West Berkshire School's Forum							
Title of Report:	DSG Monitoring 2014-15, Month 7						
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## 1. Background

- 1.1 The main source of funding for schools is the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). It is a ring fenced specific grant and can only be used on school/pupil activity.
- 1.2 The grant is split into three funding blocks. The schools block is calculated by multiplying a guaranteed unit of funding per pupil (set by the DfE) by the actual pupil numbers from the October census count (so October 2013 census for 2014/15 budget); the early years block is calculated by multiplying a guaranteed unit of funding 5/12 from the January 2013 early years census, and 7/12 from the January 2014 early years census; the high needs block is a fixed sum based on the actual budget set by the Council in 2012/13.
- 1.3 The Local Authority is required to use national formula factors but applies local rates to distribute funding to schools.
- 1.4 Centrally Retained Overspends, unless funded from outside the DSG, are carried forward and top sliced from the following year's DSG allocation. Underspends must be carried forward to support the school's budget in future years.
- 1.5 The Authority and Schools' Forum are responsible for ensuring that the DSG is deployed correctly, and monitoring of spend against the DSG needs to take place regularly to enable decision making on overspends/underspends and to inform future year budget requirements.

## 2. Monitoring Position as at Month 7 (2014-15)

2.1 At month 7 the total DSG year end forecast underspend position is £213k across all three funding blocks. The previous reporting period for the DSG was month 5. At month 5 the forecast underspend was £633k. The decreased underspend (£420k), is primarily a result of increasing pressure on the top up budgets, predominately Pupil Referral Units.

Figure 1: Financial Position as at Month 7 (October 2014). A further analysis per cost centre is shown in Appendix A:

	Total Budget £m	Actual Spend Forecast Month 7 £m	Month 7 Forecast Outturn Variance £m	Month 5 Forecast Outturn Variance £m
Schools Block (inc ISB)	64.302	64.310	0.008	-0.005
Early Years Block	7.829	7.829	0.000	-0.015
High Needs Block	16.497	16.276	-0.221	-0.613
Total Net Expenditure	88.628	88.415	-0.213	-0.633
Support Service Recharges	0.720	0.720	0.000	0.000
Total Expenditure	89.348	89.135	-0.213	-0.633
DSG Grant	89.348	89.348	0.000	0.000
Net Position	0.000	-0.213	-0.213	-0.633

- 2.2 The Schools Block inclusive of the ISB is forecasting a year end over spend position of a £8k. At month 5 the year end underspend forecast was a £5k. The £15k change is the result of income pressure in the Behaviour Support Service as a result of lower than budgeted income from Academies.
- 2.3 The Early Years Block is forecasting a year end position of on line, the forecast has been amended from the month 5 position to reflect a correction processed against the Early Years Support Team.
- 2.4 The High Needs Block is forecasting a year end underspend position of £221k. The forecast at month 5 was an underspend of £613k, (a £392k decrease in the underspend). The main areas of individual pressure within the high needs block forecasting pressures in excess of £100k are:
  - Academy Schools (top Ups) £125k pressure
  - Pupil Referral Units (top Ups) £500k pressure
- 1.5 The main single area of pressure within the High Needs Block is the pressure forecast against the Pupil Referral Unit top up cost centre (£500k).
- 1.6 Within the High Needs Block the top up cost centres (including Pupil Referral Units), are forecasting a net year end under spend position of a £290k. This is a net forecast between a total top up pressure of £490k offset by a £779k underspend on the contingency budget. The top up cost centres with forecast pressures in excess of £50k are:
  - Academy Schools (top Ups) £125k pressure
  - Special Schools (top ups) £98k pressure
  - Non West Berkshire Special Schools £50k pressure

- Pupil Referral Units (top Ups) £500k pressure
- 1.7 Pressures have also been forecast against non top up cost centres within the High Needs Block.
  - Home Tuition £47k pressure as a result in the increased number of home tutors to support children.
  - SEN Commissioned Provision £50k pressure as a result of increased contract costs as of September 2014.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – DSG 2014-15 Budget Monitoring Report as at 31st October 2014

## Appendix A

		Dedicated School's C	Frant (DSG) 20	014-15 B	uaget Moni	toring Mo	ntn /	
Budget manager	Cost Centre	Description	Orginal Budget	Net Virements in year	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance	Comments
n Pearson	90020	Primary Schools	46,433,670		46,433,670	46.433.670	0	
in Pearson	90025	Secondary Schools	16,621,740		16,621,740	16,621,740	0	
axine Slade	90035	LAC Pupil Premium	0		0	0	0	
n Pearson	90112	Special Costs Primary	24,960		24,960	24,960	0	
n Pearson	90117	Special Costs Secondary	11,880		11,880	11,880	0	
n Pearson	90230	Schools in Financial Difficulty	115,470	115,680	231,150	231,150	0	
n Pearson	90235	School Delegated Contingency	370,000		370,000	370,000	0	
axine Slade	90255	Virtual School Service	168,130		168,130	168,130	0	
athy Burnham aroline Corcoran	90349 90583	Behaviour Support - DSG CLA/MPA Licences	142,060 76,120		142,060 76,120	157,060 76,120	15,000	Pressure on income
n Pearson	90019	DSG Servicing of Schools' Forum	42,220		42,220	35,220	-7,000	Supplies and Services Underspend
aroline Corcoran	90743	Admissions	180,450		180,450	180,450	0	
		Schools Block Total	64,186,700	115,680	64,302,380	64,310,380	8,000	
n Pearson	90010	Nursery Schools	809,470		809,470	809,470	0	
laria Shepherd	90017	Early Years Support Team	72,300		72,300	72,300	0	
laria Shepherd	90018	Expenditure on 2 year olds	1,267,230		1,267,230	1,267,230	0	
laria Shepherd	90036	Early Years Funding for PVI	4,308,760		4,308,760	4,308,760	0	
n Pearson	90037 90051	Early Yrs Funding Maintained Sector	1,112,950	-96,330	1,112,950	1,112,950 258,210	0	
aria Shepherd	90051	Early Years Funding - Contingency	354,540		258,210			
		Early Years Block Total	7,925,250	-96,330	7,828,920	7,828,920	0	
n Pearson icola Ponton	90026 90539	Academy Schools RU Top Ups Special Schools - Top Up Funding	252,610 2,465,120		252,610 2,465,120	376,940 2,563,090		Based on current demand Based on current demand
icola Ponton	90548	Non WBC Special Schools - Top Up	663,900		663,900	713,900		Increase in demand for Thames Valley Free School
icola FUIIIUII	<del>3034</del> 0	Funding	003,900		663,900	7 13,900	50,000	placements
licola Ponton	90575	Non LEA Special School (OofA)	889,740		889,740	882,740	-7,000	Demand for additional 121 Supprt
licola Ponton	90579	Independent Special School Place & Top Up	1,476,030		1,476,030	1,520,030	44,000	Based on current demand
licola Ponton	90580	Further Education Colleges Top Up	1,345,340		1,345,340	1,051,520	-293,820	Numbers and costs are now more certain following negotiation to reduce costs for FE students.
licola Ponton	90617	Resourced Units top up Funding maintained	335,060		335,060	306,160	-28,900	Based on current demand
licola Ponton	90618	Non WBC Resourced Units - Top Up Funding	15,300		15,300	23,300	8,000	One additional pupil
licola Ponton	90621	Mainstream - Top Up Funding maintained	572,830		572,830	528,830	-44,000	Based on current demand
licola Ponton	90622	Mainstream - Top Up Funding Acadamies	161,940		161,940	190,940	29,000	Based on current demand
licola Ponton	90624	Non WBC Mainstream - Top Up Funding	50,700		50,700	60,700	10,000	2 New Pupils
Cathy Burnham	90625	Pupil Referral Units - Top Up Funding	1,205,500		1,205,500	1,705,500	500,000	Pressure is based on projection of charges to dat
lane Seymour	90237	Special Needs Delegated Contingency	1,500,780	-721,860 <mark>"</mark>	778,920	0	-778,920	, ,,
	Hig	h Needs Block: Top Up Funding Total	10,934,850	-721,860	10,212,990	9,923,650	-289,340	
athy Burnham	90320	Pupil Referral Units	672,000		672,000	672,000	0	
n Pearson	90540	Special Schools	2,860,000	25,000	2,885,000	2,885,000	0	
thian Ireland	90555	LAL Funding	134,600		134,600	134,600	0	
icola Ponton	90584	Resourced Units - Place Funding (70)	500,000	12,500	512,500	512,500	0	
athy Burnham ane Seymour	90582 90585	PRU Outreach HN Outreach Special Schools	197,000 105,650		197,000 105,650	197,000 105,650	0	
and deymout								
	н	igh Needs Block: Place Funding Total	4,469,250	37,500	4,506,750	4,506,750	0	
n Pearson	90038	Pupil Premium -	0		0	0	0	
n Pearson	90236	Managed Moves/Exclusions	0		0	0	0	
		Contingency						
hian Ireland	90238	Sen Pre School Childrn	50,210		50,210	50,210	0	One punil moved to Engagin
icola Ponton	90240	Applied Behaviour Analysis	138,630		138,630	110,730	-27,900	Potential
hian Ireland	90280	Speci Needs Spprt Team	318,300		318,300	318,300	0	
ane Seymour	90290	Sensory Impairment	227,440		227,440	227,440	0	harrier to the
athy Burnham	90315	Home Tuition	282,000		282,000	328,500	46,500	Increase in the amount of home tutors to accommodal the influx of students.
cola Ponton	90565	Equipment For SEN Pupils	38,470		38,470	38,470	0	
ane Seymour	90577	SEN Commissioned Provision	459,110		459,110	509,110		Increased Contract costs fr September 2014 and other
hian Ireland	90830	ASD Teachers	119,950		119,950	119,950	0	premises expenses
hian Ireland	90957	Early Intervention	33,510		33,510	33,510	0	
athy Burnham	90961	Vulnerable Children	80,000		80,000	80,000	0	
nian Ireland	90965	SEN Inclusion Programme	28,780		28,780	28,780	0	
	High Needs	s Block: Non Top Up or Place Funding	1,776,400		1,776,400	1,845,000	68,600	
		High Needs Block Total	17,180,500	-684,360	16,496,140	16,275,400	-220,740	
	Tota	al Expenditure across funding bocks	89,292,450	-665,010	88,627,440	88,414,700	-212,740	
	SUPPOR	RT SERVICE RECHARGES	720,890		720,890	720,890	0	
	TOTA	L DSG EXPENDITURE	90,013,340	-665,010	89,348,330	89,135,590	-212,740	
n Pearson	90030	DSG Grant Account	-90,013,340	665,010	-89,348,330	-89,135,590	212,740	
n Pearson		DSG Grant Account  T DSG EXPENDITURE	-90,013,340 <b>0</b>	665,010 <sup>7</sup>	-89,348,330 0	-89,135,590 <b>0</b>	212,740	