

F O R E W O R D

INTRODUCTION

1. The Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 provides the legislative basis for the Common Funding Scheme and the use of a single formula for consistent and equitable distribution of funds to all grant aided schools in Northern Ireland.
2. The application of formula funding through the Common Funding Scheme, and the delegation of financial and managerial responsibilities to Boards of Governors, are key elements in the Department of Education's overall policy to improve the quality of teaching and learning in schools by;
 - a) enabling Boards of Governors and Principals to plan and use resources (including their most valuable resource – their staff) to maximum effect in accordance with their own needs and priorities; and
 - b) making schools more responsive to parents, pupils, the local community and employers.
3. Grant-Maintained Integrated Schools receive their budgets as calculated under the Common Funding Formula from the Department. In line with schools in other sectors, they have access to central funds (excepted items) for specified purposes, including access to a Contingency Fund to which they can bid to meet certain exceptional and unavoidable costs.

PURPOSE OF OUTTURN STATEMENT

4. Under the Common Funding Scheme, each Funding Authority is required to prepare a statement after the end of each financial year containing information of expenditure by schools which it funds. In this context, the Department is the Funding Authority for Grant-Maintained Integrated Schools.
5. The publication of outturn statements at the end of the financial year allows actual net expenditure to be compared with budget allocations adjusted to include supplementary allocations and allocations from excepted items and contingency provision.

FORMAT AND CONTENT OF STATEMENTS

6. The outturn statement provides the following information for the 2015/16 financial year.

Part 1: Total Spending by the Grant-Maintained Integrated Schools' Sector under the Common Funding Scheme

7. Part 1 details the total spending by the Department on Grant-Maintained Integrated Schools in the financial year ended 31 March 2016 against the budget provision included under Common Funding arrangements. The planned expenditure figure in the original 2015/16 budget statement has been revised to include any in-year adjustments. Information detailed in Part 1 includes;
 - a) the total resources made available to schools (Aggregated Schools Budget); and
 - b) funding made available from centrally held resources in relation to items of expenditure excepted from the Aggregated Schools Budget.

Part 2: Summary of the Total Resource Allocations to Grant-Maintained Integrated Schools under the Common Funding Scheme

8. Part 2 summarizes by school and phase the total resource allocations and expenditure for Grant-Maintained Integrated Schools.

Part 2a summarizes the total resources made available as follows:

- a) Formula Budget Allocation.
- b) Central Funds allocated for:
 - i. Contingency Fund
 - ii. Department of Education (DE) Initiatives
 - iii. Excepted Items.

Part 2b summarizes the total resource allocations and expenditure as follows:

- a) Delegated Funds
- b) Centre Funds.

Part 2c summarizes the total expenditure made available on a per pupil basis.

Part 3: Analysis of Resource Allocations and Expenditure for Individual Schools

9. Part 3 summarizes the resource allocations and expenditure on an individual school basis.

Part 4: Analysis of Allocations for DE Initiatives

10. Part 4 provides details of the allocations made to Grant-Maintained Integrated Schools for DE initiatives.