

**REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2009/10 – DEDICATED SCHOOLS BUDGET**

**Purpose of the Paper**

1. To report on the projected expenditure against the dedicated schools budget in 2009/10 as at the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

**Key Areas of Expenditure**

2. The overall position as at the end of November 2009 is a projected overspend of £54,000 (appendix 1). This is an adverse movement from the previous report but work is ongoing to minimise any overspend and ensure that expenditure is on target for the year. All central DSG budgets are being scrutinised to identify savings from vacancies and other underspends.
3. It is expected that the Independent Special Schools budget will be on target with an overspend on the EOTAS Recoupment budget of £85,000 being offset by an underspend of £119,000 against the Special recoupment budget.
4. Named Pupil Allowance are now projected to overspend by £64,000 at the year end and this accounts for some of the movement from the previous report.
5. Premature Retirement Costs are expected to be within budget following the allocation of additional funding by Schools Forum. This is based on the assumption that the additional costs arising from support staff redundancies will be met from central reserves to mitigate the impact of Local Government Reorganisation on the Schools Budget.
6. Maternity budgets are expected to be on target following the allocation of additional funding by Schools Forum.
7. Early Years budgets are expected to be on target.

**Proposal**

8. Schools Forum is asked to note the expenditure projections for 2009/10 as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

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