

Briefing Note on the Final Local Government Settlement 2013/14

Revenue

Aggregate External Finance (AEF)

- Flintshire's AEF has decreased by £0.045m compared to the provisional settlement (from £199.651m to £199.606m) as detailed below:-

	£m
Transfers Into Settlement:	
<i>Increase in Post 16 SEN Special Schools Transfer</i>	0.013
Less Council Tax Support Scheme funding	(0.050)
Distributional Changes	<u>(0.008)</u>
Total	(0.045)

Standard Spending Assessment (SSA)

Flintshire's calculated SSA has decreased by £0.120m compared to the provisional settlement (from £259.255 to £259.135m)

Transfers into the Settlement

The transfers into the settlement remain the same as per the provisional settlement with the exception of an increase of £0.013m in relation to Post 16 SEN Special Schools.

Council Tax Support Scheme

This new responsibility has been confirmed with a revised amount identified of £8.773m, a reduction of £0.050m on the provisional settlement figure. The Minister has also announced in the Final Settlement an additional £4.6m of additional funding across Wales in the current financial year to assist local authorities with the costs of introducing this new scheme and to help mitigate the wider impact of welfare reforms. Work is underway to assess the specific implications for Flintshire of this complex area.

Specific Grants

Only limited information at an All Wales level has been received to date.

Outcome Agreement Grant

Flintshire's allocation is £1.465m, a reduction of £0.002m than at the provisional stage.

Regional Collaboration Fund

The Provisional Settlement advised that £10.174 million (All Wales) had been taken out of the settlement to form a new specific grant for regional collaboration. The Final Settlement advised of a North Wales indicative allocation of £2.293m and some guidance on eligibility criteria.

Capital

General Capital Funding

- Flintshire's general capital funding has reduced by £0.002m compared to the provisional settlement of £6.868m.

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