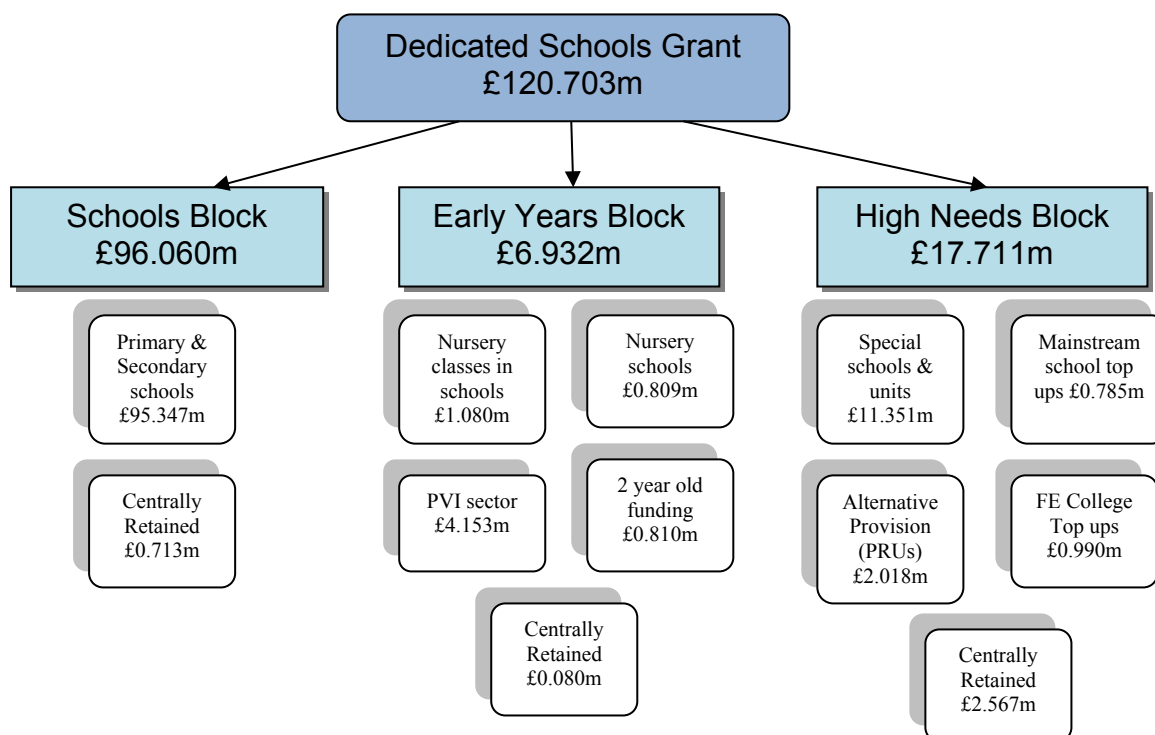


West Berkshire Schools' Forum	
Title of Report:	DSG Monitoring 2015/16 Month 7
Date of Meeting:	7th December 2015
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1. Background

- 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. Although separate allocations are received for each, the blocks themselves are not ring fenced.
- 1.3 The following diagram shows what is funded out of each of the three blocks in the 2015/16 budget (the figures include funding to Academies and post 16 high needs place funding which form part of our allocation but are paid direct by the EFA, and exclude carry forward of one off funding from the previous year):



The main centrally retained services are:

Schools Block – licences for all schools, growth fund for schools, school admissions service
 Early Years Block – quality monitoring & compliance, eligibility checking, sufficiency & sustainability planning, early years IT system

High Needs Block – ASD advisory support, Home Tuition, Engaging Potential service, therapy services, sensory impairment support, inclusion support, applied behaviour support, vulnerable children support, early intervention

- 1.4 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 (2015-16)

- 2.1 At the end of October 2015 the total DSG overspend position forecast for year end is £681k, compared to the month 5 forecast of £273k overspend, all in the high needs block, as shown in Figure 1 below:

Figure 1: Financial Position as at Month 7 (October 2015).

	Total Current Budget £m	Actual Spend Forecast Month 7 £m	Month 7 Forecast Outturn Variance £m
Schools Block (inc ISB)	65,464,140	65,,461,440	-2,700
Early Years Block	7,629,750	7,629,750	0
High Needs Block	16,141,010	16,824,280	682,270
Total Net Expenditure	89,234,900	89,507,780	680,570
Support Service Recharges	720,890	720,890	0
Total Expenditure	89,955,790	90,228,670	680,570
DSG Grant	-89,955,790	-89,955,790	0
Net Position	0	680,570	680,570

A further analysis per cost centre is shown in Appendix A.

- 2.2 The Schools Block is expected to be largely on-line. Any under spends in the growth fund contingency budget and primary schools in financial difficulty budget will be ring fenced and carried forward to 2016/17 and will not impact on the overall position of the DSG. There may be a small overspend on the delegated primary and secondary budgets due to rating revaluations. Admissions is showing a small under spend.
- 2.3 A detailed assessment of the forecast for the Early Years block budgets is being undertaken and will be complete once all the Autumn payments have been made to providers and a projection can be made for Spring payments. The current indication is that there will be an under spend in this block.

- 2.4 The High Needs Block is currently forecasting an overspend of £682k, the bulk of which is in relation to new placements in non West Berkshire Special schools, mainly Thames Valley Free School, and top ups at the PRUs. Other pressures include additional placements over and above allocated place numbers in our own special schools, and payments to private hospital tuition providers.

Appendices

Appendix A – DSG 2015-16 Budget Monitoring Report as at 31st October 2015

Appendix A

Dedicated School's Grant (DSG) 2015-16 Budget Monitoring Month 7								
Budget manager	Cost Centre	Description	Original Budget	Net Virements in year	Amended Budget	Forecast	Variance	Comments
Ian Pearson	90019	DSG Servicing of Schools' Forum	36,840		36,840	36,840	0	
Ian Pearson	90020	Primary Schools	47,457,760		47,457,760	47,457,760	0	
Ian Pearson	90025	Secondary Schools	16,650,490		16,650,490	16,650,490	0	
Maxine Slade	90035	LAC Pupil Premium	0		0	0	0	
Ian Pearson	90038	Pupil Premium -	0		0	0	0	
Ian Pearson	90112	Special Costs Primary	29,080		29,080	29,080	0	
Ian Pearson	90117	Special Costs Secondary	14,000		14,000	14,000	0	
Ian Pearson	90230	Schools in Financial Difficulty	115,110	118,850	233,960	233,960	0	
Ian Pearson	90235	School Delegated Contingency	290,000	32,160	322,160	322,160	0	
Ian Pearson	90236	Managed Moves/Exclusions Contingency	0		0	0	0	
Maxine Slade	90255	Virtual School Service	222,010		222,010	222,010	0	
Cathy Burnham	90349	Behaviour Support - DSG	192,540		192,540	192,540	0	
Caroline Corcoran	90583	CLA/MPA Licences	122,410		122,410	122,410	0	
Caroline Corcoran	90743	Admissions	182,890		182,890	180,190	-2,700	
Schools Block Total			65,313,130	151,010	65,464,140	65,461,440	-2,700	
Ian Pearson	90010	Nursery Schools	808,730		808,730	808,730	0	
Avril Allenby	90017	Early Years Support Team	47,680		47,680	47,680	0	
Avril Allenby	90018	Expenditure on 2 year olds	810,000		810,000	810,000	0	
Avril Allenby	90036	Early Years Funding for PVI	4,726,470	-52,820	4,673,650	4,673,650	0	
Ian Pearson	90037	Early Yrs Funding Maintained Sector	1,080,100		1,080,100	1,080,100	0	
Avril Allenby	90051	Early Years Funding - Contingency	0		0	0	0	
Avril Allenby	90052	Early Years PPG & Deprivation Funding	209,590		209,590	209,590	0	
Early Years Block Total			7,682,570	-52,820	7,629,750	7,629,750	0	
Nicola Ponton	90026	Academy Schools RU Top Ups	419,730		419,730	419,730	0	
Nicola Ponton	90539	Special Schools - Top Up Funding	2,730,940		2,730,940	2,793,280	62,340	Based on current demand
Nicola Ponton	90548	Non WBC Special Schools - Top Up Funding	735,240		735,240	1,090,210	354,970	Based on current demand
Nicola Ponton	90575	Non LEA Special School (OofA)	905,320		905,320	914,680	9,360	Based on current demand
Nicola Ponton	90579	Independent Special School Place & Top Up	1,583,850		1,583,850	1,565,720	-18,130	Based on current demand
Nicola Ponton	90580	Further Education Colleges Top Up	990,040		990,040	990,040	0	
Nicola Ponton	90617	Resourced Units top up Funding maintained	329,230		329,230	329,230	0	
Nicola Ponton	90618	Non WBC Resourced Units - Top Up Funding	27,860		27,860	41,270	13,410	Based on current demand including new placements
Nicola Ponton	90621	Mainstream - Top Up Funding maintained	509,980	-50,000	459,980	459,980	0	
Nicola Ponton	90622	Mainstream - Top Up Funding Academies	213,240		213,240	213,240	0	
Nicola Ponton	90624	Non WBC Mainstream - Top Up Funding	62,150		62,150	72,680	10,530	
Cathy Burnham	90625	Pupil Referral Units - Top Up Funding	1,061,000		1,061,000	1,261,000	200,000	
Nicola Ponton	90627	Disproportionate No: of HN Pupils NEW	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	
Jane Seymour	90237	Special Needs Delegated Contingency	0		0	0	0	
High Needs Block: Top Up Funding Total			9,568,580	0	9,568,580	10,201,060	632,480	
Cathy Burnham	90320	Pupil Referral Units	840,000		840,000	840,000	0	
Ian Pearson	90540	Special Schools	2,860,000		2,860,000	2,860,000	0	
Nicola Ponton	90584	Resourced Units - Place Funding (70)	500,000		500,000	500,000	0	
High Needs Block: Place Funding Total			4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000	0	
Rhian Ireland	90238	Sen Pre School Childrn	50,210		50,210	60,210	10,000	High number of complex children attending for more hours
Nicola Ponton	90240	Applied Behaviour Analysis	110,730		110,730	110,730	0	
Rhian Ireland	90280	Spec Needs Spprt Team	261,950		261,950	261,950	0	
Jane Seymour	90290	Sensory Impairment	227,440		227,440	238,800	11,360	Demand for visits from RBWM Sensory Consortium Service
Jane Seymour	90295	Therapy Services	315,430		315,430	324,430	9,000	Additional support for some children at Castle School.
Cathy Burnham	90315	Home Tuition	300,000		300,000	300,000	0	
Rhian Ireland	90555	LAL Funding	134,600		134,600	134,600	0	
Nicola Ponton	90565	Equipment For SEN Pupils	20,000		20,000	21,070	1,070	Based on need to date
Jane Seymour	90577	SEN Commissioned Provision	540,260		540,260	540,260	0	
Cathy Burnham	90582	PRU Outreach	117,000		117,000	117,000	0	
Jane Seymour	90585	HN Outreach Special Schools	70,000		70,000	70,000	0	
Nicola Ponton	90610	Hospital Tuition	0		0	19,360	19,360	Based on current demand
Rhian Ireland	90830	ASD Teachers	127,940	7,550	135,490	135,490	0	
Rhian Ireland	90957	Early Intervention	7,550	-7,550	0	0	0	
Cathy Burnham	90961	Vulnerable Children	60,000		60,000	60,000	0	
Rhian Ireland	90965	SEN Inclusion Programme	29,320		29,320	29,320	0	
High Needs Block: Non Top Up or Place Funding			2,372,430	0	2,372,430	2,423,220	50,790	
High Needs Block Total			16,141,010	0	16,141,010	16,824,280	683,270	
Total Expenditure across funding blocks			89,136,710	98,190	89,234,900	89,915,470	680,570	
SUPPORT SERVICE RECHARGES			720,890		720,890	720,890	0	
TOTAL DSG EXPENDITURE			89,857,600	98,190	89,955,790	90,636,360	680,570	
Ian Pearson	90030	DSG Grant Account	-89,857,600	-98,190	-89,955,790	-90,636,360	-680,570	
NET DSG EXPENDITURE			0	0	0	0	0	