

Schools Forum

19 June 2023

Dedicated Schools Grant Outturn 2022/23

This report is for information

1. Recommendations:

That Schools Forum members:

- 1.1 Note the contents of the report.
- 1.2 Be advised that a further report will be taken to the first School Forum meeting of the next academic year which will set out the impact of the de-delegated budget expenditure with recommendations on the use of any carry forwards.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 To inform members on actual expenditure incurred for the Dedicated Schools Grant blocks of funding; Early Year Block Central School Services Block, centrally retained and the de-delegated budgets in financial year 2022/23. The High Needs Block report is presented in a separate paper at this meeting.

3. Summary

- 3.1 The Summary provisional DSG outturn report is as shown in the table below.

Table 1 – Summary Provisional 2022/23 DSG (£'000)

| | 2021/22 B/F | Income | Expenditure | In Year Bal | TOTAL C/F |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Schools Block | (358.91) | (308,463.03) | 309,038.17 | 575.14 | 216.23 |
| HNB | (3,930.30) | (60,890.09) | 59,063.53 | (1,826.56) | (5,756.86) |
| EYB | 206.11 | (24,113.58) | 23,889.42 | (224.16) | (18.05) |
| CSSB | 12.90 | (2,283.29) | 2,272.27 | (11.02) | 1.88 |
| TOTAL | (4,070.20) | (395,749.99) | 394,263.39 | (1,486.60) | (5,556.80) |

4. Report Details

- 4.1 The Early Years Block initial allocation for 2022/23 was £23.386m. Due to the usual adjustment for participation etc, the actual grant income received was £24.114m the net effect of which was £0.727m increase.
- 4.2 Table 2 below details the actual expenditure incurred during 2022/23 regarding the use of the Early Years Block.

Table 2 – Early Years Block (£'000)

| Service Area | Budget 2022/23 | Actual Expenditure | Variance |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Early Learning 2-year olds | 3,584 | 4,173 | 589 |
| Early Years - PVI | 10,697 | 10,730 | 33 |
| Early Years - Schools | 7,240 | 7,240 | 0 |
| EY – Pupil Premium | 307 | 326 | 19 |
| SEN Inclusion Fund | 480 | 480 | 0 |
| Disability Access Fund | 118 | 26 | (92) |
| Central Services | 961 | 915 | (46) |
| Early Years Adjustment | 727 | 0 | (727) |
| Total | 24,114 | 23,889 | (225) |

- 4.3 Table 3 details the actual expenditure incurred regarding the use of the Central School Services Block.

Table 3 – Central School Services Block (£'000)

| Service Area | Budget 2022/23 | Actual Expenditure | Variance |
|---|----------------|--------------------|------------|
| School Forum | 3 | 0 | -3 |
| Pension Administration | 146 | 146 | 0 |
| Stat/Regulatory/Education Welfare/Asset Mgt | 1,284 | 1,284 | 0 |
| Admissions & Appeals | 453 | 445 | -8 |
| Copyright Licenses ¹ | 397 | 397 | 0 |
| Total | 2,283 | 2,272 | -11 |

¹ *Copyright Licenses costs are paid for directly by the DfE and the DSG grant allocation paid to the authority is adjusted accordingly.

Pupil Number Growth Funding

4.4 The Pupil number growth allocation agreed by Schools forum was £1.3m. There was growth fund brought forward from 2021/22 of £0.336m making total funding available to be £1.636m. Total growth fund paid during the year amounts to £2.211m representing an overspend of £0.575m and will be the first call on 2023/24 PNG funding allocation.

De-delegated Budgets

4.5 Table 4 details the breakdown of the de-delegated budgets, expenditure, and variance. Further report on utilisation and impact of de-delegated budgets will be presented to Forum in September 2023.

Table 4 – De-delegated Budgets

| Service Area | Adjusted Budget 2022/23 £'000 | Actual Expenditure £'000 | Variance £'000 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Health & Safety Licenses | 4 | 6 | (2) |
| Evolve Annual License | 0 | 5 | (5) |
| Union Facilities Time | 219 | 177 | 42 |
| School Improvement | 100 | 100 | 0 |
| Schools in financial difficulty | 0 | 88 | (88) |
| Total | 323 | 376 | (53) |

Education Functions

4.6 Table 5 provides a breakdown of the Education Functions budgets, expenditure, and variance.

Table 5 – Education Functions

| Service Area | Budget 2022/23 £'000 | Actual Expenditure £'000 | Variance £'000 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Education Benefits Team | 175 | 175 | 0 |
| Children's Clothing Allowance | 33 | 33 | 0 |
| Safeguarding & Attendance | 264 | 264 | 0 |
| Total | 472 | 472 | 0 |

5. Recommendations

That Schools Forum

- 5.1 Note the contents of the report.
- 5.2 Be advised that a further report will be taken to the School Forum meeting on 25th September 2023 which will set out the impact of the de-delegated budget expenditure with recommendations on the use of any carry forwards.

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