

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the year-end position for the 2009-10 Schools Budget. At this time the accounts are provisional and are subject to audit. The Forum are asked to note the report and the DSG carry forward of £386,303.

1. Outturn 2009-10

The Schools budget and outturn is shown in the attached Appendix. The reported under spend is £128,548. This amount represents variations in Area Based Grant.

There are a number of significant variations that are briefly described below:

(i) Special Staff Costs £335,000

Maternity costs in schools have exceeded the budget. At this level, the growth built into the budget for 2010-11 will not be sufficient.

(ii) Schools Contingencies £349,000 CR

This underspend is after contributing to a reserve for equalised pay costs of £300,000, and a reserve for Automatic Meter Readers of £415,000 (see report elsewhere on this agenda). This budget has also been credited with a Discretionary Rate Relief saving for foundation schools of £106,000. The contingency budget will be reviewed as part of the 2011-12 budget process.

(iii) SEN Costs £160,000 CR

There is no overspend in SEN costs at the year-end. These budgets for 2009-10 included agreed growth of £270,000 and the net cost of statements, out of borough placements, pupils receiving home tutoring and WASP have been met from within this.

(iv) Support for SEN £202,000 CR

This reduction is the result of a number of vacancies within SESS - sensory support and communication difficulties - and underspends in SEN Area Based Grants.

(v) Early Years £107,000 CR

The number of children in Early Years settings were less than the budget provision for the year. In addition there are a number of vacant Foundation Consultant / Development Worker posts.

(vi) Standards Fund

These budgets include allocations for Early Years School Lunch Grant, One to One Tuition, Extended Schools and Primary and Secondary Strategies. Grants totalling £1.3 million have been carried forward to be spent by 31st August 2010.

(vii) Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) £386,000

As a result of the above variations the level of DSG required to fund the Schools Budget is less than planned and there is a carry forward of £386,303. The overall position for DSG is reported separately.

RECOMMENDATION

That

- (1) The Forum note the report.

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Appendix 1

Schools Budget and Outturn 2009-10

2008-09 Actual		2009-10 Budget	2009-10 Outturn	Variation
£	Schools	£	£	£
73,233,271	Primary Schools	75,383,300	75,382,452	-848
76,921,678	Secondary Schools	78,108,400	78,109,299	899
13,422,620	Special Schools	13,783,300	13,783,304	4
1,083,057	Nursery Schools	1,106,800	1,106,752	-48
164,660,626		168,381,800	168,381,807	7
	Centrally held budgets			
358,276	Milk & Meals	344,200	347,122	2,922
3,692,611	Statements	3,746,200	3,841,582	95,382
2,079,323	Support For SEN	3,061,800	2,859,308	-202,492
926,040	Pupil Access Supp Serv	941,500	1,143,074	201,574
252,640	Education Out Of School	169,900	266,793	96,893
343,908	OLEA	521,800	319,598	-202,202
4,499,748	Early Years and Children's Centres	4,608,500	4,497,284	-111,216
2,976,452	Indep Special School Fees	3,312,500	2,962,943	-349,557
180,837	Library Service	197,700	239,363	41,663
62,805	Licences & Subs	57,100	66,552	9,452
53,314	Insurances	65,400	46,323	-19,077
395,400	Admissions	455,400	433,126	-22,274
1,539,179	School Specific Contingencies	1,435,300	1,086,210	-349,090
969,332	Special Staff Costs	825,600	1,160,377	334,777
33	Schools Forum	10,600	2,439	-8,161
167,649	Miscellaneous	176,400	146,806	-29,594
1,218,998	Standards Fund	490,200	486,341	-3,859
19,716,544		20,420,100	19,905,242	-514,858
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-183,571,094	Dedicated School Grant	188,136,200	187,749,897	386,303
806,077	Net Schools Expenditure	665,700	537,152	-128,548