

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS FORUM – 30th SEPTEMBER 2009

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

MATTERS ARISING – FINAL DSG NOTIFICATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report notifies the Forum of the final DSG settlement for 2009-10 of £188,116,000 received on 25th June 2009. The final settlement is £20,200 less than the budget estimate. As agreed previously any balances under or over will be carried forward until the end of the funding period.

1.0 Final DSG

The probable adjustment by DCSF for 2009-10 in respect of pupil numbers was reported to the Forum on 24th June. The final notification was issued a day later. The DCSF (and regulations) require that final notification is reported and agreed by the Forum prior to 30th September.

The census data for Wirral has reduced the pupil count used for DSG by 5 from 46,011 to 46,006, resulting in £20,200 less grant.

2.0 DSG Reserve

The movement in the reserve balance can be summarised as follows:

	£
DSG balance brought forward 01.08.2008	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	165,906
	418,848
Estimated Final DSG adjustment for 2009-10 (5 fewer pupils)	(20,200)
	398,648

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report is noted.

Howard Cooper
Director of Children's Services