

Financial Report Schools Forum 6th May 2021

Introduction

The following report contains a detailed breakdown of the projected position of the Local Area for 2020/2021. The report enables members to note the outturn position and the significant factors contributing toward the spend. The report covers the following items

- Final Outturn Position 2020/2021
- DSG Allocation Budget 2021/2022
- Contextual information regarding Early Years Block
- Contextual information regarding Higher Needs Block
- Position and Recommendations

Final Outturn Position 2020/2021

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funded activities have overspent by £2.048m.

The following table details the main areas of both over and under spend.

Budget Heading	Budget	Final Actuals	Over / (Under) Spend				
Early Years 2, 3 & 4 yr old payments – PVI's & Academies	£5.638m	£5.533m	(£105k)				
Estimated budget clawback from ESFA for changes in Early Years pupil numbers between Jan 20 (9/12ths funding) & Jan 21 (3/12ths funding)							
Early Years – ALFEY	£265k	£282k	£17k				
Early Years – Pupil Premium & Disability Access Fund	£130k	£84k	(£46k)				
Early Years – 5% retained element	£364k	£333k	(£31k)				
Reclaim from ESFA of Early Years pupil no. adjustments between Jan 19 and Jan 20 higher than anticipated.			£45k				
Joint Funded Placements	£600k	£585k	(£15k)				
Recovery of funding from schools for Excluded Pupils, Medical Tuition Service and Elective Home Education	(£386k)	(£150k)	£236k				
Independent Special School Fees	£2.685m	£2.754m	£69k				
Other packages for EHCP pupils and SEND personal budgets	£1.125m	£1.375m	£250k				
Payments to / recoupment from other authorities for Special School places	(£230k)	(£224k)	£6k				
Medical Tuition Service / Virtual School / Hospital Tuition / Vulnerable Students Team	£1.404m	£1.305m	(£99k)				
School contingencies (Rates, planned pupil growth, NQT induction etc)	£261k	£169k	(£92k)				
EHCP in-year adjustments (see separate paper for details)	£350k	£311k	(£39k)				
Special Schools / High Needs in-year adjustments (see separate paper for details)	£600k	£671k	£71k				
School Intervention / Commissioning (includes School Improvement Grant)	£142k	£91k	(£51k)				
Business Support	£190k	£161k	(£29k)				
Other – including Admissions, EAL / Travellers, Advisory Teachers							
Delay in opening of St Michael's Primary, no ESFA recoupment of funds in 20/21.							
Contribution from LA Covid grants towards salary costs of employees funded by DSG							

High Needs in-year pupil number adjustment- Net import of pupils from other authorities				
reduced from 103 to 95 pupils				
Deficit DSG budget set for 20/21	(£2.2m)	£0	£2.2m	
Total – Forecast Outturn Position 20/21			£2.048m	

This overspend is in line with the position reported to School Forum in March 2021. It should be noted that the deficit position has been reduced by £195k by a contribution from the LA Covid Fund.

The overall position of the Dedicated Schools Grant taking previous deficits into account at the end of 2020/2021 is an overspend of £ 5.826m

This cumulative deficit is 5.6% of the overall annual DSG allocation.

The two areas of significant volatility are within the Early Years Block and Higher Needs Block.

Early Years Block

Please see separate paper on funding process for early years during the pandemic.

Higher Needs Block

Torbay continues to have a greater number of children requiring additional support up to and including a special school place than the funds available in the higher needs block can meet. The following table demonstrates the final position on the EHCP allocation of funding above £6k.

Education, Health & Care Plan Funding for 19/20 & 20/21							
	19/20	20/21	Increase /				
			(Decrease)				
Number of pupils with EHCP	444	470	26.00				
Number of FTE's with EHCP	401	429	28.00				
	£	£	£				
Funding below £6k allocated through school formula elements	2,383,233	2,554,879	171,646				
Funding above £6k allocated as a top-up per eligible pupil	1,929,955	2,122,040	192,085				
EHCP Contingency	500,000	(150,000)					
In-Year adjustments							
April	89,037	16,946	(72,091)				
May	(2,510)	(104)	2,406				
June	21,302	(11,737)	(33,039)				
July	12,688	4,062	(8,626)				
August	4,248	42,398	38,150				
September	84,471	115,109	30,638				
October	32,871	72,833	39,962				
November	24,573	50,539	25,966				
December	35,172	16,915	(18,257)				
January	9,789	(11,583)	(21,372)				
February	5,291	15,276	9,985				
March	591	0	(591)				
Total - In-Year adjustments	317,523	310,654					
Total - (underspend) / overspend	(182,477)	(39,346)					

The following table demonstrates the numbers of Special School Commissioned Placements and Adjustments.



	Spec	ial School and	other High Ne	eds funding a	djustments for	20/21				
	Combe Pafford	Combe	Mayfield School	Mayfield Chestnut	Mayfield Total	Brunel	Burton AP	B & B Total	Totals	Totals £
		Pafford				SEMH				
Number of places - January 20	252		217	33	250	56	50	106.00	608.00	
Number of pupils - January 20	248		216	33	249	47	60	107.00	604.00	
Number of places - September 20	262		231	32	263	56	55	111.00	636.00	
Initial Place led funding		2,578,333			2,575,833	560,000	529,167	1,089,167		6,243,333
Initial Pupil led funding		981,746			2,315,603	680,090	634,380	1,314,470		4,611,819
Initial pupil specific additional funding		25,362			54,176	51,967	0	51,967		131,50
Other funding - Outreach / exclusions / rent		-,			235,921	- ,		0		235,92
Pupil Premium		153,025			152,205	62,553	7	62,553		367,783
Total initial funding		3,738,466			5,333,738	1,354,610	1,163,547	2,518,157		11,590,361
In-Year adjustments	Pupils	Funding	Mayfield	Chestnut	Funding	SEMH	AP	Funding	Pupils	Funding
	_	£	Pupils	Pupils	£	Pupils	Pupils	£		£
April	248	22,645	216	34	15,691	49	64	182,065	611	220,401
May	248	0	216	34	0	50	63	3,572	611	3,572
June	248	4,607	216	34	0	51	65	38,013	614	42,620
July	248	0	215	34	(10,285)	53	50	(97,241)	600	(107,526
August	248	0	215	34	0	53	50	0	600	(
September	258	38,944	227	31	37,741	49	43	(76,936)	608	(251)
October	257	(226)	227	30	(6,030)	50	44	12,522	608	6,266
November	256	3,788	227	30	0	50	44	0	607	3,788
December	257	7,854	225	30	(4,897)	51	50	25,969	613	28,926
January	255	(1,578)	225	32	6,030	50	50	(3,618)	612	834
February	255	504	225	33	2,010	50	50	0	613	2,514
March	256	2,429	228	30	(1,179)	51	51	2,087	616	3,337
Total In -year pupil / place led adjustments		78,967			39,081			86,433		204,481
Enhanced Provision (in-year changes in pupil numbers)										30,655
Excluded Pupils / 6th Day Provision Mayfield (Sept - Dec)										38,000
Excluded Pupils / 6th Day Provision Mayfield or other provision	sion (Jan - Mar)									28,500
Additional outreach funding for Mayfield										17,868
Enhanced transition - Yr 14 Student - Mayfield										12,000
Occombe House - additional rent										13,000
In-year pupil specific additional funding		60,465			155,212			110,581		326,258
Total - In-Year adjustments		139,432			194,293			197,014		670,762
Special School / High Needs contingency budget										600,000
Total (underspend) / overspend										70,762

DSG Budget Allocation 2021/2022

School Forum are provided with an overview of the school allocations for 2021/2022.

Position

The final outturn position of the Local Area continues to be of significant concern. The budget for 2021/2022 remains volatile and we need to continue to take all actions to mitigate spend.

The cumulative overspend of the DSG is now £5.826m

Recommendation and Decisions

It is requested that Schools Forum:

1. Note the final outturn position and continue to work with the Local Authority through the mechanism of the Higher Needs Recovery Group to enact mitigations to reduce budget spend in the year 2021/2022..

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