West Berkshire School's Forum						
Title of Report:	DSG Monitoring 2014-15, Month 9					
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For Discussion						

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 9 (2014-15)

2.1 At month 9 the total DSG year end forecast underspend position is £193k across all three funding blocks. The previous reporting period for the DSG was month 7. At month 7 the forecast underspend was £212k.

Figure 1: Financial Position as at Month 9 (December 2014). A further analysis per cost centre is shown in Appendix A:

	Total Budget £	Actual Spend Forecast Month 9 £	Month 9 Forecast Outturn Variance £	Month 7 Forecast Outturn Variance £
Schools Block (inc ISB)	64,302,380	64,301,380	-1,000	8,000
Early Years Block	7,828,920	7,828,920	0	0
High Needs Block	16,496,140	16,303,640	-192,500	-220,740
Total Net Expenditure	88,627,440	88,433,940	-193,500	-212,740
Support Service Recharges	720,890	720,890	0	0
Total Expenditure	89,348,330	89,154,830	-193,500	-212,740
DSG Grant	-89,348,330	-89,348,330	0	0
Net Position	0	-193,500	-193,500	-212,740

- 2.2 The Schools Block inclusive of the ISB is forecasting a year end under spend position of a £1k. At month 7 the block was forecasting a £8k overspend at year end. The £9k change is the result of increased savings on supplies and services being realised within the Servicing of Schools Forums and Admissions services. Within the block £16k of forecast savings (£9k Servicing of School's Forum and £7k Admissions), is offsetting the pressure of £15k forecast against Behaviour Support Services. The Behaviours Support Service pressure is the result of lower than anticipated income being generated from academies buying back into the service.
- 2.3 The Early Years Block as at month 7 continues to forecast a year end position of on line.
- 2.4 The High Needs Block is forecasting a year end underspend position of £192k. A £212k year end underspend was forecast at month 7. The main areas of individual pressure within the high needs block forecasting pressures in excess of £100k are:
 - Special Schools (top ups) £104k pressure
 - Academy Schools (top ups) £125k pressure
 - Pupil Referral Units (top ups) £400k pressure
- 2.5 The main single area of pressure within the High Needs Block is the pressure forecast against the Pupil Referral Unit top up cost centre (£400k).
- 2.6 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 £190k. This is a net forecast between a total top up pressure of £539k offset by a £729k 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) £104k pressure
- Non West Berkshire Special Schools £50k pressure
- Pupil Referral Units (top Ups) £400k pressure
- 2.7 Non top up cost centres forecasting pressures within the High Needs Block are:
 - Home Tuition £47k pressure as a result in the increased number of home tutors to support children.
- 2.8£49k has been vired from the High Needs Contingency budget into the SEN Commissioned Provision budget to cover in year contractual increases. This virement was agreed at the School's Forum 14.7.2014.

Appendices

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

Appendix A

		Dedicated School's	Grant (DSG)	Appendix A			
	Dedicated School's Grant (DSG) 2014-15 Budget Monitoring Month 9					uii 5	
Budget manager	Cost Centre	Description	Orginal Budget	Net Virements in year	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Comments
Ian Pearson	90020	Primary Schools	46,433,670		46,433,670	46,433,670	0
Ian Pearson Maxine Slade	90025 90035	Secondary Schools LAC Pupil Premium	16,621,740 0		16,621,740 0	16,621,740 0	0
lan Pearson	90112	Special Costs Primary	24,960		24,960	24,960	0
Ian Pearson	90117 90230	Special Costs Secondary Schools in Financial Difficulty	11,880 115,470		11,880 231,150	11,880 231,150	0 0
Ian Pearson Ian Pearson	90235	School Delegated Contingency	370,000		370,000	370,000	o o
Maxine Slade	90255	Virtual School Service	168,130		168,130	168,130	0
Cathy Burnham Caroline 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
lan Pearson	90019	DSG Servicing of Schools' Forum	42,220		42,220	33,220	-9,000 Supplies and Services Underspend
Caroline Corcoran	90743	Admissions	180,450		180,450	173,450	-7 000 Project monies now not likely t
		Schools Block Total	64,186,700	115,680	64,302,380	64.301.380	-1,000 spent.
lan Pearson	90010	Nursery Schools	809,470		809,470	809,470	0
Maria Shepherd	90017	Early Years Support Team	72,300		72,300	72,300	0
Maria Shepherd	90018	Expenditure on 2 year olds	1,267,230		1,267,230	1,267,230	0
Maria Shepherd	90036	Early Years Funding for PVI	4,308,760		4,308,760	4,308,760	0
Ian Pearson Maria Shepherd	90037 90051	Early Yrs Funding Maintained Sector Early Years Funding - Contingency	1,112,950 354,540		1,112,950 258,210	1,112,950 258,210	0
Maria Sriepriero	90051	Early rears runding - Contingency	354,540	-96,330	256,210	256,210	Ü
		Early Years Block Total	7,925,250	-96,330	7,828,920	7,828,920	0
lan Pearson	90026 90539	Academy Schools RU Top Ups	252,610		252,610	376,950	124,340 Based on current demand
Nicola Ponton	90539	Special Schools - Top Up Funding Non WBC Special Schools - Top Up	2,465,120 663,900		2,465,120 663,900	2,568,740 698,080	103,620 Based on current demand 34,180 Increase in demand for Thame
Nicola Ponton	90575	Funding Non LEA Special School (OofA)	889,740		889,740	892,280	Valley Free School placements 2,540
Nicola Ponton	90575	Independent Special School Place & Top	1,476,030		1,476,030	1,524,550	48,520 Based on current demand
Nicola Ponton	90580	Up Further Education Colleges Top Up	1,345,340		1,345,340	1,181,810	Costs have emerged for late -163,530 Students joining Newbury
		Resourced Units top up Funding					College
Nicola Ponton	90617 90618	maintained Non WBC Resourced Units - Top Up	335,060		335,060	302,590	-32,470 Based on current demand
Nicola Ponton	90621	Funding Mainstream - Top Up Funding maintained	15,300 572,830		15,300 572,830	23,300 539,410	8,000 One additional pupil -33,420 Based on current demand
Nicola Ponton	90622	Mainstream - Top Up Funding Maintained Mainstream - Top Up Funding Acadamies	161,940		161,940	197,310	35,370 Based on current demand
Nicola Ponton	90624	Non WBC Mainstream - Top Up Funding	50,700		50,700	62,840	12,140 2 New Pupils
Cathy Burnham	90625	Pupil Referral Units - Top Up Funding	1,205,500		1,205,500	1,605,500	Pressure reduced in line with 400,000 recent information received from
Jane Seymour	90237	Special Needs Delegated Contingency	1,500,780		729,920	0	RS/AC -729,920
		High Needs Block: Top Up Funding Total	10,934,850	-770,860	10,163,990	9,973,360	-190,630
O-th- Duraham	00000	Pupil Referral Units					0
Cathy Burnham Ian Pearson	90320 90540	Special Schools	672,000 2,860,000		672,000 2,885,000	672,000 2,885,000	0
Rhian Ireland	90555	LAL Funding	134,600		134,600	134,600	0
Nicola Ponton	90584 90582	Resourced Units - Place Funding (70) PRU Outreach	500,000 197,000		512,500 197,000	512,500 197,000	0 0
Cathy Burnham Jane Seymour	90585	HN Outreach Special Schools	105,650		105,650	105,650	0
		High Needs Block: Place Funding Total	4,469,250		4,506,750	4,506,750	0
lan Pearson	90038	Pupil Premium -	0		0	0	0
lan Pearson	90236	Managed Moves/Exclusions Contingency	0		0	0	0
Rhian Ireland	90238	Sen Pre School Childrn	50,210		50,210	50,210	One pupil moved to Engaging
Nicola Ponton	90240	Applied Behaviour Analysis	138,630		138,630	110,730	-27,900 One pupil moved to Engaging Potential
Rhian Ireland Jane Seymour	90280 90290	SpecI Needs Spprt Team Sensory Impairment	318,300 227,440		318,300 227,440	318,300 227,440	0
bane beymour	30230	Sensory impairment	221,440		227,440	227,440	Increase in the amount of hom
Cathy Burnham	90315	Home Tuition	282,000		282,000	328,500	46,500 tutors to accommodate the infl of students.
Nicola Ponton	90565	Equipment For SEN Pupils	38,470		38,470	17,000	-21,470 Based on need to date
Jane Seymour	90577	SEN Commissioned Provision	459,110	49,000	508,110	509,110	Additional Budget agreed by S 1,000 in respect of increased Contrac costs from September 2014
Rhian Ireland	90830	ASD Teachers	119,950		119,950	119,950	0
Rhian Ireland	90957	Early Intervention	33,510		33,510	33,510	0
Cathy Burnham Rhian Ireland	90961 90965	Vulnerable Children SEN Inclusion Programme	80,000 28,780		80,000 28,780	80,000 28,780	0
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	High N	eeds Block: Non Top Up or Place Funding	1,776,400		1,825,400	1,823,530	-1,870
		High Needs Block Total	17,180,500	-684,360	16,496,140	16,303,640	-192,500
		Total Expenditure across funding bocks	89,292,450	-665,010	88,627,440	88,433,940	-193,500
	SUPP	ORT SERVICE RECHARGES	720,890		720,890	720,890	0
	TO	TAL DSG EXPENDITURE	90,013,340	-665,010	89,348,330	89,154,830	-193,500
lan Pearson	90030	DSG Grant Account	-90,013,340	665,010	-89,348,330	-89,154,830	193,500
		NET DSG EXPENDITURE	0		0	0	0
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