

## SOMERSET SCHOOLS FORUM

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### Budget Monitoring 2019/20 Month 8 (excluding delegated schools)

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#### 1. Summary

- 1.1 The forecast outturn position for the Dedicated Schools Grant in 2019/20 (excluding delegated schools budgets) is a £4.999m overspend.

The cumulative deficit brought forward from previous years is £6.702m. With the addition of the projected in year overspend this will increase to £11.701m by the end of 2019/20.

DSG Funding Blocks	Opening balance	2019/20 over/(under) spend	Planned use of reserves	Closing balance
De-delegated Services*	£0.294m	£0.016m	£0.000m	£0.310m
Central Schools Services	(£0.865m)	(£0.007m)	£0.000m	(£0.872m)
Early Years	(£0.015m)	(£0.062m)	£0.000m	(£0.077m)
High Needs	£7.288m	£5.052m	£0.000m	£12.340m
<b>Total DSG</b>	<b>£6.702m</b>	<b>£4.999m</b>	<b>£0.000m</b>	<b>£11.701m</b>

\*Maintained schools

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 **Schools De-delegated Services:** £0.016m overspend

Type of provision	Budget	Projection	Overspend/ Underspend
Contingencies	7,400	0	0
FSM checking	13,900	13,900	0
Maternity	685,600	721,145	35,545
care First	21,700	21,700	0
Insurance	879,800	879,800	0
Trade Union	80,300	60,849	-19,451
Licences and Subscriptions	138,500	138,500	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,827,200</b>	<b>1,835,894</b>	<b>16,094</b>

There is currently a small overspend projected against the maternity costs for teachers; this is being offset by a small underspend against the Trade Union contribution. Any under or overspends (including the cumulative deficit of £0.294m currently held in reserves) should be adjusted against the 2020/21 de-delegated values.

## 2.2 Central Schools Services Block (excluding de-delegated): £0.007m underspend

Type of provision	Budget	Projection	Overspend/ Underspend
Commissioned School Improvement	1,770,100	1,821,777	51,677
Admissions	35,000	32,539	-2,461
Education Outcomes	2,072,100	2,072,186	86
Improving Efficiency and Outcomes	28,200	28,200	0
Commissioning - SSE	596,200	596,200	0
Commissioning Central	568,200	536,965	-31,235
Residential Placements	100,000	100,000	0
Retained Duties	1,041,000	1,016,000	-25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,210,800</b>	<b>6,203,867</b>	<b>-6,933</b>

The largest change in this area is the reduction of the underspend in the admissions service is the addition of £0.053m cost related to Governance Services charges to the Admission service for work completed for admissions appeals.

## 2.3 Early Years Block: £0.062m underspend

Type of provision	Budget	Projection	Overspend/ Underspend	Month 6	Change between Months
2 year old funding	2,551,010	3,003,347	452,337	446,414	5,923
3 & 4 Year Old Funding	24,605,363	24,169,424	-435,939	-453,755	17,816
EY Disability access	94,100	16,915	-77,185	-77,308	123
Other Early Years	680,453	679,710	-744	-27,873	27,129
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,930,927</b>	<b>27,869,396</b>	<b>-61,531</b>	<b>-112,522</b>	<b>50,991</b>

The majority of the change in in Early Years is as a result of a continued underspend in 3 & 4-year-old Universal 15 hrs provision offset by increased overspend in 3 & 4 year old additional 15 hrs provision resulting in a change of £0.018m additional spend. The other material change is an increase costs within Early Years Pupil Premium of £0.027m. This is however expected to reduce over the coming months. All projections are currently based on trends in take up over the last 2 years to limit the volatility seen in previous years projections.

## 2.4 High Needs: £5.052m overspend

Type of provision	Budget	Projection	Overspend/ Underspend	Month 6	Change between Months
Early Years	£1,274,000	£1,182,616	-£91,384	£9,100	-£100,484
Mainstream - pre 16	£7,376,500	£7,405,999	£29,499	£17,649	£11,850
Specialist Units - ASD	£2,371,500	£2,377,193	£5,693	£7,400	-£1,707
Specialist service HI / VI	£966,700	£977,524	£10,824	£26,100	-£15,276
PRUs - PEX	£4,910,100	£4,776,789	-£133,311	-£124,400	-£8,911
PRUS - Medical / Hospital	£237,900	£237,900	£0	£0	£0
Behaviour Partnership	£2,487,000	£2,487,000	£0	£0	£0
Maintained Special and Free Special	£16,852,300	£17,738,738	£886,438	£624,985	£261,453
NMSS and Independent	£10,569,600	£13,361,663	£2,792,063	£2,595,096	£196,967
FE post 16 (Colleges & ISP)	£4,409,600	£4,913,750	£504,150	-£247,600	£751,750
Vulnerable groups	£72,100	£50,000	-£22,100	£0	-£22,100
Deficit budget set		£1,070,100	£1,070,100	£0	£1,070,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>£51,527,300</b>	<b>£56,579,272</b>	<b>£5,051,972</b>	<b>£2,908,330</b>	<b>£2,143,642</b>

The change in forecast overspend for High Needs has increased by £2.144m since the last month 6 report. This includes an additional £1.070m relating to the planned high needs overspend identified in the DSG Deficit Recovery Plan, but not previously been reported against High Needs.

The other large changes include an increase in forecast expenditure of £0.752m for FE post 16. This is as a result of increased forecast spend of £0.482m for independent post 16 down to an increase in volume from 54 to 57 and an increase in the number of packages to 12. The forecast overspend on FE College top up has also increase by £0.270m. This is as a result of independent college users moving in to mainstream college places.

The overspend on Maintained special and Non-Maintained Special Schools and Independent schools has increased by £0.458m since month 6. The overspend for Top

up for maintained special schools has increased by £0.165m to £0.529m. The non maintained overspend has increased by a further £0.231m to £1.810m.

### **3 DSG Reserves**

- 3.1 The level of reserves brought forward from 2018/19 is a deficit of £6.702m, balances for each block can be found in the table in section 1 above.
- 3.2 There are currently no requests for use of reserves and none expected in 2019/20 given the overall DSG deficit position.