



**Subject Heading:**

**Dedicated Schools Grant – Year End  
Balance 2016-17**

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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 2016-17 and to agree the use of the balance in 2017-18.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum:

- (i) notes the areas of under or overspend from the 2016-17 Dedicated Schools Grant
- (ii) agrees the allocation of the balance in financial year 2017-18 as set out in the proposals below

### REPORT DETAIL

#### **1. Balance carried forward from 2016-17**

The carry forward balance from centrally retained DSG from 2015-16 into 2016-17 is £1.616m.

This is broken down as follows:

	£000
Contingency	541
Reserve for Additional Resource Provision	300
Early Years Block	51
High Needs Block	79
Schools Block	706
De-delegated	-61
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,616</b>

## **2. Further explanation and proposals for allocation in 2017-18**

### **2.1 Contingency**

At the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 it was agreed to hold this sum in a contingency to support the transition to the national funding formula. At the time it was the Government's intention to implement the NFF from 2017-18 but this has been delayed until 2018-19.

#### **Proposal**

It is proposed that given the delay in the implementation of the NFF, £541k is retained as a contingency to support the transition into the new formula model.

### **2.2 Reserve for Additional Resourced Provision**

This funding was agreed by the Schools Funding Forum in support of the LA strategy to develop Additional Resourced Provision in mainstream settings to meet increasing demand for pupils with ASD and with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Some costs have been met in support of the set-up of ARPs but charged elsewhere

#### **Proposal**

It is proposed to continue to retain the £300k centrally to support the set up costs of schools opening Additional Resourced Provisions.

### **2.3 Early Years**

This underspend has arisen from a contingency held to support in year participation and the pilot scheme for supporting vulnerable two year olds.

#### **Proposal**

It is proposed to allocate the balance of £51k to the early years funding block to support costs in 2017-18.

## 2.4 High Needs

There is considerable volatility in the costs of special education provision and this underspend is the net balance across a range of placements in schools and the independent sector.

### Proposal

It is proposed to allocate the balance of £79k to the high needs funding block to support costs in 2017-18.

## 2.5 Schools Block

There is a limited range of central activities for which funding may be retained centrally. The funding for these areas was agreed by the Schools Funding Forum at the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

### 2.5.1 School Admissions

Budget	£499,734
Expenditure	£491,280
Variance	£8,454

### 2.5.2 Servicing of Schools Forum

Budget	£43,250
Expenditure	£43,307
Variance	- £57

### 2.5.3 Capital Expenditure from Revenue

Budget	£87,490
Plus	£24,000 b/fwd DSG for missed payment in 2015-16
Expenditure	£98,419
Variance	£13,071

### 2.5.4 Contribution to Combined Budgets (School Partnership Fund)

Budget	£200,000
Expenditure	£178,984
Variance	£21,016

Some actions fall into 2017-18 for current partnerships

Details of expenditure relating to schools are exempt from publication.

### 2.5.5 Pupil growth Fund

Budget	£2,700,000
Expenditure	£2,230,086
Variance	£469,914

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4 new permanent expansions in Reception and 4x 0.5 f.e. expansions in other year groups	242,108
Cohorts moving through from previous year permanent expansions - 16 schools Funding of 390 additional places (13 forms of entry)	632,709
9 new bulge classes in primary schools	406,742
Commitment to schools for unfilled bulge classes from previous year	811,782
Allocations to meet infant class size regulations	39,128
Previous year growth in secondary schools and academies (25 places)	40,302
Deprivation supplement	57,315
	<u>2,230,086</u>
Budget	2,700,000
Underspend	469,914

It is recommended that this underspend is carried forward to increase the budget available for pupil growth in financial year 2017-18 given the planned growth in the secondary sector commencing in September 2017.

### 2.5.6 Schools with falling rolls

Budget	£500,000
Expenditure	£289,538
Variance	£210,462

## 2.6 De-delegated budgets

The budgets that were delegated from maintained primary and secondary schools overspent by £61,000. This was in relation to a very high number of teachers whose salary cost to the schools have been met by the de-delegated budget for maternity insurance. Consideration will need to be given to the future costs of this scheme.