

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS FORUM – 24TH JUNE 2009

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT RESERVE AND FINAL 2009-10 GRANT NOTIFICATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A breakdown of the DSG reserve balance of £382,047 is shown below. This includes the probable adjustment by the DCSF for 2009-10 in respect of pupil numbers. The final grant for 2009-10 is estimated to be £188,099,400 a reduction compared to the amount budgeted of £36,800.

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 2009-10 is calculated from January 2009 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 £188,136,200. This represented estimated pupil numbers (including Early Years) of 46,567. The pupil data has now been agreed nationally for all authorities allowing the DCSF to set final DSG allocations.

2. DSG 2009-10

- 2.1 The census data for Wirral has reduced the pupil count used for DSG by 9, from 46,567 (budget) to 46,558. A reduction of 9 pupils will result in £36,800 less grant.

3. Final Accounts 2008-09

- 3.1 The outturn is reported separately on this agenda. The DSG underspend of £165,906 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 1.4.2008	271,942
Amount used in 2008-09 Schools Budget	(403,000)
Final DSG adjustment for 2008-09 (an Additional 96 pupils)	384,000
Central Schools Budget underspend in 2008-09	<u>165,906</u>
	418,848
Estimated Final DSG adjustment for 2009-10	<u>(36,800)</u>
Current DSG balance	382,048

RECOMMENDATIONS

That

- (1) The DSG reserve balance is noted.

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