

Item 3**TITLE OF REPORT: Dedicated Schools Grant Revenue Outturn 2015/16**

Purpose of the Report

To bring to Schools Forum attention information on the outturn position of DSG for 2015/16.

Background

The Dedicated Schools Grant (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 final outturn report for 2015/16 is included at appendix 1, reporting an outturn of £94.959m against the budget of £95.333m, resulting in an under spend of £0.374m.

The under spend of £0.374m is also supplemented by £0.155m additional Early Years settlement (based on updated census information) for 2014/15 received in 2015/16, to give a total of £0.529m to be appropriated to the DSG reserve.

This £0.529m is added to the current balance brought forward from 2014/15 of £2.828m to give a balance to be carried forward to 2016/17 of £3.357m. A summary of the movement in reserves is included in appendix 2.

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

2015/16 DSG Revenue Monitoring Qtr 4				
DSG Area	Total Approved Budget	Outturn	Variance	Comments/Notes
	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Maintained Schools Budget Share	73,569	73,523	-46	Relates to NNDR rebates for academies (pre transfer)
DEDELEGATION				
Contingencies	0	0	0	
Behaviour support services	166	166	0	
Support to UPEG and bilingual learners	227	234	7	
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	184	174	-10	
HIGH NEEDS BUDGET (inc Special Schools, PRU and Additional Support Top-ups)	14,610	14,385	-225	-£330k ARMS, -£225k PRU, -£80k staff slippage, -£194k post 16, -£217k SEN support, +£304k Independent, +£517k pre 16
EARLY YEARS BUDGET				
2,3 and 4 year old funding to PVI's	5,207	5,187	-20	-£385k 3/4 year old, +£450k 2 year old, -£85k EYPP
CENTRAL PROVISION WITHIN SCHOOLS BUDGET				
Contribution to combined budgets	440	424	-15	
School admissions	122	122	0	
Servicing of schools forums	105	105	0	
Termination of employment costs	527	446	-81	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	100	69	-31	
SEN transport	0	0	0	
Exceptions agreed by Secretary of State	0	0	0	
Other Items	77	124	47	CLA/ MPA Licences top sliced from DSG for all school licences
TOTAL DSG	95,333	94,959	-374	

Appendix 2

Movement in DSG reserves 2015/16

	£m
Reserves brought forward from 2014/15	-2.828
Appropriation to reserves 2015/16	-0.529
Reserves carried forward to 2016/17	-3.357