

**Wiltshire Council**

**Schools Forum**

**6 October 2016**

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## **Dedicated Schools Budget – Budget Monitoring 2016-17**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To present budget monitoring information against the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the financial year 2016-17 as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.

### **Main Considerations**

2. Appendix 1 to this report outlines the budget monitoring summary as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. The budget has been adjusted to take account of the recoupment of DSG for academies and to reflect an adjustment for the Early Years census in January 2016.
3. An underspend of £0.420 million is currently projected against the overall schools budget.
4. Budgets for the free entitlement for 15 hours childcare for 3 & 4 year olds and for vulnerable 2 year olds are projected to underspend by £0.588m. The projected position is based on the latest termly census and will be updated through the year to reflect activity.
5. Top up budgets for high needs pupils are currently projected to underspend by £0.167m and this is analysed further in a separate report. Pressure on independent special school budgets are currently being offset by underspends against top up payments and post-16. High needs budgets will remain under pressure through the year as activity increases.

### **Proposals**

6. Schools Forum is asked to note the budget monitoring position at the end of August 2016.

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