

**WIRRAL COUNCIL
SCHOOLS FORUM – 13TH NOVEMBER 2013
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

FINAL DSG ALLOCATIONS 2013-14

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Dedicated Schools Grant allocation for Wirral before deductions for academies recoupment and direct funding of academy High Needs places by the EFA is £234,917,000 for 2013/14. After such deductions the final Dedicated Schools Grant is £176,066,000, an adjustment of £58,839,000.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 DSG for 2013-14 is calculated from October 2012 PLASC and January 2013 and 2014 Early Years Census Data. Overall therefore this information will not be finalised until 2014. The latest position was confirmed by the DfE on 19th July 2013 and is required to be confirmed by the Director of Finance to the Department for Education.

- 2.2 The DSG allocation for 2013-14 is in four blocks as detailed below:

Schools Block - £130,227,000

Based on 41,343 pupils aged 4-15 per October 2012 Census at £4,547.11 each, with an academy recoupment adjustment of £57,592,000

Early Years Block - £11,205,000

Based on 2,936 FTE pupils aged 3 & 4 per January 2013 Census at £3,816.57 each

High Needs Block - £31,235,000

This includes the funding for all high needs pupils/students to enable local authorities to commission places for young people from 0-24 from a single funding stream.

Other - £3,399,000

This includes funding for early education places for 2 year olds from lower income households, NQT induction and former grant funding at Non Maintained Special Schools.

- 2.3 The changes since the 2013-14 Schools Budget was approved in January are summarised in the attached appendix.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That members note the report prior to submission to the DfE.

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