# Schools Forum 11th October 2018



# **School Forum Financial Report**

The following report contains a detailed breakdown of the financial position of the Local Area for 2018/2019.

The report enables members to note the outturn position and the significant factors contributing towards the spend. The report covers the following items;

- Forecast Outturn position 2018/19
- Contextual information regarding Early Years Block
- Contextual information regarding Higher Needs Block
- Contextual information regarding School Commissioning
- Position and recommendation

#### **Forecast Outturn Position 2018/19**

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funded activities are currently forecast to overspend by £2.657m

The following table details the main areas of both over and under spend. Many of these budgets are demand led and will be monitored during 18/19 and revisions reported accordingly.

Budget Heading	Budget	Actuals to date	Projected Outturn	Over / (Under)	
				Spend	
Early Years 2, 3 & 4 yr old payments – PVI's	£4.876m	£2.148m	£4.876m	£0	
Early Years - ALFEY	£250k	£164k	£250k	£0	
Early Years – Pupil Premium & Disability Access Fund	£129k	£39k	£112k	(£17)	
Early Years – 5% retained element	£370k	£168k	£330k	(£40k)	
Joint Funded Placements	£550k	£265k	£450k	(£100k)	
Recovery of funding from Excluded Pupils	(£150k)	(£0)	(£150k)	(£0)	
Independent Special School Fees	£2.720m	£1.134m	£2,620	(£100k)	
Other packages for EHCP pupils / recoupment from other authorities	£355k	£164k	£605k	£250k	
Medical Tuition Service / Virtual School / Hospital Tuition	£1.152m	£508k	£1.137m	(£15k)	
School contingencies (Rates, planned pupil growth, NQT induction etc)	£291k	£117k	£291k	£0	
EHCP in-year adjustments (see separate paper for details)	£330k	£371k	£469k	£139k	
Special Schools / High Needs in-year adjustments (see separate paper for details)	£514k	£735k	£914k	£400k	
School Intervention / Commissioning (includes School Improvement Grant)	£209k	£32k	£149k	(£60k)	
Required contribution from reserves in 18/19 to set a balanced budget	(£2.2m)	£0	£0	£2.2m	

#### **Early Years Block Overview**

The take up of all statutory offers within Early Years is in line with UK National and Statistical Neighbours.

2 year old offer	70% (at end of Summer 2018)
3 and 4 year old 15 hours	99%
3 and 4 year old 30 hours offer	95% (forecast for Autumn
	2018)
	(average take up 23 hours)

The take up rates are in line with the anticipated budget allocation for the period April to September 2018. However Members should treat this position statement with caution as the demand can fluctuate and any adjustment figure from the DFE remains difficult to predict.

The ALFEY positional continues to be monitored closely by a joint panel of Officers and Providers. The current trajectory is based on anticipated levels of need continuing at the same rate as current demand.

Officers remain mindful of monitoring the Early Years funding position, to ensure detailed reports can be tabled at Forum for the allocation of any surplus funds.

#### **Joint Funded Placements**

There remains a number of children that require specialist provision to meet both their social care and education needs. The close scrutiny of decision making by the Assistant Director of Education and Assistant Director of Safeguarding continues to ensure that placements and their costs are scrutinised.

The current trajectory is based on pupils already in the system. Schools Forum should note that this is a volatile area and new children could require a joint funded placement.

#### **Higher needs Overview**

Torbay continues to have a greater number of children requiring additional support up to and including a special school place than funds available in the Higher Needs Block can meet. The demand pressures in the great majority of schools and/or that children are assessed for an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

The Highers Needs Group and Schools Forum have undertaken work to identify high cost areas and potential mechanisms for change. This has been launched and is out for Public consultation.

One of the key drivers for overspend is the EHCP in year adjustments for additional funds above the £6,000 allocated to the schools.

The following table outlines the "Element 3" spend to date.

	17/18	18/19	Increase /	
	17/10 10/19		(Decrease)	
			(Decrease)	
Number of pupils with EHCP	373	395	22.00	
Number of FTE's with EHCP	353	359	6.00	
	£	£	£	
Funding below £6k allocated through school formula elements	2,047,279	2,129,835	82,556	
Funding above £6k allocated as a top-up per eligible pupil	1,234,164	1,507,657	273,493	
EHCP Contingency	200,000	330,000	130,000	
In-Year adjustments				
April	25,735	175,869	150,134	
May	45,249	18,302	(26,947)	
June	13,913	25,258	11,345	
July	0	0	C	
August	127,405	82,018	(45,387)	
September	40,866	69,403	28,537	
October	32,141	32,141	C	
November	6,622	6,622	C	
December	27,323	27,323	C	
January	14,088	14,088	C	
February	13,992	13,992	C	
March	4,404	4,404	C	
Total - In-Year adjustments	351,738	469,420		
Projected (underspend) / overspend	151,738	139,420		
Notes				
Based on Apr 18 to Sep 18 in-yr adjustments, and the same allocat	ion for the remainde	r of the		
financial year as 17/18, it is anticipated the EHCP contingency will o	£139,420			

In addition to this you will also note that there is limited availability and in some schools no availability of commissioned placements at our Special Schools and Alternative Provisions.

We are currently commissioning above numbers at Mayfield School to ensure children's needs can be met locally.

Special School and other High Needs funding adjustments for 18/19										
	Combe Pafford	Combe	Mayfield School	Mayfield Chestnut	Mayfield Total	B & B SEMH	B & B AP	B & B Total	Totals	Totals £
		Pafford								
Number of places - January 18	252		198	32	230	56	50	106.00	588.00	
Number of pupils - January 18	249		200	33	233	54	63	117.00	599.00	
Number of places - September 18	252		198	32	230	56	50	106.00	588.00	
Initial Place led funding		2,520,000			2,300,000			1,060,000		5,880,00
Initial Pupil led funding		779,876			1,914,042			1,300,500		3,994,41
Initial pupil specific additional funding		46,440			35,905			38.083		120,42
Other funding - Outreach / exclusions / rent		10,110			201,174					201,17
Total initial funding		3,346,316			4,451,121			2,398,583		10,196,02
In Voor adjustments	Pupils	Funding	Mayfield	Chestnut	Funding	SEMH	AP	Funding	Pupils	Funding
In-Year adjustments	rupiis	£	Pupils	Pupils	£	Pupils	Pupils	£	Fupiis	£
April	250	5,132	200	36	93,255	54	69	249.100	609	347,48
May	250	2,228	203	38	99,623	54	68	(9,029)	613	92.82
June	248	(13,301)	203	38	(9,757)	53	67	(19,442)	609	(42,500
July	246	(1,465)	203	38	(4,391)	55	42	(164,468)	584	(170,324
August	246	(1,100)	203	38	0.,00.1)	55	42	0	584	(110,02
September	251	(8,217)	204	32	(32,440)	50	44	(27,825)	581	(68,482
October	201	(0,211)	20.	02	(02,110)	- 00		(21,020)	0	(00,102
November									0	
December									0	
January									0	
February									0	
March									0	
Total In -year pupil / place led adjustments		(15,623)			146,290			28,336	U	159,00
Enhanced Provision										17,29
Additional pupil top-ups for ASC EP at Preston and Brixha	am									71,65
EP ASC - The Spires (from 6 to 9 places from Sept 18)										17,50
EP - PCSA (6 places from Sept 18 - 7/12th of £63k)										36,75
Pilot Scheme - Play Torbay (agreed by Schools Forum)										15,66
2% funding increase agreed by Schools Forum		66,926			89,022			47,972		203,92
ASC Outreach - Preston Primary										20,00
In-year pupil specific additional funding		31,588			67,122			94,651		193,36
Total - In-Year adjustments		82,891			302,434			170,959		735,15
Special School contingency budget										400,00
Adjustment from ESFA - Import / Export of HN Pupils bet	ween I A's									114,00
Total Funding Available										514,00
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Current (underspend) / overspend										221,15

## **School Intervention/Commissioning**

Schools in Torbay continue to perform well with few schools needing intervention funds due to Ofsted categories.

The Local Authority continue to manage the staffing budgets effectively and work within the allocated window.

The underspend in School Intervention and Commissioning will enable the actions agreed by Schools Forum to take place; enabling each school to have an SEND audit and training.

## **Position**

The projected out-turn position of the Local Area continues to be of a significant concern. The projected out-turn position has increased from June 2018, based on actual pupil numbers.

## **Recommendations**

It is requested that Schools Forum:-

1. Note the financial position and continue to work with the Local Authority through the mechanism of the Higher Needs Recovery Group to create a financial recovery plan

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