

**Agenda Item 6**

**Schools Forum**

**12 November 2018**

**SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS HIGH NEEDS BLOCK 2018/19**  
**SEPTEMBER 2018 MONITORING REPORT**

**This report is for decision**

**1. Recommendations:**

That Schools Forum members:

- 1.1 Note the contents of the report in relation to the 2018/19 HNB Grant budget monitoring for the period 1 April – 30 September 2018.

**2. Purpose**

- 2.1 To provide schools forum with the HNB monitoring position as at 30 September 2018 projected to 31 March 2019.

**3. Links to School Improvement Priorities**

- 3.1 The continued improvement in attainment and progress rates of all pupils is integral to Sandwell's improvement strategy. Within this it is recognised that the performance of vulnerable groups funded through the High Needs Block arrangements, plays a key role in delivering improved outcomes overall. It is important to recognise that HNB funding resources are finite and need to be allocated to ensure professional services and learning support resources are available for schools to meet the needs of pupils whilst at the same time allowing schools enough scope to shape their support for young people.

**4. HNB Budget 2018/19 Analysis**

- 4.1 The HNB Grant for 2018/19 is currently £37.609m.
- 4.2 Table 1 shows initial budget as at 1 April 2018 presented to Schools Forum on 18 June 2018

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8, the revised budget following in year virements and DfE HNB Grant adjustments, the anticipated outturn as at 31 March 2019 and the variance from the revised budget.

- 4.3 The current anticipated in year surplus is £125k.
- 4.4 The balance bought forwards as at 1 April 2018 was nil as the deficit from 2017/18 dealt with as reported to Schools Forum in June.
- 4.5 The main variances are as follows:
- Place Funding £394K – an additional 24 places are required in special schools, 12 of which are in The Meadows School following the agreed expansion. Changes in the Focus Provision funding by the DfE has required additional places to be funded for pupils who are admitted after the October census date. This equates to £154K.
  - Alternative Provision £417 – the anticipated overspend is for pupils missing education, International new arrivals and hard to place pupils. This was raised as an issue in the outturn report presented to Forum in June 18 and work is currently being undertaken to look at the sudden increase in the pupils accessing this provision. A separate report will follow in due course. There is an expectation that this expenditure may increase and any variations will be included in the report.
  - SEN Developments currently funds staff salaries nearing the end of their contracts agreed by JEG in 2014/15 equating to £21K, costs for independent appeals and reports of £20K, additional HNB funding from the DfE of £77K and the transfer in of £265K agreed by the Behaviour and Attendance Management Group.

**Table 1 - HNB 2018/19 Budget Allocations**

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<b>Budget Heading</b>	<b>Budget 2018/19 £000</b>	<b>Amended Budget £000</b>	<b>Anticipated Outturn 31/3/19 £000</b>	<b>Variance from Budget £000</b>
1) Out of Borough Placements	2,907	2,907	2,932	25
2) Pupil Top Up Funding	20,007	20,007	19,925	(82)
3) Place Funding	7,516	7,516	7,910	394
4) Hospital PRU	988	988	988	0
5) SEN Support Services	907	998	943	(55)
6) Support for Inclusion	2,868	2,709	2,666	(43)
7) Alternative Provision		160	577	417
7) SEN Developments	355	204	(97)	(301)
8) Other SEN Funding	1,684	1,584	1,584	0
9) Exclusions and Reintegration	56	56	56	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,288</b>	<b>37,129</b>	<b>37,484</b>	
<b>HNB Grant</b>	<b>37,532</b>	<b>37,609</b>	<b>37,609</b>	
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>125</b>	

## 5. Other SEN Funding

5.1 Table 2 shows the breakdown of the other SEN funding of £1.584m

5.2 The reductions agreed by the Forum in September 2017 have been applied to the budgets.

**Table 2 Other SEN Funding**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget 208/19 £000</b>	<b>Anticipated Outturn 31/3/19 £000</b>
Central Recharges	508	508
SLAs with Health	87	87
Equal Pay Claim Special Schools	58	58
Transfer to CWD	96	96
Hospital Tuition	50	50
Mediation	10	10
Medical Malpractice Insurance	15	15
Non Statutory SEN Support	360	360
Contribution to SC Placements to be based on actual costs agreed on an individual basis	400	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>1,584</b>

## 6. Recommendations

6.1 That Schools Forum note the contents of the report in relation to the HNB Grant Allocations.

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