

**DEDICATED SCHOOLS BUDGET – BUDGET MONITORING 2017-18**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To present budget monitoring information against the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the financial year 2017-18 as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

**Main Considerations**

2. Appendix 1 to this report outlines the budget monitoring summary as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.
3. An underspend of £0.223 million is currently projected against the overall schools budget.
4. High Needs budgets are currently projected to be overspent by £0.100 million. This includes a significant underspend against top up budgets for post-16 learners. Whilst this is in part due to a continuation of the movement from more costly out of county placements to increased numbers of learners accessing provision at Wiltshire College, it is also likely that the full numbers of learners accessing college provision are not yet known and so it is expected that spend against this budget will increase. The underspend against post-16 top ups is offsetting a continued trend of overspend against the Independent Special School (ISS) budget.
5. Budgets for the free entitlement for 15 hours childcare for 3 & 4 year olds are currently assumed to be on target to break even. Data on take up of the free entitlement received to date indicates that this budget will be underspent however we do not yet have any data to indicate the take up of the additional entitlement to 30 hours free childcare for children of working parents. After the autumn data collection from settings it will be possible to make a more accurate forecast against this budget.

**Proposals**

6. Schools Forum is asked to note the budget monitoring position at the end of August 2017.

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