

**WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL****SCHOOLS FORUM JUNE 2017****REPORT BY THE HEAD OF RESOURCES****DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT OUTTURN  
AND SCHOOL BALANCES AS AT 31 MARCH 2017**

This report informs Schools Forum on the year-end DSG balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and the end of year balances for individual schools.

**FOR INFORMATION****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Westminster City Council receives an allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant from the Educating Funding Agency to fund its maintained schools and recoupment academies as well as certain items of central expenditure, Early Years and High Needs Expenditure.
- 1.2 On March 2017 WCC was informed of its final DSG allocation for 2016/17. This confirmed final DSG figure was £84.444m (before deductions), no change on the figure previously reported to Forum.
- 1.3 Deductions for Copyright Licensing totalled £0.123m and DSG clawback of £400 leaving a final DSG income to WCC of £81.857m.

**2. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT – Out-Turn and Carry Forward**

- 2.1 Westminster brought forward a Balance of £6.288m in DSG reserve from 2015/16 and carries forward £5.275m, therefore in year reduction in balances of £1.013m.
- 2.2 Details of variances by budget area can be found in Appendix A however a summarised list of these are as follows –

	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Early Years Budgets</b>	
2 YO Offer	189
Early Years Funding Formula	1,779
Early Years Pupil Premium	70
Other	58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2096</b>
<b>Schools Block</b>	
Schools Formula (Contingency Allocation)	-847
Falling Rolls	-450
Growth Fund	-918
Other Central Budgets (TU Duties etc)	1342
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-873</b>
<b>High Needs Block</b>	
Top-Up	-687
High Needs Commissioning	-222
Portage	-116
Other	226
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-799</b>
<b>TOTAL VARIANCE</b>	<b>424</b>

2.3 The total movement in balances can therefore be summarised as follows –

	<b>£'000</b>
<b>DSG Balance Brought Forward</b>	<b>6,288</b>
Deduction - Copyright Licensing	-123
Virement	-64
DSG Clawback	-400
Early Years Block variances	-2096
Schools Block variances	873
High Needs Block variances	797
<b>DSG Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>5,275</b>

### **3.0 Review of Balances**

- 3.1 The schools forum has previously agreed to continue to fund the current level of targeted full time nursery places (£1.8m) and the minimum funding per pupil funding level in primary schools (£0.451m)
- 3.2 Taking into account these two commitment this leaves a remaining uncommitted balance of £3.075m.
- 3.3 Forum is asked to review the following options and the creation of specific reserves.
  - 3.3.1 To revisit the decision to replicate the minimum funding level for secondary. (£0.414m)
  - 3.3.2 The borough has seen the level of Education Services Grant reduce from £1.124m to £0.335m. The forum is asked to consider an allocation of £0.300m per year for 2018/19 and 2019/20 to allow the Education service to transition to the new funding arrangements.
  - 3.3.3 Create a specific provision for transition support for schools with falling rolls and restructures.

### **4.0 SCHOOL BALANCES**

- 4.1 Westminster annual statement of accounts report that the total of Schools Balances were £5.602m at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Since Westminster closes the accounts on an estimate these are not 100% accurate to the balances shown on schools financial systems but should be indicative.
- 4.2 We will be contacting any schools who's balances appear to cause concern in the near future to check that the balance shown is accurate, ensure that all funding available to the school has been paid to them and that the school has a viable recovery plan should this be required.

### **5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 Schools Forum are asked to note the DSG Carry Forward position,

5.2 Schools Forum is asked to note the level of schools balances and consider whether the levels held raise any concerns.

5.3 To agree proposals for use of centrally retained balances as detailed in section 3.3.

- Secondary Schools additional allocation.
- Education Services Grant transition support.
- Creation of specific reserves.

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**Background papers:**

- Allocations of Dedicated Schools Grant 2016/17
- Department for Education website
- The School Finance (England) Regulations 2013
- Section 251 Guidance

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## Appendix A

Description	Original Budget	Virement	Current Budget	Out-Turn	Variance
	(£'000's)	(£'000's)	(£'000's)	(£'000's)	(£'000's)
<b>EARLY YEARS BLOCK</b>					
2 Year Old Offer	1,182	-11	1,171	1,360	189
2 Year Old Project	0	0	0	12	12
Early Years Formula	7,132	1,414	8,547	10,326	1,779
Early Years Pupil Premium	316	-207	109	179	70
Early Years Sustainability	266	0	266	161	-105
Early Years Advisory Team	202	283	485	635	150
Early Years Commissioning (CIN / CWD)	622	0	622	622	0
Early Help - Localities	0	240	240	240	0
	<b>9,719</b>	<b>1,719</b>	<b>11,438</b>	<b>13,534</b>	<b>2,096</b>
<b>SCHOOLS BLOCK</b>					
School Funding Formula	50,113	-2,131	47,982	47,135	-847
Schools Central - Falling Rolls Fund	317	133	450	0	-450
Schools Central - Growth Fund	896	56	952	34	-918
Schools Central Other (TU / Copyright etc)	379	463	842	2,184	0
	<b>51,705</b>	<b>-1,479</b>	<b>50,226</b>	<b>49,353</b>	1,342
<b>HIGH NEEDS BLOCK</b>					
Place Funding	0	1,890	1,890	1,890	0
Element 2	1,128	598	1,727	1,356	-371
Top-Up - Maintained	4,714	959	5,673	4,788	-885
Top-Up - Academy / Independent / Free	6,633	855	7,488	8,058	570
High Needs Commissioning	2,275	-72	2,203	1,981	-222
Portage	240	0	240	124	-116
Speech & Language Therapy	146	92	238	291	53
Admissions	0	430	430	592	162
SEN Outreach	0	212	212	270	58
School Improvement		579	579	579	0
Educational Psychology	0	100	100	53	-47
	<b>15,136</b>	<b>5,644</b>	<b>20,780</b>	<b>19,983</b>	<b>-797</b>
<b>TOTAL DSG</b>	<b>76,560</b>	<b>5,884</b>	<b>82,444</b>	<b>82,870</b>	<b>426</b>

## Appendix B

SCHOOL	Balance B/F @ 01/04/16 £	Increase / Decrease in Balances £	Balance C/F @ 31/03/17 £
Dorothy Gardner	-88,801	81,169	-7,632
Mary Patterson	-104,081	213,019	108,939
Tachbrook	-20,098	163,654	143,556
Portman	-4,490	61,461	56,971
<b>NURSERY SCHOOLS</b>	<b>-217,469</b>	<b>519,303</b>	<b>301,834</b>
St Augustine's CE Primary School	54,691	84,266	138,956
St Barnabas CE Primary School	43,045	-11,014	32,031
St Clement Danes CE Primary School	128,903	-75,576	53,327
St Edward's Catholic Primary School	115,289	37,028	152,317
St Gabriel's CE Primary School	78,139	5,622	83,761
St George's Hanover Square	4,684	13,524	18,208
St James' And St Michael's CE School	-18,025	-86,738	-104,762
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	136,288	-208,056	-71,769
St Luke's CE Primary School	-9,938	-244,386	-254,324
St Mary Magdalene's CE Primary School	90,999	-3,668	87,331
St Mary Of The Angels Catholic School	26,993	-139,989	-112,996
St Mary's Bryanston Square CE School	74,301	-75,463	-1,162
St Matthew's CE Primary School	111,158	-197,084	-85,926
St Peter's CE Primary School	904,178	-350,589	553,589
St Peter's Eaton Square CE School	56,853	61,968	118,821
St Saviour's CE Primary School	126,640	-277,086	-150,446
St Stephen's CE Primary School	208,107	-87,070	121,037
St Vincent De Paul Catholic School	76,811	-130,236	-53,424
St Vincent's Catholic Primary School	161,149	59,091	220,239
All Souls' CE Primary School	-89,011	40,803	-48,208
Barrow Hill Junior School	175,699	44,831	220,530
Burdett Coutts CE Primary School	233,757	-43,021	190,736
Christ Church Bentinck CE Primary	203,607	76,744	280,351
Edward Wilson Primary School	480,724	-49,941	430,783
Essendine Primary School	117,641	-132,078	-14,436
George Eliot Primary School	366,478	-215,557	150,921
Hallfield Primary School	558,346	-242,269	316,078
Hampden Gurney CE Primary School	165,154	30,140	195,294
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary	122,380	-74,342	48,038
Paddington Green Primary School	23,655	-317,083	-293,428
Queen's Park Primary School	68,644	5,328	73,971
Robinsfield Infant School	205,608	-61,477	144,131
Soho Parish CE Primary School	27,918	-33,576	-5,658
Westminster Cathedral Catholic School	146,177	-13,621	132,555
<b>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>	<b>5,177,041</b>	<b>-2,610,575</b>	<b>2,566,466</b>
St Augustine's CE High School	318,433	84,616	403,048
<b>SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>	<b>318,433</b>	<b>84,616</b>	<b>403,048</b>
College Park	81,705	275,728	357,434
QE2	242,575	-165,300	77,275
<b>SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>324,280</b>	<b>110,428</b>	<b>434,708</b>
<b>ALL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>5,602,284</b>	<b>-1,896,228</b>	<b>3,706,057</b>

