**WESTMINISTER CITY COUNCIL**

**SCHOOLS FORUM 13 NOVEMBER 2017**

**REPORT BY THE HEAD OF RESOURCES**

**DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2017/18**

This report informs Schools Forum of the 2017/18 DSG grant allocation and provides a report on the budgets and projected outturn for the 2017/18 DSG.

**FOR INFORMATION**

1. **INTRODUCTION**
   1. The total Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation for 2017/18 (based on the most recent information published by the Department for Education) is £84.244m before adjustments.
   2. Table 1 below shows a comparison between the DSG provisional allocation as reported to Schools Forum in June 2017 against the September 2017 position. There is an overall reduction of -£653k in the Early Years funding allocation, which sees in increase in the 2YO funding allocated (£207k) but an overall reduction in 3&4YO funding (-£835k) and Early Years Pupil Premium (-£35k) allocations respectively.
   3. The DSG allocation for 2017/18 per current published DFE information is £84.244m before adjustments for academy recoupment, copyright licencing and Early Year adjustment for 2016/17 as set out below, which brings the total amount of DSG income that will be received by WCC in 1718 to £83.808m.
   4. This report looks at the 2017/18 budget and current projected outturn.
2. **2017/18 DSG ALLOCATION**

2.1 Table 1 compares the DSG provisional allocation in June 2017 against the August 2017 position.

* + 1. **Prior Year Early Years adjustment:** Reduction of **-**£330k relates to the 2016/17 Early Years funding, due to late confirmation of three- and four- year old pupil numbers.
    2. **Copyright Licencing adjustment:** A reduction of£105k is the top sliced funding for the nationally negotiated schools copyright licences

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| **Table 1** | **2017/2018 DSG** | **Change** | **2017/2018 DSG** |
| **June** | **September** |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | ***£’000*** | ***£’000*** | ***£’000*** |
| **Early Years Block** |  |  |  |
| Early Years Pupil Funding | 13,205 | -835 | 12,370 |
| 2YO Funding | 1,252 | 207 | 1,459 |
| Early Years Pupil Premium | 109 | -25 | 83 |
| **TOTAL Early Years Block** | **14,565** | **-653** | **13,912** |
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| **Schools Block** | 112,055 | 0 | 112,055 |
| NRA Cash Adjustment |  | 0 |  |
| Academy Recoupment | -64,125 |  | -64,125 |
| **TOTAL Schools Block** | **47,930** | **0** | **47,930** |
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| **High Needs Block** | 24,756 | 0 | 24,756 |
| Deductions to High Needs Block | -2,354 | 0 | -2,354 |
| **TOTAL High Needs Block** | **22,402** | **0** | **22,402** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Additions/Deductions** |  |  |  |
| NQT Funding | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **TOTAL Additions/Deductions** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL DSG Allocation 2015/2016** | **84,896** | **-653** | **84,244** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Adjustments** |  |  |  |
| Prior Year Early Years |  |  | -330 |
| Copyright Licensing |  |  | -105 |
| **TOTAL Available Funds** | **84,896** |  | **83,808** |
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1. **DSG BUDGETS AND BUDGET MONITORING**

At Period 6, the projected DSG forecast shows an over spend of £301k at year end – see Table 2.

* 1. ***Early Years (on Budget)***
     1. Early Years spend is forecast to be within the current DSG allocation. We are currently reconciling PVI/school spend to allocate budgets and will report variances at the next school’s forum, if applicable.
  2. **Schools Block (underspend of -£25k)**
     1. The schools block is forecast to be within the current DSG allocation, with a slight underspend of -£25k.
  3. **High Needs Block (overspend of £326k)**
     1. There is a projected overspend against the High Needs Block of £326k.
     2. This is primarily due to overspends against the Vulnerable children and Belongings placements budgets of (£113k) and (£239k) respectively. This pressure relates to funding the education element of looked after children placements as part of joint funded arrangement with partners in social care.
     3. The Alternative Provision Commissioning & SEN Commissioning is forecast to have an underspend of -£113k.
     4. There is projected overspend on SEN provision for other support and therapies of (£169k) and Relationship and quality assurance service is showing an underspend of -£53k.
     5. Detailed budgets and current projections are set out in Table 2.

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| **TABLE 2** | **Amended Budget** | **Projected Actual (Sep)** | **Projected Actual (Jun)** | **Projected Variance** | **Change from P4 Report** |
|  | *£'000* |  | *£'000* | *£'000* | *£'000* |
| **Early Years Block** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 Year Old Offer | 1,171 | 1,171 | 1,171 | 0 | 0 |
| 2YO Targetting funding | 119 | 119 | 119 | 0 | 0 |
| Early Years Formula | 10,933 | 10,933 | 10,933 | 0 | 0 |
| Early Years Pupil Premium | 83 | 83 | 83 | 0 | 0 |
| Children with Disabilities Provision | 37 | 37 | 37 | 0 | 0 |
| EAL and Early Years Team | 55 | 55 | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| Early Years Commissioners | 70 | 70 | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| Early Help and Partnerships Team | 240 | 240 | 240 | 0 | 0 |
| Early Years and Children´s Centres Team | 293 | 293 | 293 | 0 | 0 |
| Early Years Provision | 266 | 266 | 266 | 0 | 0 |
| Day Nursery Provision - CIN | 264 | 264 | 264 | 0 | 0 |
| Children In Need Provision | 383 | 383 | 383 | 0 | 0 |
|  | **13,913** | **13,913** | **13,913** | **0** | **0** |
| **Schools Block** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Schools Formula Funding | 46,034 | 46,034 | 46,034 | 0 | 0 |
| Schools Central - Growth / Falling Rolls | 921 | 450 | 921 | -471 | -471 |
| Schools Central - Contingency | 0 | 577 | 0 | 577 | 577 |
| Schools Central - Copyright Licensing | 126 | 105 | 126 | -21 | -21 |
| Schools Central Management | 0 | 83 | 0 | 83 | 83 |
| Monitoring - DSG | 0 | 42 | 0 | 42 | 42 |
| CHS Finance Education Team | 208 | 208 | 208 | 0 | 0 |
| CHS Finance Head of Resources | 17 | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| Tri-Borough Portfolio Team | 0 | 171 | 0 | 171 | 171 |
| School Standards | 66 | 66 | 66 | 0 | 0 |
| Intervention Fund | 75 | 75 | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| Admissions | **431** | **321** | **431** | **-109** | **-109** |
| **Multi Agency Safeguarding** Hub | **17** | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| Virtual School | 207 | 207 | 207 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 48,101 | 48,373 | 48,101 | 272 | 272 |
| High Needs **Block** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Element 2 Funding | 1,727 | 1,727 | 1,727 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Unit Place Funding | 1,890 | 1,890 | 1,890 | 0 | 0 |
| Educational Psychology | 100 | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Top-Up Funding – Maintained | 4,318 | 4,386 | 4,318 | 68 | 68 |
| Top-Up Funding - Academy, Free, Ind. | 8,240 | 8,143 | 8,240 | -97 | -97 |
| SEN Service Delivery | 160 | 160 | 160 | 0 | 0 |
| Out of Borough Top-Up Payments - Maintained/Academies | 2,000 | 2,965 | 2,000 | 965 | 965 |
| Alternative Provision Commissioning | 1,360 | 1,360 | 1,360 | 0 | 0 |
| Vulnerable children placements | 0 | 113 | 0 | 113 | 113 |
| Belongings Placements | 564 | 1,003 | 564 | 439 | 439 |
| Alternative Provision Commissioning &SEN Commissioning | 1,807 | 1,694 | 1,807 | -113 | -113 |
| Other Support & Therapys | 50 | 219 | 50 | 169 | 169 |
| Assistant Director SEND | 61 | 61 | 61 | 0 | 0 |
| Occupational Therapy | 31 | 31 | 31 | 0 | 0 |
| Relationships and Quality Assurance | 212 | 159 | 212 | -54 | -54 |
| SEN Outreach | 579 | 579 | 579 | 0 | 0 |
| Portage | **240** | **240** | **240** | **0** | **0** |
| **Equipment** | **12** | **12** | **12** | **0** | **0** |
| Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) | 238 | 238 | 238 | 0 | 0 |
|  | **23,589** | **25,081** | **23,589** | **1,491** | **1,491** |
| **TOTAL DSG Applied** | **85,604** | **87,367** | **85,604** | **1,763** | **1,763** |

1. **Recommendations**
   1. Schools Forum are asked to note the total DSG allocation and current financial position.
   2. Schools Forum are asked to note that the projected overspend for 2017/18 forecast is at £301k.

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**Background papers:**

* Allocations of Dedicated Schools Grant 2017/18
* Department for Education website

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