

## WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

### SCHOOLS FORUM

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011

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## REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2010/11 – DEDICATED SCHOOLS BUDGET

### Purpose of the Paper

1. To report on the projected budget monitoring position for 2010/11.

### Main Considerations

2. Appendix 1 shows expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, the figures show a projected **underspend against DSG of £2.369 million**. Any variance against the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) will be carried forward in to the next financial year.
3. Key pressures and potential underspends are detailed below.

#### **Premature Retirement Costs**

4. Based on information received from the HR Lifecycle Team for redundancy costs to date this budget is projected to overspend by £7,877 after adjusting for the additional cost of the severance policy for local government reorganisation which affected costs for non teaching staff. This has now been replaced by a new severance policy for the Council.

#### **Maternity Costs**

5. The technical issue preventing payroll transactions from being recorded against the appropriate central budgets in SAP has now been resolved. Based on payroll data this budget is projected to overspend by £114,000.

#### **Special Educational Needs Services**

6. Underspends are projected against the Independent Special Schools (ISS) budget and the Special Recoupment budget which funds placements in other local authority maintained special schools. From 2011/12 it has been agreed that the ongoing effect of the underspend against these budgets will be released in to the delegated budget to increase the amount delegated to mainstream primary schools for SEN. This is a key component of the SEN review and has been agreed by Cabinet. Further detail is provided in the SEN Delegation update report to this meeting.
7. The Named Pupil Allowance (NPA) budget is not yet fully committed however it is expected that there will be further NPA allocations through the remainder of the year and it is therefore projected to be on target at this stage.

### **Early Years Budgets**

8. Early Years budgets are projected to underspend by £1.6 million. Of this £1.3 million is against the Early Years Single Funding Formula. The projected spend on the free entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds is based on actual take up of session to date and the projected profile of placements for the remainder of the year. This projection is only based on one term's data for the extension of the free entitlement from 12.5 to 15 hours and is therefore an estimate at this stage.

### **Young Person's Support Service**

9. At the December meeting of Schools Forum it was agreed that £91,000 should be allocated from the projected underspend to fund cost pressures within the YPSS.

### **Proposal**

10. School Forum is asked to note the revenue budget monitoring position for 2010/11 and the proposed underspend against Early Years budgets.

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### **Background papers**

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report:  
None

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Budget Monitoring Summary  
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