

REPORT TO: Schools Forum
DATE: 20th January 2016
REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer
SUBJECT: Dedicated Schools Grant 2016-17
WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform School Forum of the indicative allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant settlement for 2016-17.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- (1) That Schools Forum notes the DSG settlement for 2016-17,**
- (2) That Schools Forum agrees the Schools Block centrally funded budgets,**
- (3) That Schools Forum agrees the Early Years Block centrally funded budgets.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 On 17th December 2015 the Department for Education announced the indicative Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2016-17.

Once again the DSG settlement is split between three notional blocks: Schools Block, High Needs Block and Early Years Block.

3.2 Schools Block funding

For 2016-17 the Per Pupil Unit of Funding for the Schools Block has increased slightly from its 2015-16 value of £4,850.02 to £4,863.77.

The number of pupils in 2015-16 was 17,307 giving a cash value of £83,939,765. The number of pupils for 2016-17 has increased to 17,416 so the total cash value of the schools block is £84,707,418.

3.3 Early Years Block funding

The per pupil Unit of Funding for the 3 and 4 year old element of the Early Years Block remains the same at £3,363.39, with 1,158 fte giving an indicative total cash value of £3,894,806. The per pupil Unit of Funding for 2 year old element of the Early Years Block is set at £4,683.50 with 267 fte, giving a cash value of £1,250,494. The Early Years Pupil Premium has been announced at £191,409 as part of the DSG settlement rather than the Pupil Premium Grant.

The total indicative funding for the Early Years Block is therefore £5,336,709, the same as for 2015-16.

3.4 High Needs Block funding

The High Needs Block has been allocated at £14,498,539, an increase from 2015-16 from £14,458,452.

However, the Education Funding Agency is taking a top-slice of £1,264,167 for the per place funding funded directly by the EFA. This means the High Needs Block funding that we will receive is actually £13,234,372.

3.5 Total DSG settlement

The total DSG settlement for 2015-16 is £103,304,127 which is an increase from the 2015-16 settlement of £102,634,112 of £670,015.

3.6 Funding Gap

For 2016-17 without any reductions to budgets we needed DSG of £105,542,711 which meant we had a funding gap of £2,238,584 to the indicative DSG allocation. To close this gap we have:

- Reduced Primary and Secondary school funding as previously agreed by 1% agreed, (including impact of IDACI re-banding)
- Reducing Special School budgets
- Reduced Central Budgets
- Earmarked carry forward monies from 2015-16 to fill specific funding gaps for Early Years and High Needs provision.

3.7 Schools Block centrally held budgets

We are proposing to continue to fund central budgets from the Schools Block. Below are the budgets required for 2016-17:

• Internal Audit contribution	£20,000
• Safeguarding post	£47,100
• Schools contribution to Safeguarding Board	£28,000
• Learning Outside the Classroom SLA	£40,560
• CERA (Revenue contribution to Capital)	£345,820
• De-delegated Staff responsibilities	£26,859
• Teachers Panel	£19,460
• De-delegated Schools Contingency	£217,010
• Licences	£92,450
• English as an Additional Language SLA	£146,830
• NQT Support	£25,000
	Total
	£1,009,089

3.8 Early Years Block central budgets

We are proposing to fund centrally held budgets from the Early Years Block totalling £5,009,249 as follows:

• PVI- 3 & 4 year old provision	£3,129,760
• PVI 2 year old provision	£1,431,660
• Early Years Pupil Premium	£191,409

- Early Years staff funded by DSG £151,010
- Schools contribution to IWIST £50,000
- Pre-School Learning Alliance contract £44,740
- Portage premises costs £9,670
- Supplies and Services (2 year old provision) £1,000

3.9 High Needs Block centrally held budgets

Centrally held budgets from the High Needs Block total £7,187,918 which includes:

£2,463,230 for Independent Schools

£1,995,470 for SEN contingency for Enhanced Provision (covering funds included in the one-line budgets and in-year adjustments)

£1,069,000 for Post 16 High Needs funding

£1,173,120 for Inclusion staff funded by DSG

£186,770 for Supplies & Services

£175,000 for Inter Authority Expenditure

£100,000 for PVI Enhanced Provision

4.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
DSG 2016-17 allocations	Kingsway House	Anne Jones