

## WIRRAL COUNCIL

### WIRRAL SCHOOLS FORUM – 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2010

#### REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

#### DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT RESERVE AND FINAL 2010-11 GRANT NOTIFICATION

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A breakdown of the DSG reserve balance of £834,051 is shown below. This includes the probable adjustment by the DCSF for 2010-11 in respect of pupil numbers. The final grant for 2010-11 is estimated to be £194,044,500 an increase compared to the amount budgeted of £49,100.

##### 1. Background

- 1.1 As part of the decisions taken for the current funding period, the Forum has agreed to carry forward any grant balances either from the final grant settlement or year end accounts until the end of the funding period in 2010-11.
- 1.2 The DSG for 2010-11 is calculated from January 2010 PLASC and Early Years Census data. This information can not be finalised before the budget process has been completed.
- 1.3 The Schools Budget was set using an expected level of DSG of £193,995,400. This represented estimated pupil numbers (including Early Years) of 45,448. The pupil data has now been agreed nationally for all authorities allowing the DCSF to set final DSG allocations.

##### 2. DSG 2010-11

- 2.1 The census data for Wirral has increased the pupil count used for DSG by 11, from 45,448 (budget) to 45,459. An increase of 11 pupils will result in £49,100 more grant.

##### 3. Final Accounts 2008-09

- 3.1 The outturn is reported separately on this agenda. The DSG underspend of £386,303 has been transferred to the reserve and is shown in the statement below.

##### 4. DSG Reserve

The movement in the reserve balance can be summarised as follows:

	£
DSG balance brought forward 1.4.2009	418,848
Final DSG adjustment for 2009-10 (5 fewer pupils)	(20,200)
Central Schools Budget underspend in 2009-10	<u>386,303</u>
	784,951
Estimated Final DSG adjustment for 2010-11	<u>49,100</u>
Current DSG balance	834,051

##### RECOMMENDATION

That the DSG reserve balance is noted.

**Howard Cooper**  
**Director of Children's Services**