

REPORT TO: School Forum

DATE: 20th January 2016

REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division

SUBJECT: Forecast DSG outturn for 2015-16

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report to the School Forum the forecast outturn position of DSG budgets for 2015-16

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

(1) The report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

When we started working on the budgetary requirements for 2016-17 it became quickly obvious that we would have insufficient grant for our needs. As part of the budget setting process we reviewed the forecast outturn position for the current financial year to give an indication of the carry forward available to us for 2016-17.

Findings

Schools Block – there is a forecast overspend of £56.7k plus an underspend on the Schools contingency and Pupil Growth lines of £308k which are unused at the time of writing this report.

Early Years Block – we are forecasting an overspend of £674.7k of which £357.7k relates to 2 year old provision and £216.7k relates to 3 & 4 year old provision.

High Needs Block – there is a forecast overspend of £506k in total for this block. We are forecasting an underspend of £218.9k on Inclusion staffing costs due to vacancies and a £66.6k underspend on Supplies and Services budgets, again mainly due to staff not being in post. We are also anticipating an underspend on Inter Authority Expenditure in the region of £151.8k. There is a £684k overspend on the Independent School budget and a £259.3k overspend on the Enhanced Provision budget.

Summary

With funds brought forward from previous years we are expecting to have in the region of £2.8m to carry forward into 2016-17 which will be needed to minimise reductions in budgets.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None