

DEDICATED SCHOOLS BUDGET – BUDGET MONITORING 2013-14

Purpose of the Report

1. To present budget monitoring information against the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the financial year 2013-14 as at 31st January 2014.

Main Considerations

2. Appendix 1 to this report outlines the budget monitoring summary as at 31st January 2014. At this point in the year an underspend of £1.126 million is projected against the overall schools budget. Key variances are as follows:
 - a. *Early Years Free Entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds* – an overspend of £0.419 million is projected against the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) for 3 and 4 year olds. It is expected that the DSG grant for 2013-14 will be adjusted for the January 2014 census so if that census shows an increase in line with current projections additional DSG may be received at the year end to mitigate this overspend.
 - b. *Early Years Free Entitlement for 2 year olds* – an underspend of £0.131 million is projected against the EYSFF for 2 year olds. This is broadly in line with initial projections and the underspend will be rolled forward to support the hourly rate for 2 year olds in 2014-15.
 - c. *Independent Special School (ISS) placements* – the ISS budget is projected to underspend by £1.653 million. This is based on known placements to date.
 - d. *Top Up Budgets for maintained schools and academies* – top up budgets for special schools, resource bases and enhanced learning provision (ELP) are projected to overspend by £0.3 million. This overspend arises from the additional costs of places for Wiltshire pupils placed in maintained schools and academies outside Wiltshire.
 - e. *Top Up Budgets (Post-16)* – the budget for post-16 high needs provision is projected to underspend by £0.215 million. This budget will continue to be under pressure in 2014-15 as numbers of placements this year exceed the numbers initially planned, particularly with local FE providers.
 - f. *Named Pupil Allowances (NPAs)* – the NPA budget is projected to overspend by £0.451 million. This is an increase in expenditure since the last report.

Proposals

3. Schools Forum is asked to note the budget monitoring position at the end of January 2014.

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