

## Item 7

**TITLE OF REPORT: Dedicated Schools Grant Revenue Monitoring Qtr 3 2017/18**

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**Purpose of the Report**

To bring to Schools Forum attention information on the quarter 3 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 3 report for 2017/18 is included at appendix 1. This shows a projected outturn of £102.494m against the budget of £101.147m, resulting in an over spend of £1.348m.

The over spend of £1.348m is currently being action planned to reduce it as much as possible to year end, and has reduced by £0.254m since the last report at quarter 2. However it is expected that DSG reserves will be required to be meet the final overspend, and this was approved by Schools Forum at the December 2017 meeting.

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 £1.819m 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 later in 2018.

**Proposal**

That Schools Forum notes the content of the report..

**Recommendations**

That Schools Forum:-

- Note the contents of the report

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## Appendix 1

<b>2017/18 DSG Revenue Monitoring Qtr 3</b>				
<b>DSG Area</b>	<b>Total Approved Budget</b>	<b>Projected Outturn</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	
Maintained Schools Budget Share	76,436	76,436	0	
<b>DEDELEGATION</b>				
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	154	-37	
<b>HIGH NEEDS BUDGET (inc Special Schools, PRU and Additional Support Top-ups)</b>	14,743	16,148	1,405	Top-ups/ placements (AP/ PRU +£0.075m, Special Schools/ ARMS +£1m and Mainstream +£0.3m, Independent +£0.2m), Staff Slippage -£0.1m
<b>EARLY YEARS BUDGET</b>				
2,3 and 4 year old funding to PVI's	7,311	7,435	124	+£124k 3/4 year old
<b>CENTRAL PROVISION WITHIN SCHOOLS BUDGET</b>				
Contribution to combined budgets	750	750	0	
School admissions	137	137	0	
Servicing of schools forums	116	103	-13	
Termination of employment costs	528	396	-132	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	
<b>TOTAL DSG</b>	<b>101,147</b>	<b>102,494</b>	<b>1,348</b>	To be appropriated to DSG reserve