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Ringfenced Teacher Numbers Funding: Receipt, Expenditure, Oversight and Communication

The total amount of ringfenced teacher numbers funding received by the council from the Scottish Government in each financial year from 2022/2023 to 2025/2026.

2022/23	£10.4 million
2023/24	£10.6 million
2024/25	£10.6 million
2025/26	£13.7 million

Any documentation — including, but not limited to, grant conditions letters, settlement letters, or accompanying guidance — received from the Scottish Government setting out the terms under which this funding was allocated and the conditions attached to its use.

Any documentation indicating whether this funding was presented to the council as new and additional funding, or whether the council was advised or understood it to have been incorporated from or replacing a pre-existing element of the local government finance settlement.

[This information has been provided before in previous FOI disclosures. Please search the discourse log using 45303, 54449 and 58042 as search terms.](#)

A breakdown of how the council spent or allocated its share of this ringfenced funding in each financial year, including, but not limited to:

- The specific budget lines or cost centres to which the funding was applied;
- Whether it was used to fund teacher salaries, recruitment incentives (including, but not limited to, accommodation support, golden handshakes, or relocation allowances), supply cover, or any other specific purpose;
- Whether any portion of the funding was used for purposes other than direct teacher employment costs, and if so, what those purposes were.

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m

Wellbeing Hubs	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10
Transition Teachers	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
Sustainability Champions	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
PSA in Primary 1-3	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Additional ESB Investment	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Inflationary elements of original investment including demography relating to increased rolls in Secondary and level of need in Special	1.00	1.20	1.20	4.30

Any internal reports, budget monitoring documents, or council committee papers — including, but not limited to, finance committee minutes, education committee papers, or budget scrutiny reports — in which the use or allocation of this funding was discussed or recorded.

If the council did not spend its full allocation in any given year, what happened to the underspend — including whether it was returned to the Scottish Government, absorbed into general reserves, or carried forward.

[This information has been provided before in previous FOI disclosures. Please search the discourse log using 52575, 52574, and 52427 as search terms.](#)

Any written guidance, conditions, or directions — including, but not limited to, letters, circulars, or formal directions — received from the Scottish Government setting out what expenditure is and is not permitted under the ringfencing designation attached to this funding.

Any documentation showing how the council reported its use of this funding back to the Scottish Government, including, but not limited to, any returns, audit documents, or compliance statements submitted for this purpose.

Any documentation in which the council was asked by the Scottish Government to account for, justify, or provide evidence of how this funding had been spent.

Any documentation in which the Scottish Government indicated, formally or informally, that it would or would not seek to recover or claw back funding in circumstances where teacher number targets had not been met.

[This information is not held.](#)

All written communications — including, but not limited to, emails, letters, and meeting minutes or notes — between council officials and Scottish Government ministers or officials relating to:

- The acceptable uses of this ringfenced funding;
- The consequences for councils of not meeting teacher number targets set by the Scottish Government;
- The consequences for councils of not spending the funding in accordance with its ringfenced purpose;
- Any dispute or disagreement between the council and the Scottish Government about whether this funding was genuinely additional to the pre-existing local government settlement.

[This information has been provided before in previous FOI disclosures. Please search the discourse log using 51621, 51450 and 51448.](#)

Any legal advice obtained by the council relating to the enforceability of the Scottish Government's ringfencing conditions or teacher number targets, or the council's liability in the event of non-compliance — to the extent that such advice is not covered by legal professional privilege.

[Withheld under legal professional privilege.](#)