

**7 July 2022****TITLE OF REPORT: Dedicated Schools Grant Revenue Outturn 2021/22**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform Schools Forum of the provisional outturn position of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2021/22.

**Background**

2. The DSG is made up of four funding blocks:
  1. The **Early Years (EY) 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 (HNB)** which includes special schools, alternative provision and top-ups to maintained schools and academies; and
  4. **Central Services Schools block** which includes central functions carried out on behalf of schools, for example, licences, schools' admissions, pension costs.
3. Schools Forum receives details of DSG revenue monitoring throughout the financial year, with the format presented based on the expenditure headings of the Section 251 statement.
4. The final outturn report for 2021/22 is included at Appendix 1, which shows an outturn of £106.397m against the budget of £106.641m; an underspend of £0.245m. This is a negative movement of £0.159m on the quarter 3 position.
5. The underspend generally relates to the growth fund, partially being offset by an overspend on the Secondary School ISB.
6. The balance of the DSG reserve at 31 March 2021 was £2.241m. The in-year underspend, together with the 2020/21 Early Years clawback of £0.230m, will result in the reserve increasing to £2.255m at 31 March 2022.

**Proposal**

7. That Schools Forum notes the content of the report.

**Recommendations**

8. That Schools Forum notes the content of the report.

**Appendix 1**  
**2021/22 DSG Revenue Monitoring Quarter 4**

| DSG Area  | Total Approved Budget<br>£'000 | Outturn<br>£'000 | Variance<br>£'000 | Comments/Notes   |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|
| Maintained Schools Budget Share   | 75,702                         | 76,101           | 399               | Budget reduced further due to academy conversions  |
| <b>DEDELEGATION</b>   |                                |                  |                   |  |
| Contingencies   | 0                              | 30               | 30                |  |
| Behaviour support services  | 151                            | 118              | (33)              |  |
| Support to UPEG and bilingual learners  | 247                            | 234              | (12)              |  |
| Staff costs   | 177                            | 205              | 28                | Maternity Credits & TU facilitator costs   |
| <b>HIGH NEEDS BUDGET</b>  |                                |                  |                   |  |
| High Needs Budget (including Special Schools, PRU and Additional Support Top-ups) | 19,484                         | 19,584           | 100               | +£150k Independent schools<br>-£391k Special schools - OOB income<br>-£231k PRU<br>-£34k Alternative provision<br>-£271k SEN Support Services<br>+£707k Maintained and Academy |
| <b>EARLY YEARS BUDGET</b>   |                                |                  |                   |  |
| 2,3 and 4 year-olds funding to PVI's  | 8,674                          | 8,557            | (117)             |  |
| <b>CENTRAL PROVISION WITHIN SCHOOLS BUDGET</b>                                    |                                |                  |                   |  |
| Contribution to combined budgets  | 532                            | 487              | (46)              |  |
| School admissions   | 141                            | 137              | (4)               |  |
| Servicing of schools forums   | 116                            | 86               | (30)              |  |
| Termination of employment costs   | 313                            | 320              | 7                 | Premature Retirement costs   |
| Pupil growth/ Infant class sizes  | 607                            | 40               | (567)             |  |
| Other Items   | 139                            | 139              | 0                 | CLA/ MPA Licences top sliced from DSG for all school licences  |
| Statutory/ Regulatory duties  | 358                            | 358              | 0                 | ESG top slice agreed by Schools Forum  |
| <b>TOTAL DSG</b>  | <b>106,641</b>                 | <b>106,397</b>   | <b>(245)</b>      | Appropriated to DSG reserve  |

|   | £'000          | Comments/Notes    |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Reserves balance at 31 March 2021                                     | (2,241)        |                   |
| Appropriation to reserve: in year adjustments                         | 230            | EY 20/21 clawback |
| Appropriation (to)/from reserve: in-year (surplus)/deficit            | (245)          |                   |
| <b>Projected reserve balance at 31 March 2022 (surplus) / deficit</b> | <b>(2,255)</b> |                   |