7. Items for information

7a. 2017/18 Budget monitoring and revised budget

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Introduction

This report shows the provisional quarter two position which will be reported as part of the Quarter two Budget and Performance Monitoring report 2017/18 to the Performance and Contract Management Committee on 28th November 2017. It is presented to Schools Forum to note.

2017/18 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

In preparation for the move to block funding in 2018/19, the table below presents the income and expenditure figures by block based on known changes. The pressure in the Schools Block is due to increased NNDR claims from schools and an adjustment to estimated January funding. The full budget table in section 251 format is shown at Appendix I.

The Early Years change is as a result of the reduced income received based on lower January 2017 pupil numbers.

The High Needs block expenditure has increased due to revised HN places and costs.

DSG Block	Rebased October income (after transfers from HN & EY blocks) £m	Revised October Planned Expenditure £m	Difference £m	
Schools				
- Individual Schools Budget	139.265	139.856	0.591	£0.212m NNDR pressure and Adjustment to January funding.
- Growth fund	1.300	1.300	-	
- Centrals Schools expenditure	1.652	1.652	-	
- ESG Retained Funding	0.798	0.798	-	
Sub-total	143.015	143.606	0.591	
			-	
Early Years	25.060	25.485	0.425	Revised EY expenditure
			-	
High Needs	43.578	43.920	0.342	Revised HN place expenditure
			-	
Total DSG incl c/f	211.653	213.011	1.358	

Based on the revised budget build shown at Appendix I, we are therefore requesting Schools Forum approval for an additional amount of £1.358m to be charged to brought forward reserves.

The reserve position reported to Schools Forum in July was as follows:

DSG Reserve	2017/18
Balance brought forward	4,224,809
2017/18 Drawdown from reserve	(1,831,558)
2017/18 Estimated Balance to be carried forward	2,393,251

a) With the additional call on reserve of £1.358m, the revised reserve position will be:

DSG Reserve	2017/18
Balance brought forward	4,224,809
2017/18 Original Drawdown from reserve	(1,831,558)
2017/18 Additional drawdown from reserve	(1,358,165)
2017/18 Revised estimated Balance to be carried forward	1,035,086