
TITLE OF REPORT: Dedicated Schools Grant Revenue Monitoring Qtr 2 2017/18

Purpose of the Report

To bring to Schools Forum attention information on the quarter 2 position of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2017/18.

Background

The DSG is made up of three main funding blocks:

1. The **Early Years** block - for 2 and 3 & 4 year old funding
2. **Mainstream Schools** block - which includes some centrally held and de-delegated funding
3. **High Needs** Block - which includes special schools and PRU funding

Schools Forum receives details of DSG revenue monitoring throughout the financial year, with the format presented based on the expenditure headings of section 251.

The quarter 2 report for 2017/18 is included at appendix 1. This shows a projected outturn of £102.749m against the budget of £101.147m, resulting in an over spend of £1.602m.

The over spend of £1.602m is currently being action planned to reduce it as much as possible to year end, however it is expected that DSG reserves will be required to be meet the final overspend. This requires approval from schools forum.

DSG reserves currently total £3.167m, therefore if the overspend for 2017/18 remains at the current level and reserves are used, the reserve balance would be reduced to £1.565m to carry forward into 2018/19. A review has commenced to look at all areas of high needs spending to identify areas of saving to bring expenditure back within budget, and the result will be brought to Schools Forum in 2018.

Proposal

That Schools Forum notes the content of the report and approves the projected overspend to be met from DSG reserves in 2017/18.

Recommendations

That Schools Forum:-

- Note the contents of the report
- Approves the use of DSG reserves to fund the projected overspend in 2017/18

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Appendix 1

2017/18 DSG Revenue Monitoring Qtr 2				
DSG Area	Total Approved Budget	Projected Outturn	Variance	Comments/Notes
	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Maintained Schools Budget Share	76,436	76,436	0	
DEDELEGATION				
Contingencies	0	0	0	
Behaviour support services	171	171	0	
Support to UPEG and bilingual learners	191	191	0	
Free school meals eligibility	0	0	0	
Insurance	0	0	0	
Museum and Library services	0	0	0	
Licences/subscriptions	0	0	0	
Staff costs – supply cover	191	172	-19	
HIGH NEEDS BUDGET (inc Special Schools, PRU and Additional Support Top-ups)	14,743	16,378	1,635	Top-ups/ placements (AP/ PRU +£0.2m, Special Schools/ ARMS +£1m and Mainstream +£0.2m, Independent +£0.3m), Staff Slippage -£0.1m
EARLY YEARS BUDGET				
2,3 and 4 year old funding to PVI's	7,311	7,428	117	+£117k 3/4 year old
CENTRAL PROVISION WITHIN SCHOOLS BUDGET				
Contribution to combined budgets	750	750	0	
School admissions	137	137	0	
Servicing of schools forums	116	116	0	
Termination of employment costs	528	397	-131	PRC
Falling Rolls Fund	0	0	0	
Capital expenditure from revenue (CERA)	0	0	0	
Prudential borrowing costs	0	0	0	
Fees to independent schools without SEN	0	0	0	
Equal pay - back pay	0	0	0	
Pupil growth/ Infant class sizes	35	35	0	
SEN transport	0	0	0	
Exceptions agreed by Secretary of State	0	0	0	
Other Items	155	155	0	CLA/ MPA Licences top sliced from DSG for all school licences
Statutory/ Regulatory duties	383	383	0	
TOTAL DSG	101,147	102,749	1,602	To be appropriated to DSG reserve