

To – Schools Forum – 13th Oct 2016

2016/17 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) – Forecast Outturn

Introduction

The DfE confirmed that the 2016/17 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is £90m of which an estimated £53m is deducted to fund Academy Schools leaving £37m for our maintained schools and education services.

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funded activities are forecast to overspend by £105k. This is the first time since the inception DSG that this is likely to be the case.

The main areas of under/overspends

Interim tuition (including hospital tuition) and the virtual school costs forecast to underspend by £2k.

Joint funded placements and Independent special school costs are a volatile area; at this stage these services are forecast to underspend by £150k.

Other smaller underspends across Children's including SEN, portage, staffing vacancies and recoument totalling £80k

Statementing / EHCP contingency (in-year adjustments to statementing / EHCP) is forecast to overspend by £154k – see separate paper on detailed analysis.

Special Schools Contingency is forecast to overspend by £132k due to increasing places and top up costs.

Early Years – SEN inclusion – nursery provider is forecast to overspend by £50k due to increasing eligible pupils taking up nursery places and increase in the hourly rate to providers.

Recommendations

That the Head of Education, Learning & Skills investigate whether in-year savings can be found to achieve at least a break-even position by year end and report back to the next Forum.

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