

Hertfordshire Association of School Governors

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Governors' Briefing

- All change (or not)!
- Budget challenges
- Performance and outcomes

General Election Outcome

Main pledges



- Protect school funding per pupil
- Create at least a further 500 free schools in England by 2020
- Zero tolerance for failure – immediate support to turn around failing or coasting schools
- 30 hours free childcare for working parents of 3&4-year-olds

Local Political Developments

David Williams appointed Executive Member for Enterprise, Education and Skills



Morris Bright
Deputy Executive
Member

HERTFORDSHIRE C.C. – Interim Education Leads



**JENNY COLES
DIRECTOR OF
CHILDREN'S
SERVICES**



ANDREW SIMMONS

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES,
EDUCATION**

Overall responsibility for Education and Early Intervention

Early Help Strategy

Integrated Services for Learning

Youth Justice

Youth Connexions

Thriving Families

14 – 19 Learning Strategy

Virtual School for Children Looked After



SIMON NEWLAND

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PROVISION AND
ACCESS**

School Place Planning

Schools Capital Programme

Admissions and Transport

Childhood Support Services

Academies and Free School Programmes

Schools Forum and Schools Financial Strategy

Hertfordshire Music Service



MARCUS COOPER

SENIOR EDUCATION MANAGER

Education Standards and Performance

Budget Challenge

- GBs should this year consider carefully the 3 years position when setting budgets, especially as staffing establishment from September will run into the financial year 16/17
- HCC will be funding schools to meet inflation, etc. in the current 2015 / 16 year
- For 16/17 we expect to provide schools with flat cash per pupil, which will mean a cut after inflation of about 2.3%. For 17/18 and 18/19 expect at best flat cash again, i.e. a real terms cumulative cut of around 5% by 2018 / 19 .

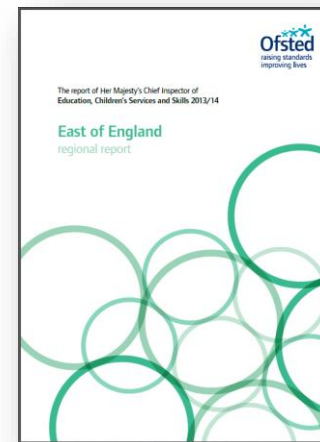
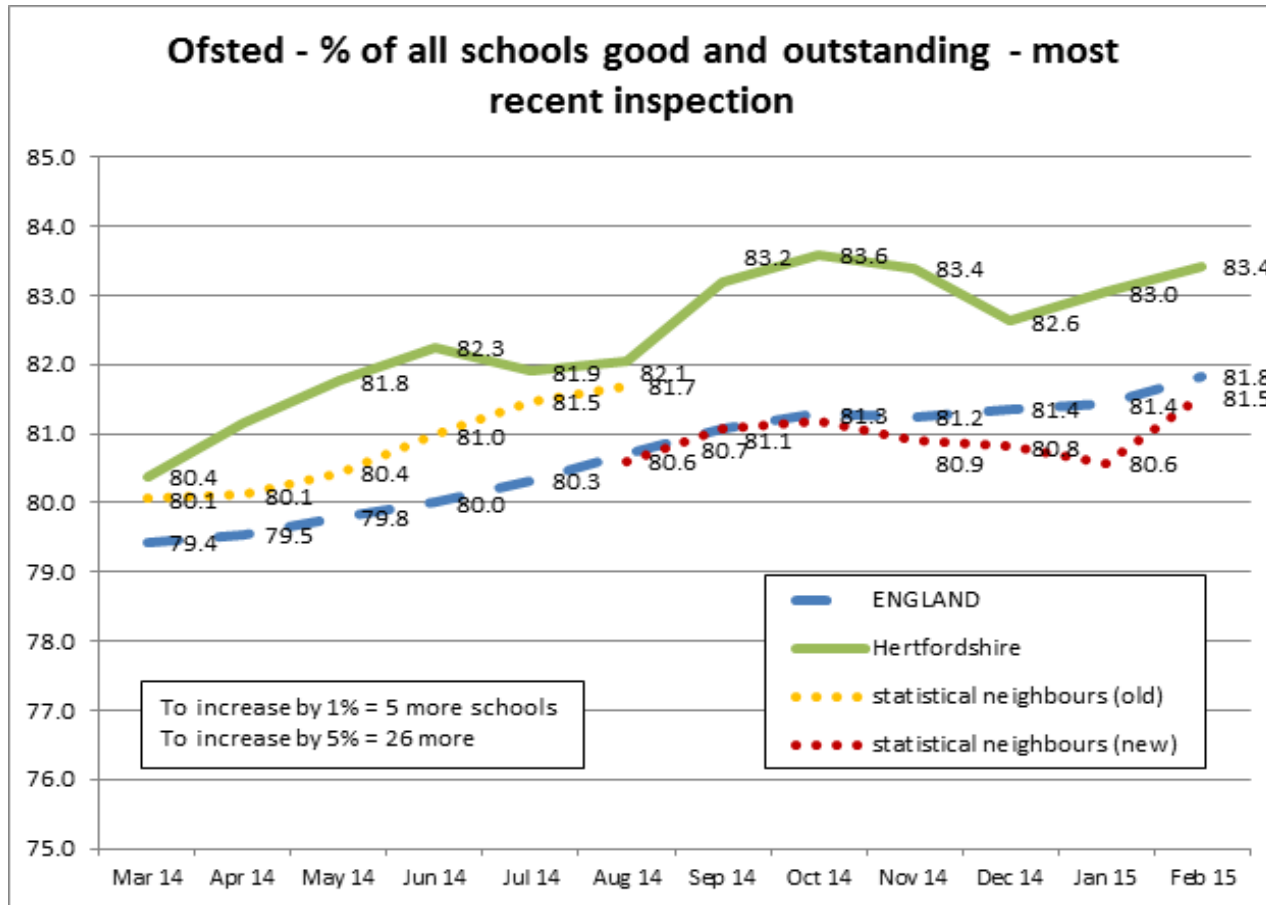
Budget Challenges

- Working with school representative bodies through Schools Forum on how to reduce costs and share resources so as to try to mitigate the effect of budget reductions.
- Looking at three key areas:
 - Efficient structures and services
 - Value for money
 - Rates
- Similar pressures on the High Needs Funding Block:
 - Review existing SEND Strategy (including Behaviour and DSPL)
 - Establish new SEN Executive Group – with school representation - to oversee development of revised Strategy

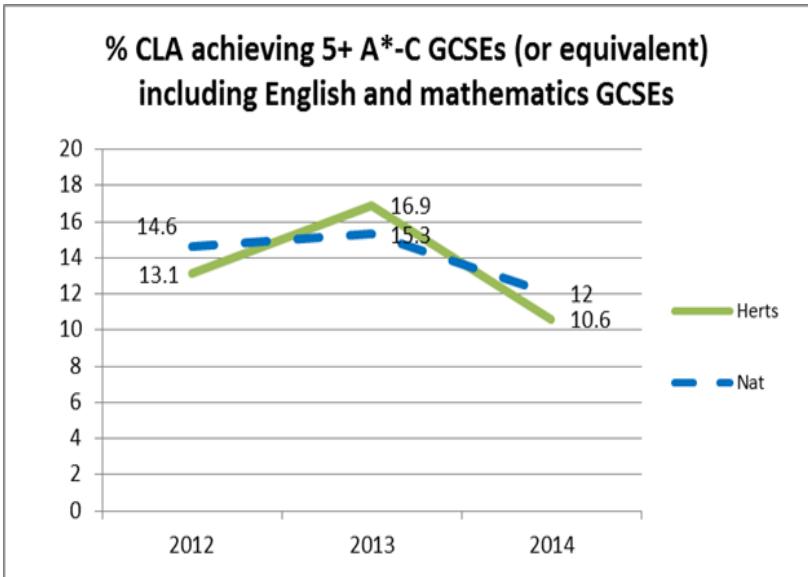
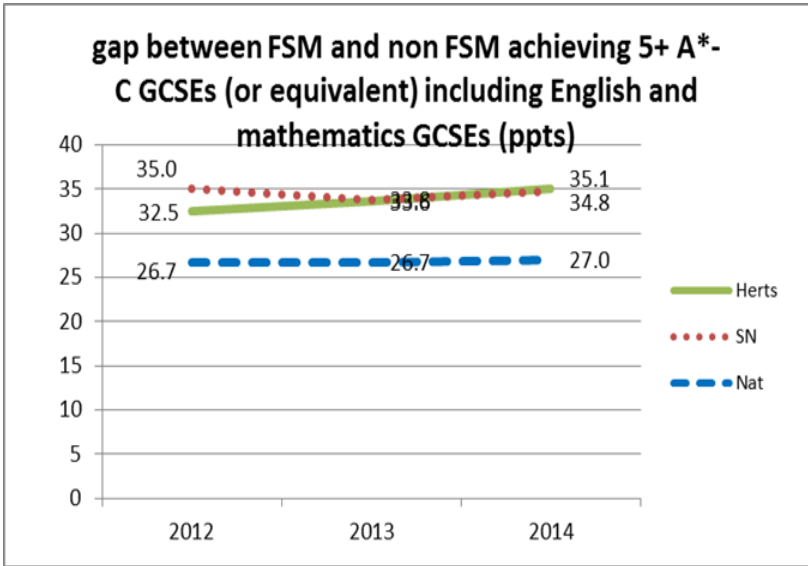
School Standards

% schools good and outstanding, Feb 2015

	All	Nursery	Primary	Secondary	Special	ESC
ENGLAND	81.8	96.8	82.7	72.4	89.9	86.2
Hertfordshire	83.4	100.0	82.9	81.0	88.0	87.5
statistical neighbours	81.5	100.0	82.3	72.1	90.2	85.0



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thank you