

REPORT TO: Schools Forum

DATE: 23 January 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division

SUBJECT: Forecast DSG outturn for 2016-17

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report to the School Forum the forecast outturn position of DSG budgets for 2016-17.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

When work commenced on the budget requirements for 2017-18 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 2017-18.

Findings

Schools Block – we are forecasting an overspend of £32k based on information to date. The overspend is due to the payments made to schools in financial difficulties totalling more than the Schools Contingency budget which is de-delegated from schools. This overspend will increase if further funding for schools in financial difficulty is agreed.

Early Years Block – we are forecasting an underspend of £150k of which almost £100k relates to Early Years Pupil Premium. However it needs to be noted that in 17/18 the Pupil Premium budget allocation reduces from £191k to £100k.

High Needs Block – there is a forecast overspend of £289k in total for this block. We are forecasting an underspend of £269k on Inclusion staffing costs due to vacancies. However we are anticipating the following overspends:

Inter Authority Expenditure of £155k
Independent School provision of £371k
Enhanced Provision of £85k

Summary

With funds brought forward from previous years we are expecting to have in the region of £1.4m to carry forward into 2017-18 which will be needed to minimise reductions in budgets. In 16/17 we had a carry forward of £1.6m but have had to use £171k in order to balance the budgets in 16/17.

The more detailed outturn report will be presented to Schools Forum in the Summer Term as normal.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None