

Property Working Group Update

April 2022

New school consultation – proposed response

Sports facilities don't meet SportScotland guidance for school roll of 1400:

- Suggest drainage and levelling of Craigerne pitches is a condition of planning to ensure suitable for regular sports use
- 2nd indoor sports hall suitable for netball and basketball games required
- Externally accessible changing rooms required
- Additional athletic provision required (potential to incorporate at Craigerne)

Accessibility:

- Only appears to be 1 lift planned
- Remain concerned about acoustics within building as not detailed in plans
- Looking for reassurance on corridor width for flow around building at transition times
- Should provide gender neutral and separate male & female facilities

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Outdoor learning:

- Robust seating should be provided outside ground floor classrooms
- Robust seating should be provided in 'movement space' and other areas of landscaping

Site plan:

- Wildflower planting in eastern corner doesn't appear adequate for prevention of flooding
- Concerned that traffic hasn't been recently assessed
- Keen to ensure the options for future use of retained buildings are restricted to those aligned to education and community
- Suggest ongoing retention and maintenance of soft landscaping is a condition of planning

Anything else?

Teaching & Learning Working Group Updates

April 2022

Key activities

- Eco group:
 - All SBC parent councils are asking schools to comment on food availability and packaging
 - Survey has been created and sent to PHS Business Manager
- Subject choices flow charts:
 - Completed for expressive arts and social subjects
 - Will consult with parents before adding to PHS Parents website
- Learning context:
 - Met SfL team before Christmas
 - Aim to produce a draft SfL for parents handbook before AGM

Key activities

- STEM:
 - Ruth Doherty has completed Young STEM Leader Tutor Assessor training
 - Dr Harkness is the Young STEM Leader Programme Lead contact at PHS
 - Aiming to host a STEM Family Learning Day next academic year
- PHS website:
 - Mr Noon met with PC group members to share concept
 - Glow based so will allow teachers to update own content easily
 - Will include a calendar with key dates
 - Mrs Mooney taken over responsibility and expects to launch it very soon

Key activities

- Tracking and monitoring:
 - Mr Wilson held a virtual parents' consultation session
 - Good attendance, although parents noted very short notice made attendance difficult
 - SLT are considering views shared as part of wider discussion around frequency and format of reports on learner progress for 2022/23+
- Careers sessions:
 - Evening sessions took place in Autumn term
 - Scottish Apprenticeship week was promoted in school & on social
 - Interview skills and career ready sessions provided for identified pupils within school by DYW coordinator and SDS

Key activities

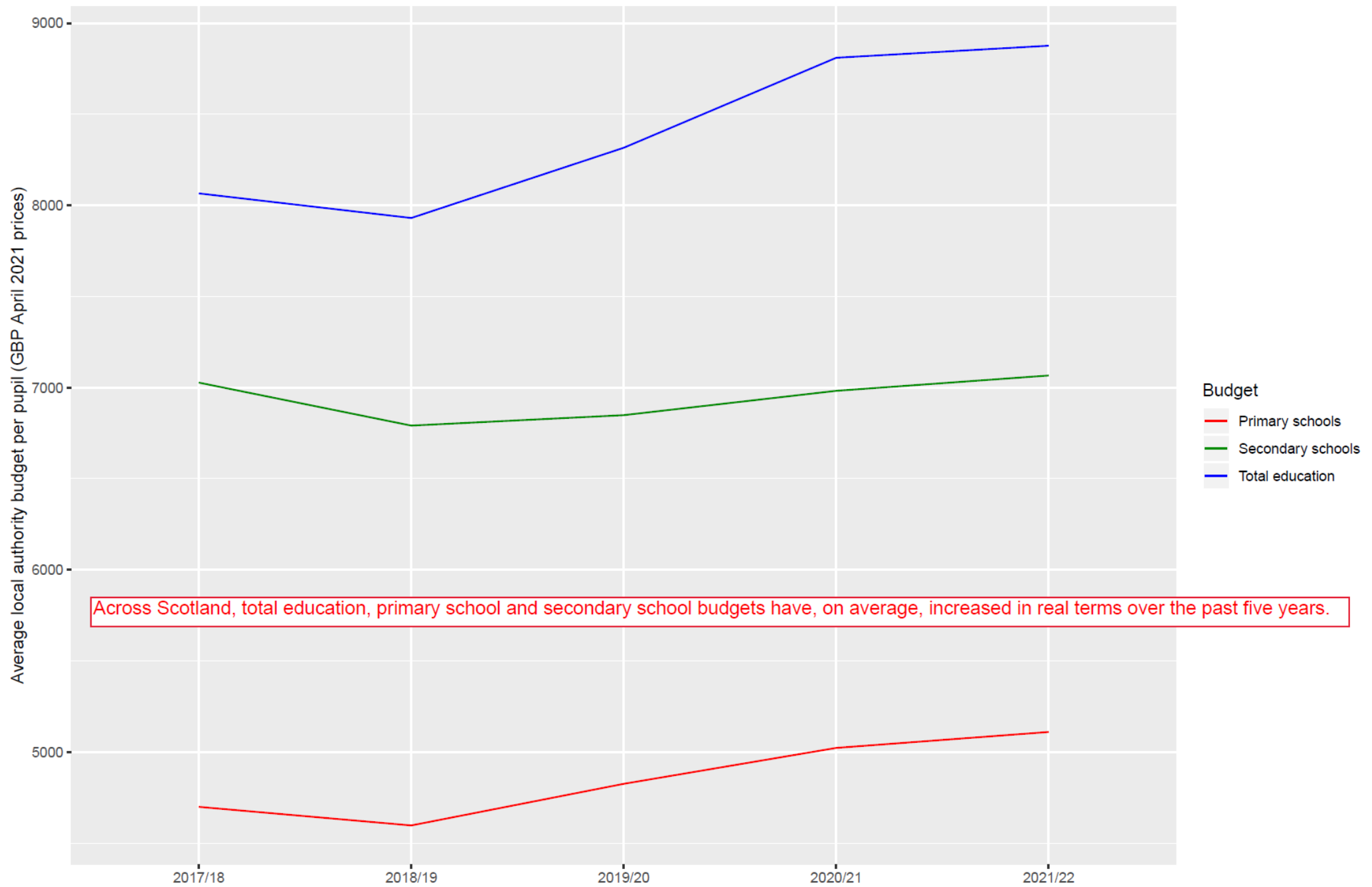
- University aspirations group:
 - Mr Shirra-Gibb has replaced Mrs Edge as contact
 - Plan to meet with Mr Shirra-Gibb in May and S5 pupils in June
- Pupil parliament:
 - Engaging with Mr McMordie
 - 45 min session with pupil parliament in June to discuss ... how to engage with peers, build networks, communicate across year groups, collect information and develop priorities
 - Follow up sessions next academic year for new parliament
 - Hoping to support pupils to develop a single pupil experience survey and avoid survey fatigue

Parent experience survey

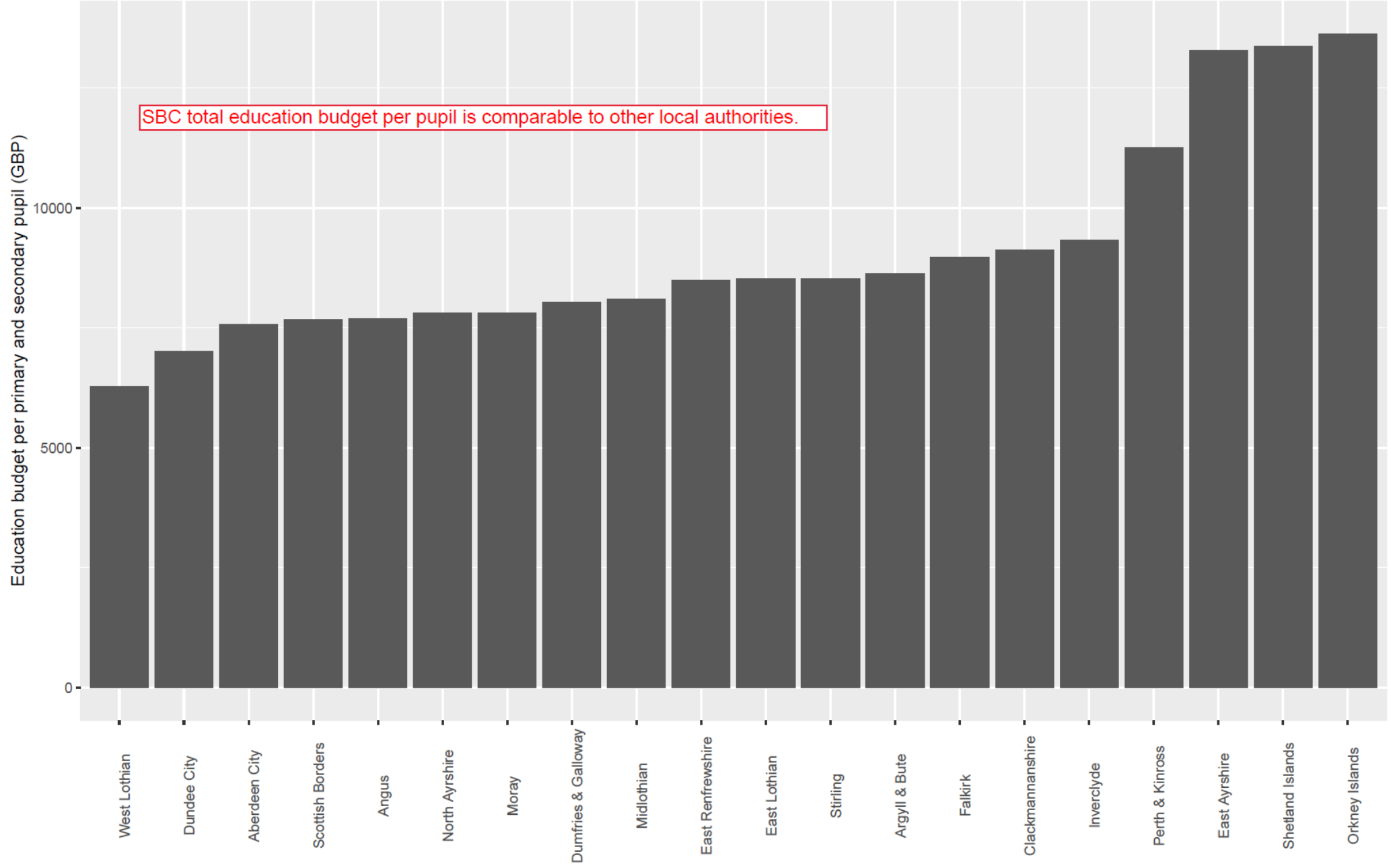
- Discussed with SLT 17 March
- Key discussion points:
 - Communication with families
 - Feeling safe at school
 - Use of tutors by families
 - Attainment gap for pupils with additional support needs
- Key actions:
 - Anonymised free text comments sent to Mr Wilson 30 March
 - PC hope to see views of parents incorporated into the SIP
 - SLT wish to work with parents to improve communications
 - School to provide data that better reflects ASN attainment for PHS

School Resourcing

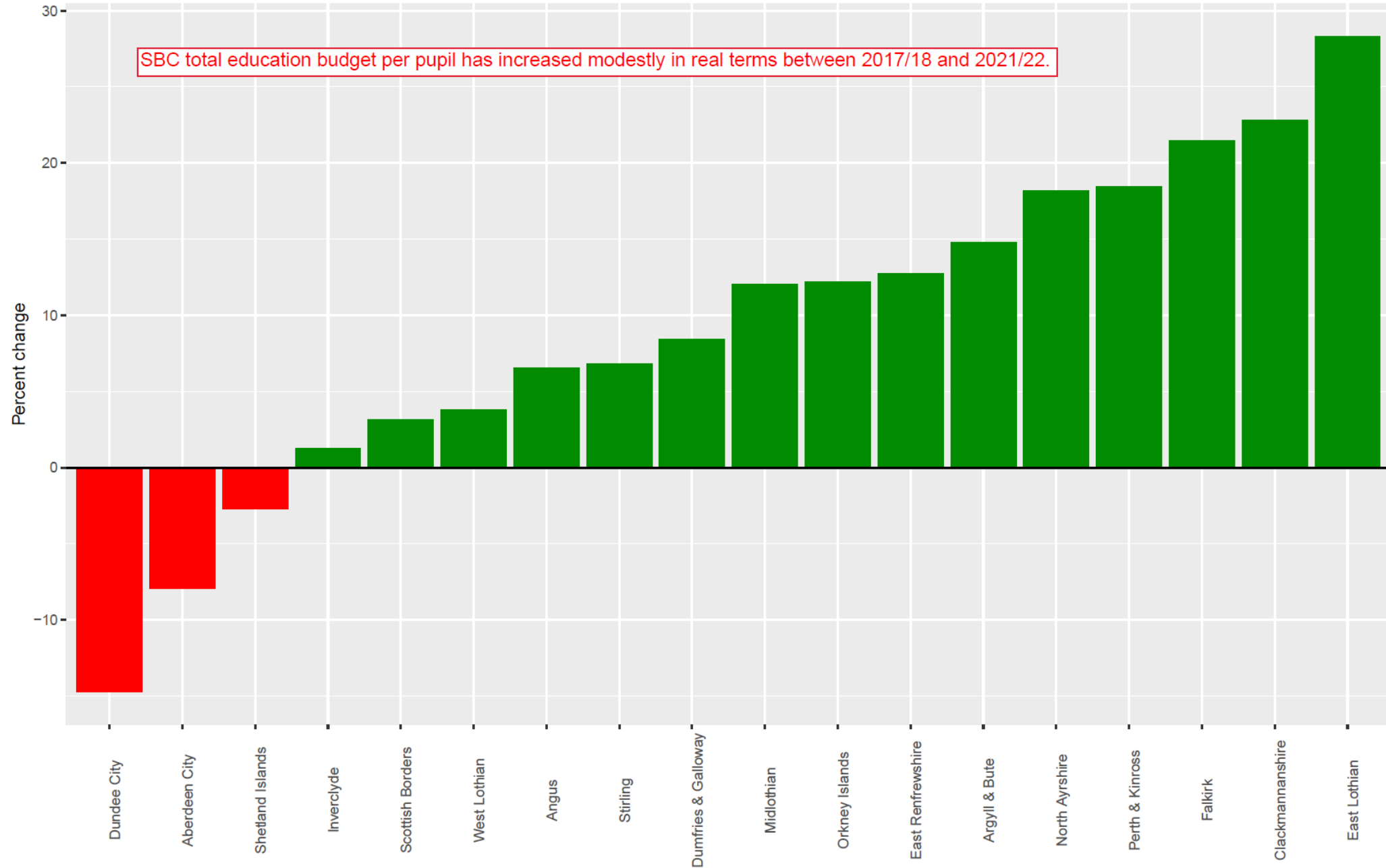
- FOI request submitted to all 32 local authorities on education budgets
- FOI request submitted to SBC on promoted post allocation for secondary schools



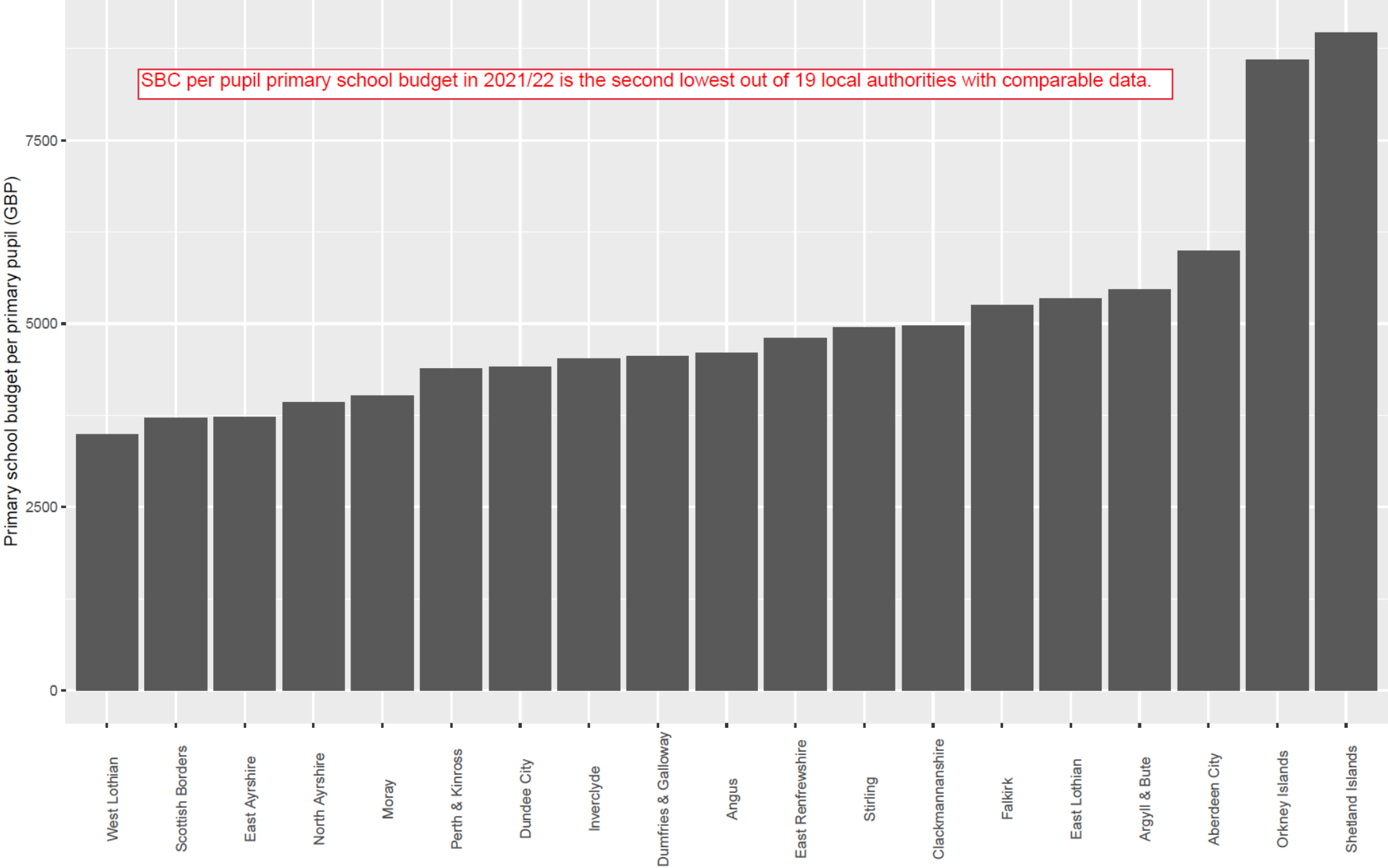
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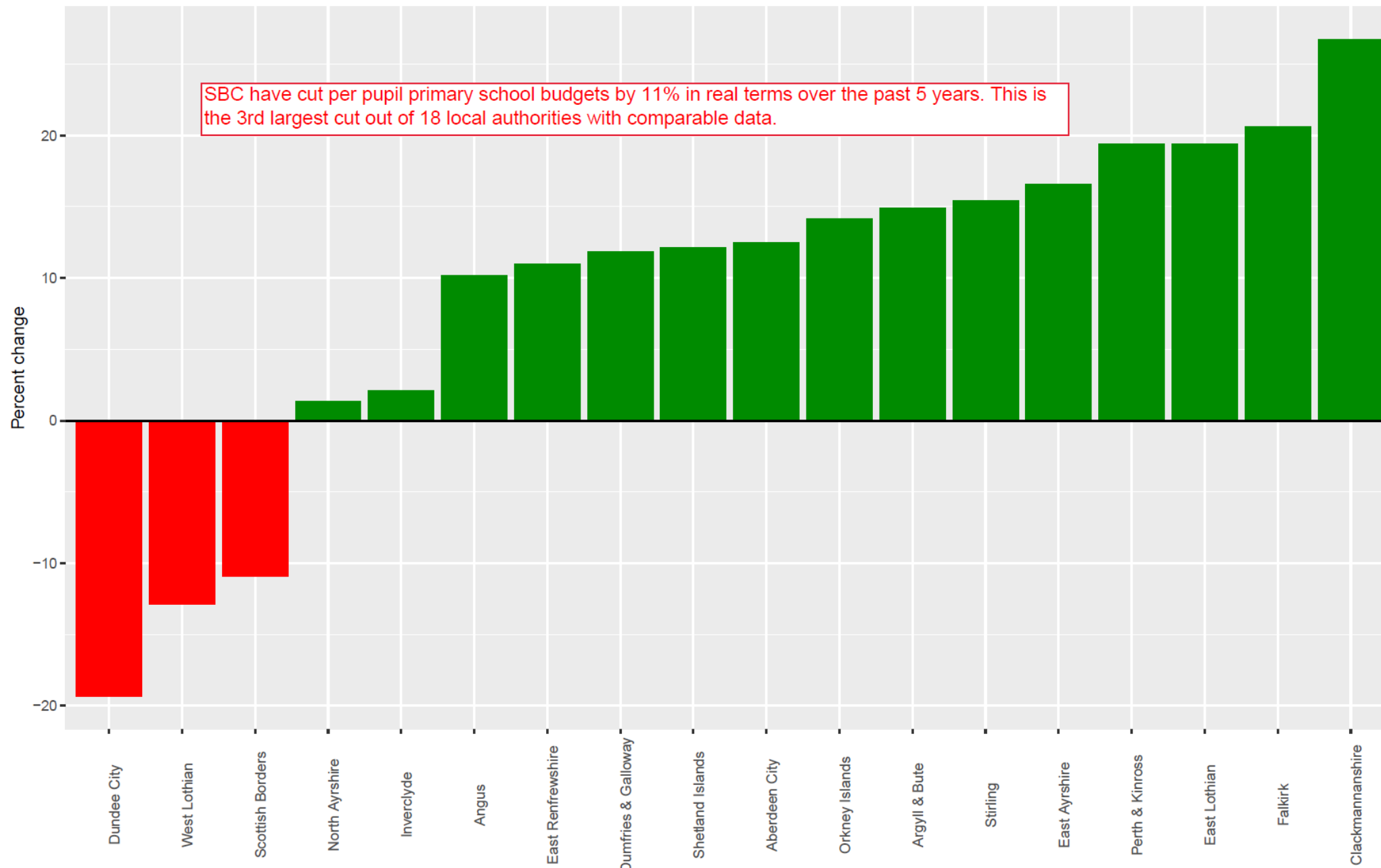
Real terms change in total education budget per primary and secondary pupil between 2017/18 and 2021/22



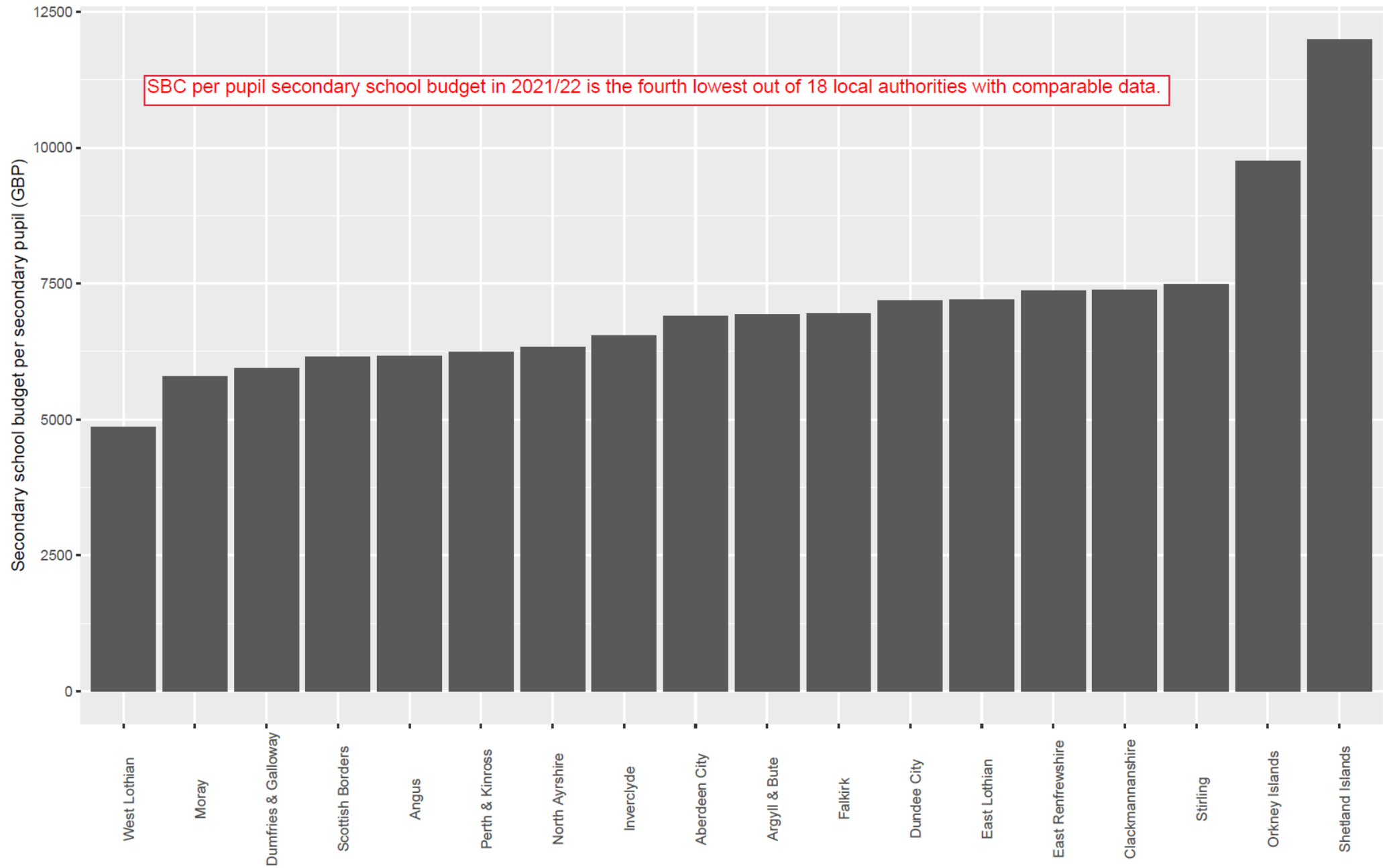
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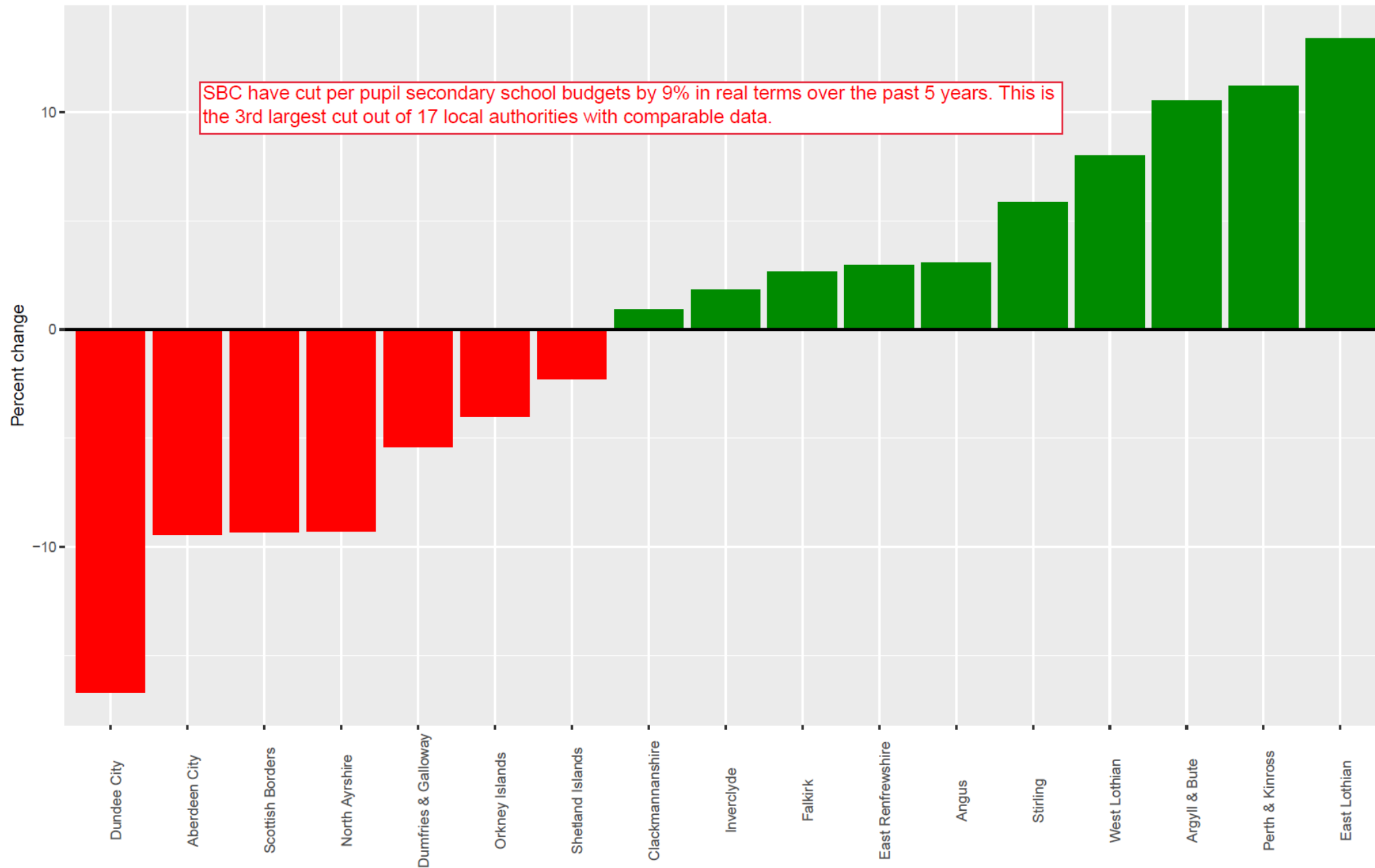
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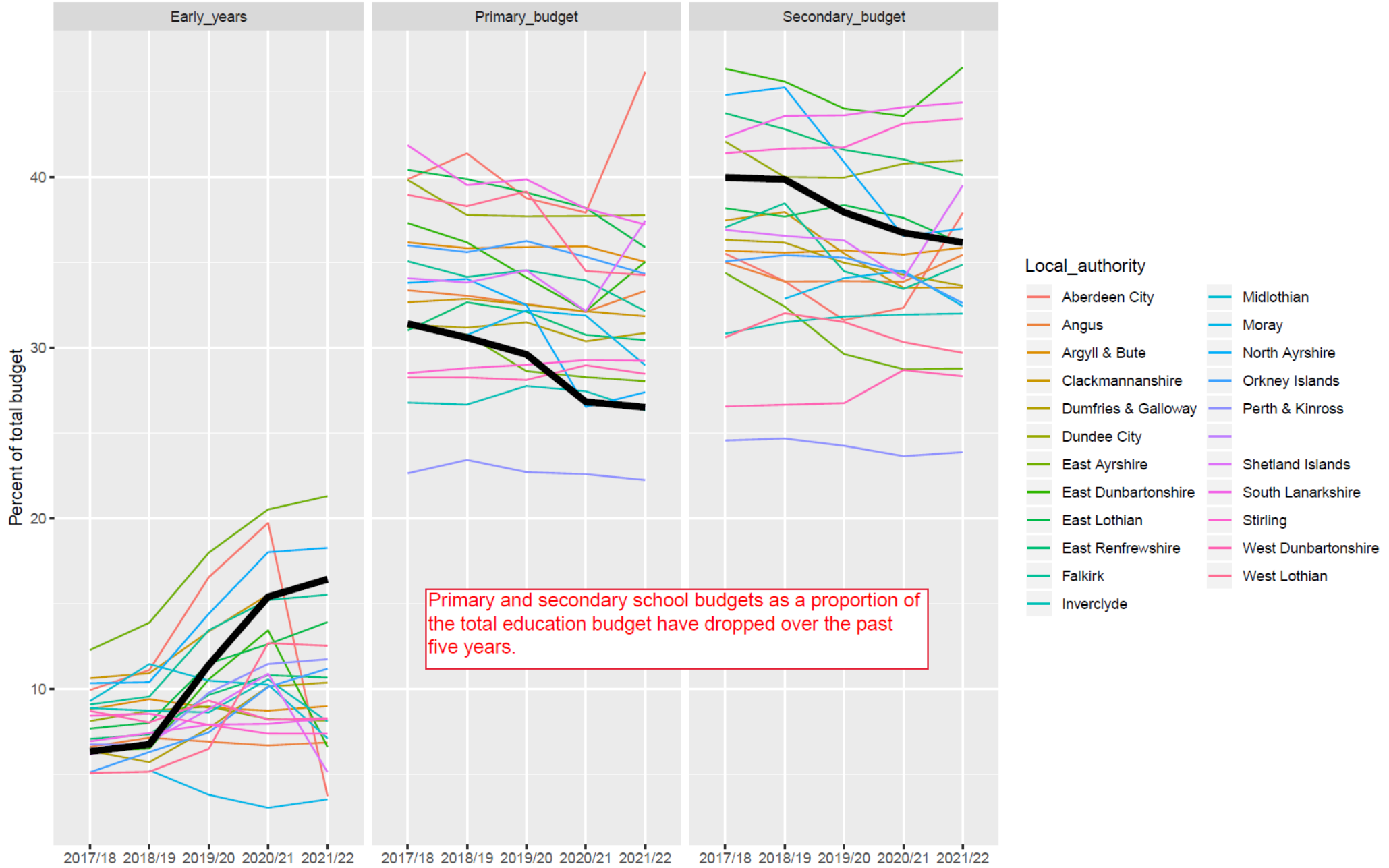
Secondary school budget 2021/22 (GBP)



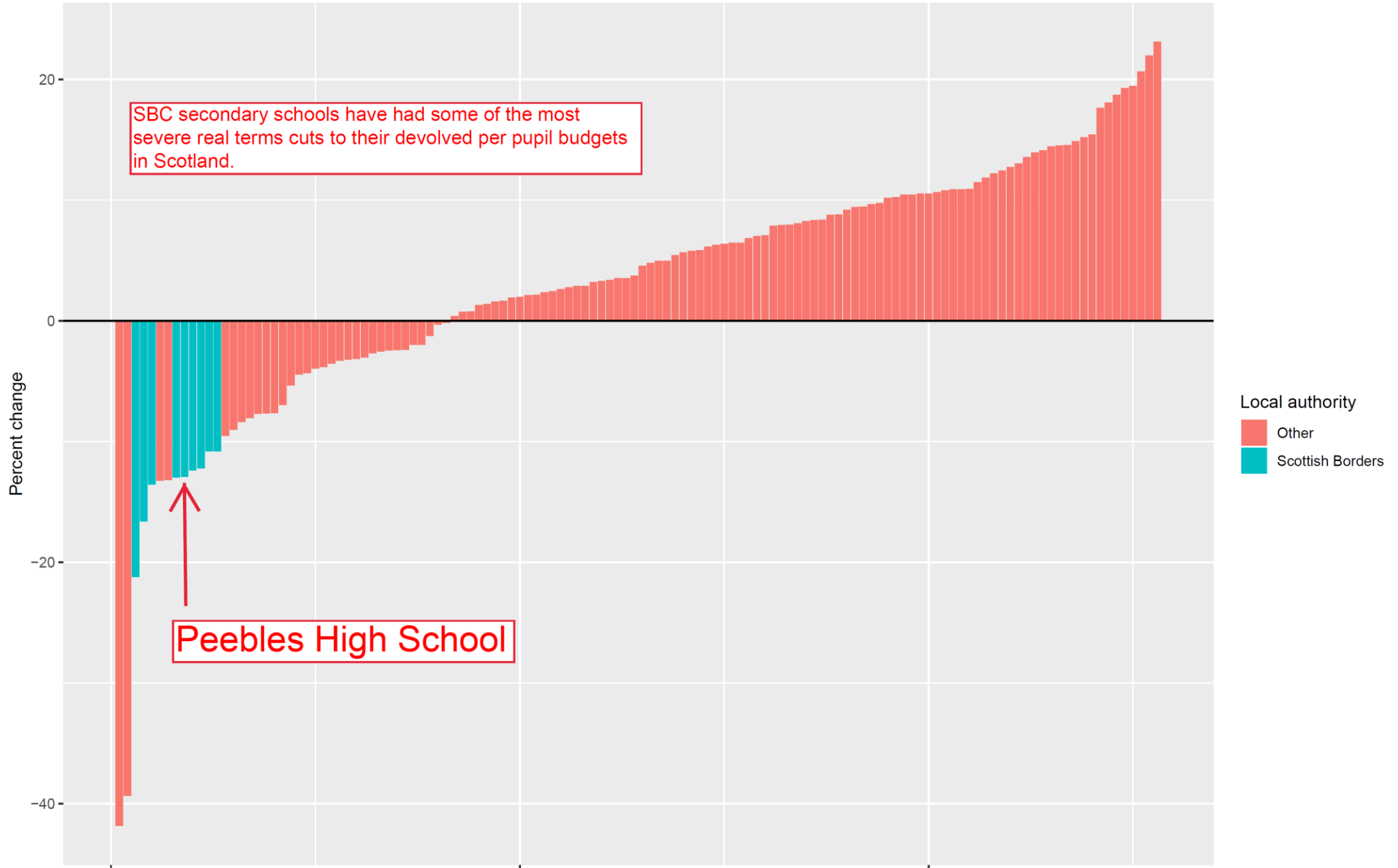
Real terms change in secondary school budget per secondary pupil between 2017/18 and 2021/22



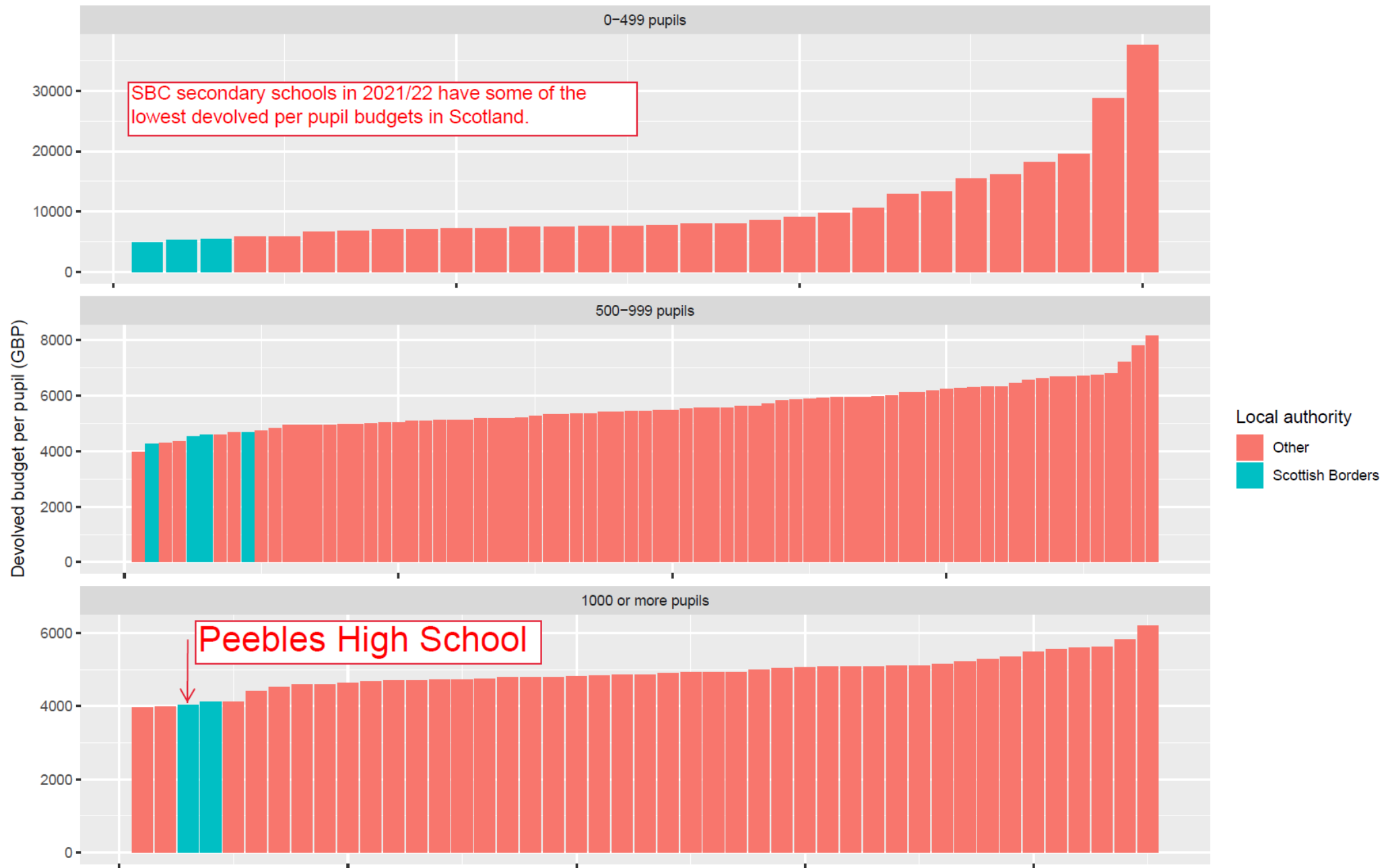
Budgets as a percentage of total education budget – SBC highlighted in black



Real terms change in devolved secondary school budget per secondary pupil between 2017/18 and 2021/22



Secondary school devolved budgets per pupil 2021/22 (GBP)



PPA allowance in 2021-22

From Michelle Strong – received data in Feb 2022

High School	PPA allowance for Head plus Deputes (SLT)	Additional SLT posts funded through DSM Budget 2021-22	Additional SLT Pots funded through Covid monies	School Roll 2021 Census	Number of pupils per SLT member of staff as per the PPA Allocation
Peebles	4	0	0	1318	330
Gala	3	0	0	837	279
Earlston	4	0	0	1068	267
Berwickshire	3	0	0	647	216
Hawick	4	0	0	787	197
Kelso	3	0	1	592	197
Jedburgh	3	0	1	350	117
Eyemouth	3	0	0	492	164
Selkirk	3	0	0	400	133
Total	30			6491	216

- SBC total education budget has increased modestly in real terms since 2017/18
- SBC primary school budget in 2021/22 of £3,713 per pupil is the second worst out of the local authorities who provided data, with a real terms **cut of 11%** between 2017/18 and 2021/22
- SBC secondary school budget in 2021/22 of £6,157 per pupil is the fourth worst out of the local authorities who provided data, with a real terms **cut of 9%** between 2017/18 and 2021/22
- SBC primary school budget has dropped from 31% of the total education budget to 27%, whilst the secondary school budget has dropped from 40% to 36%
- At £4,033 per pupil in 2021/22, **Peebles High School has the lowest devolved per pupil budget in the Scottish Borders**
- Of 128 secondary schools providing comparable data, six out of the ten schools with the largest real terms per pupil budget cuts between 2017/18 and 2021/22 were in the Scottish Borders, with **cuts ranging from 21% (Eyemouth) to 13% (Peebles)**
- Out of 150 secondary schools with comparable data, Peebles and Earlston are in the bottom 4 schools for per pupil budget in 2021/22
- SBC are under funding senior leadership positions at PHS (PHS has over twice the number of pupils per post than Jedburgh, Eyemouth and Selkirk)

Action to date

- Scottish Borders Secondary PC chairs wrote to SBC regarding devolved budgets several times ... we still don't know 2022/23 settlement
- SD wrote to SBC about PHS' specific circumstances ... no response
- AC wrote to Cllrs Tatler, Small, Haslam, Chapman, Bell and Anderson ... only Cllr Haslam replied:
 - Noted that analysis doesn't include Inspire Learning and building programme
 - Council has had to save £63.4m of a £430m budget ... "We are just facing savings all over the place and we try to protect services as much as we possibly can."
 - Overall education budget will increase by £2m with 75 new teachers
 - "No changes to the DSM budget proposed for next year"

Next Steps

- Once budget's known, PC chairs to meet and determine whether satisfied with allocation
- If not satisfied, campaign will step up to lobby election candidates / new councillors
- Parent forum asked to support this approach