Wes	st Berkshire Schools' Forum
Title of Report:	DSG Monitoring 2014-15, Month 10
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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 10 (2014-15)

2.1 At month 10 the total DSG year end forecast underspend position is £975 k across all three funding blocks. The previous reporting period for the DSG was month nine. At month nine the forecast underspend was £193k.

Figure 1: Financial Position as at Month 10 (January 2015). A further analysis per cost centre is shown in Appendix A:

Schools Block (inc ISB)	Total Budget £m 64,302,380	Actual Spend Forecast Month 10 £m 64,299,930	Month 10 Forecast Outturn Variance £m -2,450	Month 9 Forecast Outturn Variance £m -1,000
Early Years Block	7,828,920	7,150,530	-678,390	0
High Needs Block	16,496,140	16,202,130 -294,		-192,500
Total Net Expenditure	88,627,440	87,652,590	-974,850	-193,500
Support Service Recharges	720,890	720,890	0	0
Total Expenditure	89,348,330	88,373,480	-974,850	-193,500
DSG Grant	-89,348,330	-89,348,330	0	0
Net Position	0	-974,850	-974,850	-193,500

- 2.2 The Schools Block inclusive of the ISB is forecasting a year end under spend position of a £2k. At month nine the block was forecasting a £1k overspend at year end. A £15k pressure on the Behaviour Support budget has been reported, this pressure is being offset through savings against the Servicing of Schools Forum and Admissions budgets.
- 2.3 The Early Years Block as at month 10 is forecasting a year end under spend of £678k, compared to an online forecast at month nine. The change is the result of the under spend requested to be carried forward into next financial year being declared within the month 10 budget monitoring. Detailed comments in respect of under and overspends generating the overall under spend are detailed in appendix A.
- 2.4 The High Needs Block is forecasting a year end underspend position of £294k. A £192k year end underspend was forecast at month nine. The under spend is net of a £423k pressure against the top ups budgets, a £729k under spend on the contingency budget and a £12k pressure against non top up cost centres.
- 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 (£410k).
- 2.6 Budgets with pressures at month 10 in excess of £100k are:
 - £122k Academy Schools Resource Units top ups
 - £410k Pupil Referral Unit top ups

2.7 £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 January 2015

Appendix A Dedicated School's Grant (DSG) 2014-15 Budget Monitoring Month 10

Dedicat	ted Scl	hool's Grant (DS	G) 201	4-15 E	Budget	Monite	oring N	Nonth 10
Budget manager	Cost Centre	Description	Orginal Budget	Net Virement s in year	Amende d Budget	Actual	Variance	Comments
lan Pearson	90020	Primary Schools	46,433,670		46,433,670	46,433,670	0	
lan Pearson	90025	Secondary Schools	16,621,740		16,621,740	16,621,740	0	
Maxine Slade Ian Pearson	90035 90112	LAC Pupil Premium Special Costs Primary	0 24,960		24,960	24,960	0	
lan Pearson	90117	Special Costs Secondary	11,880		11,880	11,880	0	
lan Pearson	90230	Schools in Financial Difficulty	115,470	115,680	231,150	231,150	0	
lan Pearson	90235	School Delegated Contingency	370,000		370,000	370,000	0	
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		142,060	157,060	15,000	Pressure on income
lan Pearson	90583	DSG Servicing of Schools' Forum	76,120		76,120	76,120 32,220	-10,000	Supplies and Services Underspen
Caroline Corcoran	90743	Admissions	180,450		180,450	173,000	-7,450	Project monies now not likely to spent.
		Schools Block Total	64,186,700	115,680	64,302,380	64,299,930	-2,450	
								Actual hours of take
lan Pearson	90010	Nursery Schools	809,470		809,470	828,740	19,270	up greater than budgeted Maternity leave
Maria Shepherd	90017	Early Years Support Team	72,300		72,300	56,700	-15,600	underspend Demand for places
Maria Shepherd	90018	Expenditure on 2 year olds	1,267,230		1,267,230	495,570	-771,660	significantly low er than Government estimate Actual hours of take
Maria Shepherd	90036	Early Years Funding for PVI	4,308,760		4,308,760	4,631,100	322,340	up greater than budgeted
lan Pearson	90037	Early Yrs Funding Maintained Sector	1,112,950		1,112,950	1,138,420	25,470	Actual hours of take up greater than budgeted
Maria Shepherd	90051	Early Years Funding - Contingency	354,540	-96,330	258,210	o	-258,210	Offsets grow th in hours of provision fo 3 & 4 year olds
		Early Years Block Total	7,925,250	-96,330	7,828,920	7,150,530	-678,390	
lan Pearson	90026	Academy Schools RU Top Ups	252 610		252.610	374,820	122,210	Based on current
		Special Schools - Top Up						demand Based on current
Nicola Ponton	90539 90548	Funding Non WBC Special Schools -	2,465,120		2,465,120	2,553,670	37,430	demand Increase in demand for Thames Valley
Nicola Ponton	90575	Top Up Funding Non LEA Special School	889,740		889,740	881,680	-8,060	Free School placements Based on current
Nicola Ponton	90579	(OofA) Independent Special School	1,476,030		1,476,030	1,525,370	49,340	demand Based on current demand
Nicola Ponton	90580	Place & Top Up Further Education Colleges	1,345,340		1,345,340	1,089,750	-255,590	Costs for late Students joining New bury College
Nicola Ponton	90617	Top Up Resourced Units top up	335,060		335,060	305,710	-29,350	have not now been agreed.
Nicola Ponton	90618	Funding maintained Non WBC Resourced Units -	15,300		15,300	23,570	-29,350	Den ed en evenent
		Top Up Funding Mainstream - Top Up Funding						demand Based on current
Nicola Ponton	90621	maintained	572,830		572,830	525,080	-47,750	demand
Nicola Ponton	90622	Mainstream - Top Up Funding Acadamies	161,940		161,940	190,120	28,180	Based on current demand
Nicola Ponton Cathy Burnham	90624	Non WBC Mainstream - Top Up Funding Pupil Referral Units - Top Up Funding	50,700		50,700	70,960 1,615,500		2 New pupils Pressure based on information received and takes into account an AutumnTerm
Jane Seymour	90237	Special Needs Delegated	1,500,780	-770,860	729,920	0	-729,920	Adjustment for the AC Contingency
		Contingency				9,857,560		
	High Needs	Block: Top Up Funding Total	10,934,850	-770,860	10,163,990	9,857,560	-306,430	
Cathy Burnham	90320	Pupil Referral Units	672,000		672,000	672,000	0	
lan Pearson	90540	Special Schools	2,860,000	25,000	2,885,000	2,885,000	0	
Rhian Ireland	90555	LAL Funding Resourced Units - Place	134,600	40.500	134,600	134,600	0	
Nicola Ponton Cathy Burnham	90584 90582	Funding (70) PRU Outreach	500,000	12,500	512,500 197,000	512,500	0	
Jane Seymour	90585	HN Outreach Special Schools	105,650		105,650	105,650	0	
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	High Need	Is Block: Place Funding Total	4,469,250	37,500	4,506,750	4,506,750	0	
lan Pearson	90038	Pupil Premium -	0		0	0	0	
lan Pearson	90236	Managed Moves/Exclusions	0		0	0	0	
Rhian Ireland	90238	Contingency Sen Pre School Childrn	50,210		50,210	50,210	0	
Nicola Ponton	90240	Applied Behaviour Analysis	138,630		138,630	113,800		One pupil moved
Rhian Ireland	90280	Specl Needs Spprt Team	318,300		318,300	318,300	0	
Jane Seymour Cathy Burnham	90290	Sensory Impairment	227,440		227,440	227,440 339,000	57,000	Increase in the amount of home tutors to accommodate the influx of students.
Nicola Ponton	90565	Equipment For SEN Pupils	38,470		38,470	18,720	-19,750	Based on need to date
Jane Seymour	90577	SEN Commissioned Provision	459,110	49,000	508,110	508,110	o	Additional Budget agreed by SF in respect of increased Contract costs from
Rhian Ireland	90830	ASD Teachers	119,950		119,950	119,950	0	September 2014
Rhian Ireland Cathy Burnham	90957 90961	Early Intervention Vulnerable Children	33,510 80,000		33,510 80,000	33,510 80,000	0	
Rhian Ireland	90965	SEN Inclusion Programme	28,780		28,780	28,780	0	
High Ne	eds Block:	Non Top Up or Place Funding	1,776,400	49,000	1,825,400	1,837,820	12,420	
		High Needs Block Total	17,180,500	-684,360	16,496,140	16,202,130	-294,010	
	Total Expen	diture across funding bocks	89,292,450	-665,010	88,627,440	87,652,590	-974,850	-
SUPP	ORT SEP	RVICE RECHARGES	720,890		720,890	720,890	0	
тот		G EXPENDITURE	90,013,340	-665,010	89,348,330	88,373,480	-974,850	
lan Pearson	90030	DSG Grant Account	-90,013,340	665,010	-89,348,330	-88,373,480	974,850	
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