



Reference: FOI-183

Request:

I have some FOI questions relating to school funding cuts, and the impact on councils.

1. a. How many LA schools had a deficit in the 2021/22 financial year (please include the actual number of schools in deficit and the actual number of schools you have – ie 2 in deficit of 20 schools)
b. What was the cumulative deficit of those schools?
2. a. How many schools are you projecting will go into financial deficit this financial year (2022/23) (same as above).
b. What is the predicted cumulative deficit of those?
3. If you have similar projections for 2023/24 then please do provide.
4. When LA schools become sponsored academies, the deficit stays with the LA. Please can you tell me the total deficit your LA has taken on in the past three financial years, and the number of sponsored academies this relates to? (If three years is not possible, please just do the last financial year)
5. a. Please could you tell me your DSG position at the end of 2021-22
b. Your forecast DSG deficit/surplus in-year for 2022-23
c. Your forecasted DSG position at the end of 2022-23

Response:

1. This information is refused in answer to this request under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means. The reason for this is that the provisional outturn for maintained schools was reported to North Tyneside's Schools Forum in July, the details of the meeting are here:
<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/meeting/28571>
2. This information is refused in answer to this request under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means. The reason for this is that the latest financial forecast for maintained schools was reported to North Tyneside's Schools Forum in November, the details of the meeting are here:
<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/meeting/30924> The next update will be published following the meeting on 22nd March 2023.

All Schools Forum information is held here:
<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/504/schools-forum>
3. Information not held. Detailed budget plans for 2023/24 are yet to be provided by schools. They are due on 31st May 2023.

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4. No schools have become sponsored academies with deficit balances in the last three years. Nine former maintained schools from North Tyneside elected to join the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust as academies in that period.
<https://www.bishopbewickcet.org/schools>
5. This information is refused in answer to this request under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means. The reason for this is that DSG balances and DSG forecasts were reported to North Tyneside's Schools Forum reports here <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/504/schools-forum>

The final forecast position is withheld under Section 22(1) of the Act. Information is exempt under s22 if the authority intends the information to be published at some future date, whether that date is determined or not.