding Formula.
 8. The funding allocated to the Early Years Special Education Needs Inclusion Fund and Provider Contingency will remain unchanged at 1.2% of the total funds allocated to providers.
 9. Funding allocated to TP&P in early years is set at £59,500 or 0.63% of the total funds allocated to providers.
 10. The pupil premium rate will increase from £0.66 to £0.68.
 11. The Disability Access Fund rate will increase from £858.92 to £910.
 12. 4.69% of total income to be centrally managed by the Council.
- 5.28 Tables 3, 4 and 5 below set out the proposed 2024-25 Early Years Funding Formula for each entitlement and the associated provider rates.

Table 3: Summary of the proposed 2024-25 Early Years Funding Formula for 3- and 4-year-olds

EYFF Element	Weighting	Proposed hourly funding rate	% total EY funding
Deprivation Supplement	1.5% via IDACI element scores of children attending setting. Band 2	£0.32	
	Band 1	£0.16	
	2.0% via child eligibility to EYPP universal hours	£1.32	
	additional hours	£2.00	
Quality Supplement	1.5% of EYFF via setting leadership qualification Level 5 and above	£0.14	
Uniform Base Rates	95% of EYFF	£5.85	
	Indicative EYFF average provider rate	£6.15	92.2%
	Teachers Pay & Pension	£0.04	0.6%
	Average SEN funding	£0.08	1.2%
	Average contingency funding	£0.08	1.2%
	Subtotal to providers (average)	£6.22	95.3%
	Average BFC funding (5%) max	£0.31	4.7%
	Indicative funding 3- and 4-year-olds	£6.53	100%

Table 4: Summary of the proposed 2024-25 Early Years Funding Formula for 2-year-olds

EYFF Element	Weighting	Proposed hourly funding rate	% total EY funding
Deprivation Supplement	1.5% via average IDACI scores of children attending setting. Band 2 Band 1	£0.32 £0.16	
	2.0% via child eligibility to EYPP	£1.38	
Quality Supplement	1.5% of EYFF via setting leadership qualification Level 5 and above	£0.14	
Uniform Base Rates	95% of EYFF	£8.49	
	Indicative EYFF average provider rate	£8.94	92.9%
	Average SEN funding	£0.12	1.2%
	Average contingency funding	£0.12	1.2%
	Subtotal to providers (average)	£9.18	95.3%
	Average BFC funding (5%) max	£0.45	4.7%
	Indicative funding 2-olds	£9.63	100%

5.29 Due to the change in the early years national funding formula, the Base 2-year-old funding rate for 2024-25 is not directly comparable to the funding rate for disadvantage 2 years olds in 2023-24 of £9.38. While the rate for 2-year-olds in 2024-25 of £8.49 appears to be a reduction in funding for 2-year-olds, the extension of the Early Years Pupil Premium across all age groups will result in 2-year-olds eligible for EYPP receiving the deprivation supplement of £2.00, increasing the funding rate paid for disadvantaged 2-year-olds to £10.49.

Table 5: Summary of the proposed 2024-25 Early Years Funding Formula for under 2's

EYFF Element	Weighting	Proposed hourly funding rate	% total EY funding
Deprivation Supplement	1.5% via average IDACI scores of children attending setting. Band 2	£0.32	
	Band 1	£0.16	
	2.0% via child eligibility to EYPP	£1.38	
Quality Supplement	1.5% of EYFF via setting leadership qualification Level 5 and above	£0.14	
Uniform Base Rates	95% of EYFF	£11.51	
	Indicative EYFF average provider rate	£12.12	92.9%
	Average SEN funding	£0.16	1.2%
	Average contingency funding	£0.16	1.2%
	Subtotal to providers (average)	£12.45	95.3%
	Average BFC funding (5%) max	£0.61	4.7%
	Indicative funding under 2's	£13.06	100%

5.30 Funded hours data for 3-and 4-year-olds for the 2023 calendar year was used to compare the impact of the proposed 2024-25 Early Years Funding Formula to the current Early Years Funding formula on forecast provider income, with the following highlight changes:

- i. 2 (2%) providers will see increased income of up to 2%.
- ii. 5 (4%) providers will see increased income of between 4% and 6%
- iii. 11 (8%) providers will see increased income of between 6% and 8%
- iv. 19 (15%) providers will see increased income of between 8% and 10%
- v. 94 (72%) providers will see increased income of more than 10%

This forecast is based on 131 providers funded in the 2023-24 financial year.

5.31 The increase in 2023-24 funding rates via the Early Years Supplementary Grant did not apply to the summer term 2023. This is evident in the substantial number of providers who are forecast to see increased income of over 10% in 2024-25.

Monthly free entitlement payments for childminders

5.32 The expansion of the free entitlements to children of eligible working parents from the age of 9 months will result in many early years providers receiving most of their income via the free entitlements. The Council has considered the impact of this

change on early years providers income, on childminders in particular and on advice from the Government and believes that it is appropriate to consult with childminders on the introduction of monthly payments for the early years entitlements.

- 5.33 A childminder monthly payments working group met with the Council in the autumn term to discuss the options and challenges of monthly payments. Feedback from these discussions will inform the proposals for a consultation with all childminders which will take place in the spring term.
- 5.34 The outcome of the consultation will be presented to School Forum in March 2024, with any changes to payments for childminders implemented in April 2024.

Next Steps

- 5.35 The Early Years Block budget proposal for 2024-25 will be presented to the Executive member for approval in March 2024.
- 5.36 Providers will be notified of indicative funding rates for 2024-25 in January 2024, and funding rates for 2024-25 will be confirmed in March 2024.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The legal issues are addressed within the report. Local authorities should follow the *Early Years Entitlement: local authority funding of providers operational guide 2024 to 2025*, when setting the local funding formula. In setting the funding formula local authorities must consult the Schools Forum on changes to local early years funding formulas. The proposals put forward in this report seeks the agreement of the Schools Forum together with agreement on the teachers pay award.

Executive Director of Resources

- 6.2 The financial implications anticipated from the report are set out in the supporting information.

Impact Assessment

- 6.3 No Equalities Impact Assessment is required as the proposed changes implement statutory guidance which includes eligibility criteria.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 Lower than forecast take up of the expanded entitlements will reduce income to the Council but will be offset by reduced expenditure to early years providers.
- 6.5 If actual take up of the expanded entitlements is higher than the level forecast by the DfE there is a risk that there will be insufficient capacity to meet the needs of working parents and the Council will not meet its statutory duty. Work to better understand and mitigate this risk will be undertaken in the Spring term.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.6 The recommendations from this report are not expected to have an impact on emissions of carbon dioxide.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/718179/Early_education_and_childcare-statutory_guidance.pdf

Early education and childcare statutory guidance for local authorities - June 2018

[Early years funding – extension of the entitlements - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
Early years funding – extension of the entitlements: response to consultation

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/656638f3750074000d1ded9a/20231127_Early_Years_Funding_Rates_and_Step-by-step_Calculations_2024_to_2025_Funding_Output_Tables_-_FINAL.xlsx
Early years funding rates and step-by-step calculations 2024 to 2025

[Early years entitlements: local authority funding operational guide 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Early years entitlements: local authority funding of providers operational guide 2024 to 2025

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Early Years Funding changes for 2024 to 2025

The government's response to the [consultation](#) was published on 29 November 2023 and with significant changes necessary to implement the proposals set out in that response incorporated into the Early years entitlements: local authority funding operational guide 2024 to 2025

The main changes to the guidance are:

- introduction of a new national funding formula (NFF) covering both the existing 2-year-old entitlement for disadvantaged children and new working parent entitlements to be introduced in 2024 to 2025 for 2-year-olds and children aged 9 months to 2 years
- new methodology for funding allocations for the new working parent entitlements for 2-year-old children and children aged 9 months to 2 years old for 2024 to 2025
- extending the 95% pass-through requirement to the disadvantaged 2-year-old entitlement and the new working parent entitlements
- extending local funding rules to the disadvantaged 2-year-old entitlement and the new working parent entitlements
- a requirement for local authorities to have a disadvantaged 2-year-old rate that is at least equal to their rate for 2-year-old children of working parents
- new deprivation supplement arrangements for the disadvantaged 2-year-old entitlement and the new working parent entitlements
- confirming the expectation that local authorities have special educational needs inclusion funds (SENIFs) for all children with special educational needs (SEN) eligible for or taking up the new and existing entitlements, regardless of the number of hours taken
- extending eligibility for EYPP and DAF to eligible children aged 2 years old and under accessing the entitlements from 2024 to 2025, and increases to the value of both funding streams
- extending the facility to apply for a disapplication from the 95% pass through rule to the disadvantaged 2-year-old entitlement and the new working parent entitlements, and changes to the criteria against which a disapplication will be considered

Proposed 2024-25 EY Budgets

2024-25 EY Budget	3 and 4 year olds						2 year olds						Under 2's					
	Hourly funding rate	Funded hours per week	Funded weeks per year	Total funded hours	Total Funding	%	Hourly funding rate	Funded hours per week	Funded weeks per year	Total funded hours	Total Funding	%	Hourly funding rate	Funded hours per week	Funded weeks per year	Total funded hours	Total Funding	%
Forecast DSG funding from the DfE:																		
15 hours free entitlement funding forecast	£6.53	15	38	984,230	£6,427,025													
30 hours free entitlement funding forecast	£6.53	15	38	462,270	£3,018,623		£9.63	15	38	381,199	£3,670,945		£13.06	15	38	143,036	£1,868,048	
Total BFC estimate of EY DSG funding	£6.53			1,446,500	£9,445,648		£9.63			381,199	£3,670,945		£13.06			143,036	£1,868,048	
2023-24 rate	£6.14						n/a*						n/a*					
Change	£0.39	6.4%					n/a*	n/a*					n/a*	n/a*				
For allocation through the EY Funding Formula (notional split by supplement):																		
Basic rate	£5.85	95.0%	of allocated funds		£8,277,039		£8.49	95.0%	of allocated funds		£3,238,747		£11.51	95.0%	of allocated funds		£1,648,113	
Deprivation supplement (average)	£0.21	3.5%	of allocated funds		£304,944		£0.31	3.5%	of allocated funds		£119,322		£0.42	3.5%	of allocated funds		£60,720	
Quality (average)	£0.09	1.5%	of allocated funds		£130,690		£0.13	1.5%	of allocated funds		£51,138		£0.18	1.5%	of allocated funds		£26,023	
Total BFC estimate of EY Funding Formula allocatic	£6.15	(average)			£8,712,673	92.2%	£8.94	(average)			£3,409,207	92.9%	£12.12	(average)			£1,734,856	92.9%
2023-24 rate	£5.78						n/a*						n/a*					
Change	£0.37	6.4%					n/a*	n/a*					n/a*	n/a*				
Funding to be managed by the Council																		
<i>Outside the 5% cap of EY Funding Formula:</i>																		
SEN Inclusion Fund	£0.08	1.2%	of total available funds		£115,237		£0.12	1.2%	of total available funds		£44,786		£0.16	1.2%	of total available funds		£22,790	
Teacher Pay & Pension	£0.04	0.6%	of total available funds		£59,500													
Provider Contingency	£0.08	1.2%	of total available funds		£115,237		£0.12	1.2%	of total available funds		£44,786		£0.16	1.2%	of total available funds		£22,790	
					£289,974	3.1%					£89,571	2.4%					£45,580	2.4%
Total within the 95% allocation to providers - the "Pass through rate"					£9,002,647	95.3%					£3,498,778	95.3%					£1,780,436	95.3%

Proposed 2024-25 EY Budgets

	3 and 4 year olds					2 year olds					Under 2's				
* New entitlements - no comparative rates for 2023-24 <i>Inside the 5% cap of EY Funding Formula:</i>															
BFC Services	£0.31	4.7% of total available funds				£0.45	4.7% of total available funds				£0.61	4.7% of total available funds			
Outreach to parents					£68,982					£41,414				£20,804	
Professional support to providers					£146,802					£57,107				£28,791	
Business support to providers					£66,871					£26,014				£13,115	
Free entitlement systems and software					£42,268					£16,443				£8,290	
Management of the EY Funding Formula					£84,905					£14,357				£7,238	
Expansion implementation					£33,173					£16,834				£9,374	
Total BFC estimate of funding to be managed by the Council					£443,001					£172,168				£87,612	
					4.7%					4.7%				4.7%	
Total BFC estimate of EY funding					£9,445,648					£3,670,946				£1,868,048	
					100.0%					100.0%				100.0%	
Other Income															
Early Years Pupil Premium	£0.68	15	38	89,199	£60,656	£0.68	15	38	52,930	£35,993	£0.68	15	38	2,645	£1,798
Ring fenced Disability Access Fund		£910	per PTE	56.00	£50,960		£910	per PTE	12.00	£10,920		£910	per PTE	5.00	£4,550
Total anticipated															
Total anticipated income - DSG and other					£9,557,263					£3,717,858				£1,874,396	
Total anticipated income - all entitlements					£15,149,517										

Annex 3

Summary of the 2023-24 Bracknell Forest Early Years Funding Formula

EYFF Element	Weighting	Proposed hourly funding rate	% Total EY funding
Deprivation Supplement	1.6 % of EYFF via IDACI scores Average IDACI score of children attending setting.		
	Band 2	£0.32	
	Band 1	£0.16	
	2.2% of EYFF via child eligibility to EYPP	£1.38	
Quality Supplement	2.0% of EYFF via setting leadership qualification Level 5 and above	£0.14	
Uniform Base Rate	94.2% of EYFF	£5.48*	
	Indicative EYFF average provider rate	£5.78	92.9%
	Average SEN funding	£0.07	1.2%
	Average contingency funding	£0.07	1.2%
	Subtotal to providers	£5.63	95.3%
	Average BFC funding (5%) max	£0.28	4.7%
	Indicative funding 3- and 4-year-olds	£5.91	100%
	Provider funding rate for 2-year-olds	£9.38*	

*Includes the early years supplementary grant