

Schools Funding Forum 28th April 2016 ITEM 4

Subject Heading:

Report Author:

Dedicated Schools Grant – Year End Balance 2015-16

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Eligibility to vote:

All members

SUMMARY

This report sets out the year end position on expenditure from the Dedicated Schools Grant in 2015-16 and to agree the use of the balance in 2016-17.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To agree the allocation of the balance carried forward from the 2015-16 Dedicated Schools Grant..

REPORT DETAIL

The carry forward balance from centrally retained DSG from 2015-16 into 2016-17 is £1.324m.

This is broken down as follows:

	£000
Balance from previous year carry forward	1,169
In Year grant and recoupment adjustments	436
Early Years Block	-333
High Needs Block	-822
Schools Block	874
Total	1,324

Note: The 2014-15 carry forward balance was held as a separate budget in the accounts.

	£000
Roll forward of underspends from de-delegated budgets	121
Retention of budget for recoupment claims from other LAs	200
Vulnerable 2 Year Olds	200
SEND Reforms	125
Additional Resource Provision Pilot - ASD	200
Additional Resource Provision Pilot - Behaviour	100
Early Help - Professionals Portal	70
Business Rates Adjustments	100
Held as contingency for 2016-17	549
Total	1,665

1. Use of 2014-15 agreed by Schools Funding Forum.

2. In Year Adjustments

Includes grants received in year and adjustments to SEN recoupment budgets from previous years.

3. Early Years

The Early Years Block overspend includes in-year funding to providers of early education to 2, 3 and 4 year olds for which additional grant is not received until the following year based on the January 2016 census. There are also hours of provision for which funding is allocated to providers but no grant is received as it falls between census dates.

4. High Needs

The High Needs overspend has arisen from increased demand and the rising cost of provision.

5. Schools Block

The Schools Block underspend included the following:

Budget	Budget £000	Remaining balance £000	Reason
Pupil Growth inc £121k academy recoupment	2,821	527	Some bulges and expansions started later than planned
Falling Rolls	500	0	Fully spent
School Partnerships/ Schools Causing Concern	236	43	Report to follow
School Admissions	500	-17	Additional salary costs
Servicing of Schools Forum	43	0	Fully spent
Capital Exp from Revenue (PPP)	87	30	March payment missed
Termination of Employment Costs	39	39	Not required
Other (Business rates adjustments etc)		38	Not required
Total	4,226	660	

De-delegated budgets	214	£206k Schools in financial difficulty – not allocated
		£8k Trade Union Facility time - missed payment

Total	874	

6. Requests for use of carry forward balance in 2016-17

6.1 Projects funded from 2014-15 DSG balance

		Balance	Purpose
	£000	£000	
Vulnerable 2 Year Olds	200	118	To continue
			payments to
			providers in the
			remaining terms
SEND Reforms	125	59	To continue salary

Early Help - Professionals Portal	70	44	To continue salary costs of staff appointed late
Additional Resource Provision Pilot - Behaviour	100	100	Costs will arise in financial year 2016-17
Additional Resource Provision Pilot - ASD	200	200	costs of staff appointed late Costs will arise in financial year 2016-17

6.2 Payments due in 2016-17

	£000
Reception baseline grant	12
Capital Exp from Revenue (PPP) – missed March payment	24
Trade Union Facility Time	6
Total	42

6.3 De-delegated budgets rolled forward

	£000
Schools in financial difficulty – not allocated	206

6.4 Summary

	£000
Totals for carry forward to 2016-17	769
Balance for contingency	555
Total balance	1,324