

TITLE OF REPORT: Dedicated Schools Grant Revenue Outturn 2022/23

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Schools Forum of the final outturn position of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2022/23.

Background

2. The DSG is made up of four funding blocks:
 - The **Early Years (EY) block** for 2 and 3 & 4-year-old funding;
 - **Mainstream Schools block** which includes some centrally held and de-delegated funding;
 - **High Needs block (HNB)** which includes special schools, alternative provision and top-ups to maintained schools and academies; and
 - **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. Details are provided in Appendix 1.
4. The Council-lead DSG budget for 2022/23 is £105.001m.
5. The year-end outturn for the year was £103.248m, an underspend of £1.753m. The projections are based on expected activity at the time of preparing the report. The main areas of underspend relate to: additional HNB funding, SEN Support Services and support for Inclusion which are partially being offset by school top ups.
6. The balance of the DSG reserve at 31 March 2022 was £2.255m. Factoring in the in year underspend of £1.753m and the Early Years adjustment for 2021/22 of £0.043m, the balance has increased to £3.965m at 31 March 2023.

Proposal

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

Recommendations

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2022/23 DSG Revenue Outturn

DSG Area	Central Services Budget £'000	Total Approved Budget £'000	Central Services Outturn £'000	Outturn £'000	Variance £'000	Comments/Notes
Maintained Schools Budget Share		70,266	0	70,207	(61)	
DEDELEGATION						
Contingencies		0	0	(2)	(2)	
Behaviour support services		214	0	236	22	
Support to UPEG and bilingual learners		227	0	167	(60)	
Staff costs		175	0	174	(1)	Maternity Credits & TU facilitator costs
HIGH NEEDS BUDGET						
High Needs Budget (including Special Schools, PRU and Additional Support Top-ups)	547	23,778	506	21,889	(1,889)	-£1,122k Additional HNB -£1,204k SEN Support Services -£814k Support for Inclusion -£55k ARMS +£72k all alternative provision +£392k Special schools - OOB income +£844k Maintained and Academy
EARLY YEARS BUDGET						
2,3 and 4 year-olds funding to PVI's	0	8,908	0	8,767	(141)	
CENTRAL PROVISION WITHIN SCHOOLS BUDGET						
Contribution to combined budgets	50	370	34	373	3	
School admissions		154	20	230	75	
Servicing of schools forums		47	0	47	0	
Termination of employment costs		313	0	320	7	Premature Retirement costs
Pupil growth/ Infant class sizes		40	0	334	295	Thorpe application agreed in March
Other Items		148	0	148	0	CLA/ MPA Licences top sliced from DSG for all school licences
Statutory/ Regulatory duties		358	0	358	0	ESG topslice agreed by Schools Forum
TOTAL DSG	597	105,001	560	103,248	(1,753)	

	£'000	Comments/Notes
Reserves balance at 31 March 2022	(2,255)	
Appropriation to reserve: in year adjustments	43	EY 21/22 clawback
Appropriation (to)/from reserve: in-year (surplus)/deficit	(1,753)	
Projected reserve balance at 31 March 2023 (surplus) / deficit	(3,965)	