

## **WIRRAL COUNCIL**

### **SCHOOLS FORUM – 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**

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

#### **SCHOOLS BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2016/17**

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### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Forum with a regular update on the anticipated spend within the Schools Budget for 2016/17. At this time there are no specific variations reported.

### **2.0 ANTICIPATED BUDGET VARIATIONS**

- 2.1 The table attached summarises the Schools Budget. Comments on specific budget areas are set out below.

#### **2.2 Early Years Grant**

The Early Years budget of £14.6m reflects the funding required for 2, 3 and 4 year olds who are entitled to receive free Early Education and Early Years Pupil Premium. It is based on the January 2016 census. It is expected at this stage that this budget will be fully committed in year.

Separately there is also £130,500 that was carried forward from 2015/16 to fund developments in the Early Years portal and to improve take up of the 2 year old offer.

#### **2.3 Contribution to Combined Budgets**

A breakdown of the combined budget is shown below:

	<b>Budget £</b>
School Improvement	359,900
Discretionary Rate Relief Top Up	106,600
LCSB contribution	30,000
Governors Forum	2,200
Wellbeing & School Staff Surveys (5/12)	18,600
PFI Support Team	61,800
LACES	140,500
School Intervention	674,500
City Learning Centres (5/12)	196,500
CLC PFI	108,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,698,800</b>

It is anticipated that these budgets will be fully committed. The provision in future years is uncertain and will be determined alongside the new National Funding Formula for schools.

#### 2.4 School Specific Contingencies

There is a contingency budget of £190,300 to take into account any specific costs that need to be met. The purposes for the contingency budget is described elsewhere on this agenda.

#### 2.5 Special Staff Costs

The budget of £699,700 is broken down below:

	£
Maternity, Paternity & Other Staff Costs	614,400
TU Facilities	78,400
Insurance & Recharges	6,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>699,700</b>

#### 2.6 Special Education Needs Top Ups

A budget of £8.8m funds the Pupil Led Top Up funding in Specialist Provision, Resource Bases, FE, Colleges and Alternative Provision. The Summer Term census figures are not yet available so at this time there are no variations to report.

The budget is made up as follows:	£
Top ups for Maintained special schools	6,406,300
Top ups for Resourced provision	602,000
Alternative provision	243,800
FE and 6 <sup>th</sup> Form top ups	728,000
Additional Nursing support	127,100
Exceptional Needs	645,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,752,200</b>

#### 2.7 Independent Special Schools

The budget in this area has increased to reflect demand and it is expected that the full £3.7m budget will be spent. There are currently 93 places for young people with complex needs in Independent Special Schools.

#### 2.8 Special Education Needs Statements

The budget has increased in this area to £3.8m. The numbers fluctuate during the year and will continue to be monitored.

#### 2.9 DSG - £172,629,000

The revised Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2016/17 will be published in July and will confirm the allocation to Wirral.

The budget also includes £568,900 of DSG carried forward from 2015/16.

### 3.0 UPDATE ON SPECIFIC RESERVES

#### 3.1 The final figure of DSG reserves carried forward into 2016/17 was £2.5 as follows:

### **Job Evaluation and Pay Harmonisation Reserve - £0.65m**

#### **DSG Reserve - £1.0m**

	£
DSG Carry Forward from 2015/16	1,602,200
Use of Reserve in 2016/17	(568,900)
	<b>1,033,300</b>

#### **City Learning Centres - £0.12m**

This reserve will be used to help meet any final closure costs relating to the City Learning Centres.

#### **Early Years £0.1m**

There is a balance in reserve of £130,500 to continue to develop the Early Years Portal and expand the 2 year old provision.

## **4.0 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The Schools Budget will continue to be monitored and reported throughout the year.

## **5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 That the Forum notes the report.

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## Appendix 1 – Budget Variations 2016/17

	Adjusted Budget 2016/17 £
<b>Individual Schools Budget</b>	
Primary Schools	93,463,700
Secondary Schools	27,081,100
Special Schools	8,861,700
SEN Bases	1,701,500
Wirral Hospital School	1,356,300
Early Years	14,557,600
<b>Individual Schools Budget Total</b>	<b>147,021,900</b>
<b>Central School Costs</b>	
Early Years	378,700
Admissions	341,800
School Closure / retirement costs	86,000
Licences & Subscriptions	223,800
Schools Forum	10,600
Contribution to Combined Budgets	1,698,800
PPM	249,000
PFI affordability gap	2,886,500
<b>Costs De-Delegated from schools</b>	
Library Service	191,700
Insurances	32,300
MEAS	104,100
School Specific Contingencies	104,300
Special Staff Costs	699,700
Milk & Meals	21,200
Behaviour Support	92,300
<b>High Needs Pupils</b>	
Statements	3,799,000
SEN Top Ups	8,752,200
High Needs Contingency	434,000
Independent Special Schools	3,689,000
Home Tuition	308,900
Support for SEN	2,031,500
Special School Transport	58,200
<b>Non Delegated School Costs</b>	<b>26,193,600</b>
<b>Dedicated Schools Grant</b>	<b>(172,060,100)</b>
<b>Use of Reserves</b>	<b>(568,900)</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>586,500</b>