

**WIRRAL COUNCIL  
SCHOOLS FORUM – 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014  
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**FINAL DSG ALLOCATIONS 2014-15**

**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Dedicated Schools Grant allocation for Wirral before deductions for academy recoupment and direct funding of academy High Needs places by the EFA is £236,740,000 for 2014/15. After such deductions the final Dedicated Schools Grant is £175,834,000, an adjustment of £60,906,000. This is in line with the amount shown within the Schools Budget as reported to the Forum on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

**2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 2.1 DSG for 2014-15 is calculated from October 2013 PLASC and January 2014 and 2015 Early Years Census Data. Overall therefore this information will not be finalised until 2015. The latest position was confirmed by the DfE on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

- 2.2 The DSG allocation for 2014-15 is in four blocks as detailed below:

Schools Block - £128,959,000

Based on 41,235 pupils aged 4-15 per October 2013 Census at £4,547.11 each, with an academy recoupment adjustment of £58,541,000 and a Carbon Transfer of £270,000.

Early Years Block - £11,419,000

Based on 2,992 FTE pupils aged 3 & 4 per January 2014 Census at £3,816.57 each

High Needs Block - £30,739,000

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 - £4,717,000

This includes funding for early education places for 2 year olds from lower income households and NQT induction.

- 2.3 The changes since the 2014-15 Schools Budget was approved in January are summarised in the attached appendix.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That members note the report which in previous years was required to be submitted to the DfE.

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