

Meeting / Date	SCHOOLS FORUM 28 March 2019	Agenda Item	6a
Report Title	2018/19 Budget Monitoring – Provisional Outturn		
Decision/Discussion/ Information	For decision and noting		
Appendices	None		

Purpose of Report

This report seeks to:

- Inform Schools Forum of the latest budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)
- Provide an update of the existing reserves position
- Requests Schools Forum to note and agree the projected outturn deficit for 2018-19

2018/19 Budget Monitoring

The DSG budget at month 11 is projected to overspend by £0.421m at final outturn. This is due to an underlining pressure within High Needs.

The table below summarises the DSG position:

Description	Original Budget	Current Budget	Provisional Outturn	Variance
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Schools Block				
- Individual Schools Budget	141,143	141,143	141,020	(123)
- Growth fund	897	897	792	(105)
- Centrals Schools expenditure	1,268	1,268	1,268	0
- ESG Retained Funding	852	852	852	0
Sub-total	144,160	144,160	143,932	(228)
Early Years Block	28,837	28,930	28,837	(93)
High Needs Block	44,310	45,289	46,031	742
Sub-total	217,307	218,379	218,800	421
DSG Income	(216,806)	(217,878)	(217,878)	0
DSG C/F	(501)	(501)	(501)	0
DSG Total	0	0	421	421

Schools Block – underspend of £0.228m. The Growth Fund is forecasted to underspend by £0.105m, the late conversion of a school to the maintained sector has resulted in a £0.185m

underspend, further underspend is likely in relation to this school. The underspend is partly offset by a pressure of £0.062m relating to NNDR increases.

Early Years Block – The position is forecasted to underspend by £0.093m, centrally retained funding will be as per budget, the majority of any underspend relating to providers will be subject to clawback. There remains the risk that if January census data is not accurate, then clawback will be greater than the underspend.

High needs Block – pressure of £0.742m. This takes into account the additional £0.964m received in December 2018, the pressure relates to place funding additional costs and pressures within high needs top-ups.

2018/19 Reserve Position

There is no carry forward anticipated on the DSG reserve. The DfE has consulted on the treatment of any negative reserve balance.

A list of all the reserves and provisions is listed below:

	Description	Total B/fwd 2018/19 £000	Actual to date £000	Projected drawdown 2018/19 £000	Projected c/fwd to 2019/20 £000
DSG	DSG is a ring-fenced grant. The underspend has been built into the schools budget for 2018/19 as part of the Schools allocation. It is anticipated that underspends will be required to support the schools budget in 2018/19 which is when the pressure is forecast.	501	0	(922)	(421)

Recommendation:

Schools Forum are asked to note and agree the provisional outturn position for 2018/19.