

REPORT TO: Schools Forum
DATE: 22 June 2016
REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division
SUBJECT: Dedicated Schools Grant Outturn 2015-16

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To report to the School Forum the final Dedicated Schools Grant position for 2015-16 and note the amount of DSG carried forward into the 2016-17 financial year.

2.0 **RECOMMENDED: That the amount of unspent DSG from 2015-16 of £1,584,474 is carried forward into the 2016-17 financial year be noted by the School Forum.**

3.0 Background

Each year all local authorities are required to submit a Section 251 Outturn return to the Department for Education. The authority records its total income and expenditure for the previous financial year (2015-16). This includes income and expenditure at individual school level, taken from the Consistent Financial Reporting return plus central local authority income and expenditure.

3.1 The DSG available for distribution in 2015-16 totalled £80.1M as below:

Final allocation of DSG for 2015-16	£77.5M
Plus unspent DSG from 2014-15 carried forward	<u>£ 2.6M</u>
Total DSG available in 2015-16	£80.1M

3.2 The DSG expenditure in 2015-16 totalled £78.4M as below:

Actual DSG School level expenditure	£66.4M
Actual DSG Central expenditure	<u>£12.1M</u>
Total DSG expenditure in 2015-16	£78.5M

3.3 The unspent DSG from 2015-16 brought forward into 2016-17 is therefore £1.6M as below:

Total DSG available in 2015-16	£80.1M
Total DSG expenditure in 2015-16	<u>£78.5M</u>
Total DSG brought forward into 2016-17	£ 1.6M

3.4 The centrally held DSG budgets were overspent by £1.1M in 2015-16. The main overspends were on funding to the PVI sector (£0.33M) and top-up funding (£1.94M). There were underspends totalling £1.17M in other areas

which reduced the overspend to £1.1M. The remaining funds brought forward will be used to fund budget pressures in the current 2016-17 financial year.

Regular monitoring meetings will continue to be held over the course of the year to identify areas of concern and in order to put in place ways of minimising the overspends during the year.