

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## WIRRAL SCHOOLS FORUM – 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010

### REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The final DSG grant for 2010-11 announced on 1<sup>st</sup> July was £194,032,000 an increase compared to the amount budgeted of £36,600.

#### 1.0 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.

#### 2.0 DSG 2010-11

- 2.1 The Forum noted the estimated balance in June based on 11 more pupils and additional grant of £49,100. The final census data for Wirral has increased the pupil count used for DSG by from 45,448 (budget) to 45,456. An increase of 8 pupils will result in £36,600 more grant.

#### 3.0 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	386,303
	<b>784,951</b>
Final DSG adjustment for 2010-11 (8 additional pupils)	36,600
Current DSG balance	<b>821,551</b>

#### 4.0 Use of DSG Reserve

Gilbrook Outreach	£65,000 (20 <sup>th</sup> January 2010)
School Pay Harmonisation	£756,551 (elsewhere on current agenda)

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the DSG reserve balance and future use is noted.

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