

# Introduction

The following report contains a detailed breakdown of the financial position of the Local Area for 2019/2020. 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 2019/2020
- Contextual information regarding Early Years Block
- Contextual information regarding Higher Needs Block
- Position and recommendations

#### Final Outturn position 2019/2020

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funded activities overspent by £1.048m

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 2019/2020 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	£4.653m	£2.588m	£4.653m	£0k	
Early Years - ALFEY	£250k	£173k	£270k	£20k	
Early Years – Pupil Premium & Disability	£130k	£38k	£105k	(£25k)	
Access Fund					
Early Years – 5% retained element	£372k	£186k	£372k	£0k	
Joint Funded Placements	£500k	£354k	£630k	£130k	
Recovery of funding from schools for Excluded Pupils, Medical Tuition Service and Elective Home Education	(£704k)	(£198k)	(£470k)	£234k	
Independent Special School Fees	£2.620m	£1.335m	£2.445m	(£175k)	
Other packages for EHCP pupils and SEND personal budgets	£718k	£593k	£1.035m	£317k	
Payments to / recoupment from other authorities for Special School places	(£129k)	(£4k)	(£260k)	(£131k)	
Medical Tuition Service / Virtual School / Hospital Tuition / Vulnerable Students Team	£1.267m	£723k	£1.267m	£0k	
School contingencies (Rates, planned pupil growth, NQT induction etc)	£532k	£295k	£352k	(£180k)	
EHCP in-year adjustments (see separate paper for details)	£500k	£242k	£318k	(£182k)	
Special Schools / High Needs in-year adjustments (see separate paper for details)	£484k	£673k	£784k	£300k	
School Intervention / Commissioning (includes School Improvement Grant)	£177k	£80k	£177k	£0	
Business Support	£163k	£101k	£153k	(£10k)	
Required contribution from reserves in 19/20 to set a balanced budget	(£750k)	£0	£0	£750k	

It should be noted that the out-turn position has increased by £93k from the previous Forum. The area of significant volatility is the Higher Needs Block due to the demand led pressures.

### **Early Years Block**

The position of the Early Years Block remains unchanged from the previous Forum papers. At this time officers are not making projected end figures as the census information will need to be gathered.

### **Higher Needs Overview**

Torbay continues to have a greater number of children and young people requiring additional support up to and including a special school place than the funds available in the Higher Needs Block can meet. This demand pressure is in the great majority driven by schools/parents requests for additional support and/or that children are assessed for an education, health and care plan (EHCP)

The work of the Higher Needs Recovery group continues to focus on a diagnostic approach to identifying high cost areas and potential mechanisms for change. The actions included in the Recovery Plan are being addressed, implemented and there is some evidence that this is starting to stem the budget position.

In addition to placement costs we continue to monitor the requests for additional funds above the £6,000 allocated to schools. The following tables indicates the position to date.

	18/19	19/20	Increase /	
			(Decrease)	
Number of pupils with EHCP	395	444	49.00	
Number of FTE's with EHCP	359	401	42.00	
	£	£	£	
Funding below £6k allocated through school formula elements	2,129,835	2,383,233	253,398	
Funding above £6k allocated as a top-up per eligible pupil	1,507,657	1,929,955	422,298	
EHCP Contingency	330,000	500,000	170,000	
In-Year adjustments				
April	175,869	89,037	(86,832)	
May	18,302	(2,510)	(20,812)	
June	25,258	21,302	(3,956)	
July	34,064	12,688	(21,376)	
August	47,954	4,248	(43,706)	
September	69,403	84,471	15,068	
October	39,935	32,871	(7,064)	
November	43,236	43,236	0	
December	6,064	6,064	0	
January	11,698	11,698	0	
February	14,216	14,216	0	
March	201	201	0	
Total - In-Year adjustments	486,200	317,522		
Projected (underspend) / overspend	156,200	(182,478)		
Notes				
Based on Apr 19 to Oct 19 in-yr adjustments, and the same allocat	ion for the remainder	of the		
financial year as 18/19, it is anticipated the EHCP contingency will u	£182,478			

Education, Health & Care Plan Funding for 18/19 & 19/20

This position has improved since the previous Forum paper by £7k.

The special school numbers continue to be reviewed and tracked. The following table demonstrates the position.

	Combe	Combe	Mayfield School	Mayfield	Mayfield	Brunel SEMH	Burton AP	B & B	Totals	Totals
	Pafford	Pafford		Chestnut	Total			Total		£
Number of places - January 19	252		198	32	230	56	50	106.00	588.00	
Number of pupils - January 19	248		207	28	235	51	59	110.00	593.00	
Number of places - September 19	252		208	32	240	56	50	106.00	598.00	
Initial Place led funding		2,520,000			2,358,333	560,000	500,000	1,060,000		5,938,333
Initial Pupil led funding		806,354			1,971,474	687,480	581,150	1,268,630		4,046,458
Initial pupil specific additional funding		23,629			38,593	87,130	0	87,130		149,352
Other funding - Outreach / exclusions / rent					256,174			0		256,174
Pupil Premium		132,210			136,465	34,595	27,583	62,178		330,853
Total initial funding		3,482,193			4,761,039	1,369,205	1,108,733	2,477,938		10,721,170
In-Year adjustments	Pupils	Funding	Mayfield	Chestnut	Funding	SEMH	AP	Funding	Pupils	Funding
		£	Pupils	Pupils	£	Pupils	Pupils	£		£
April	240	(4,270)	205	30	37.833	51	63	169.400	589	202,963
May	241	4,704	208	31	38,729	53	68	115,692	601	159,125
June	243	10,578	207	31	(5,627)	54	70	44,317	605	49,268
July	242	(1,052)	207	32	8,314	54	66	(29,550)	601	(22,288
August	242	0	207	32	0	54	66	0	601	(,(
September	255	39,416	211	26	11,531	45	52	(151,212)	589	(100,265
October	254	(1,075)	213	29	39,234	45	52	0	593	38,159
November									0	(
December									0	(
January									0	(
February									0	(
March									0	(
Total In -year pupil / place led adjustments		48,301			130,014			148,647		326,962
Enhanced Provision (in-year changes in pupil numbers)										23,729
Enhanced Provision - PCSA (Apr - Aug 19 element of £6	3k)									26,250
Enhanced Provision - PCSA (Increasing from 6 to 12 plac		9)								35,000
3 additional places at Combe Pafford (Sept 18 - Aug 19)										30,000
Excluded pupils / 6th day provision - Mayfield / Chestnut (	(Jan - Mar 20)									25,000
In-year pupil specific additional funding		61,930			76,045			67,793		205,768
Total - In-Year adjustments		110,231			206,059			216,440		672,709
Special School / High Needs contingency budget										400,000
Adjustment from ESFA - Import / Export of HN Pupils bet	ween   A's - Inci	rease of 14 pur	oile							84,000
Total Funding Available			/110							<b>484,00</b>
Current (underspend) / overspend										188,709

# Position

The projected out-turn of the Local Area continues to be of significant concern. The position remains volatile and continued actions need to be taken to try and mitigate spend.

The Department for Education issued a letter to the Local Authority and have made a request to support us in developing our DSG deficit recovery plan. A representative from the DfE SEND department and an ESFA local authority funding colleague will attend. The department expect to meet with Local Authority officers and we have request that the meeting is expanded to include a representation group for Schools Forum. The department have suggested the following dates:

22nd – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 or 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### 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 enact the financial recovery plan.
- 2. Elect a representational group of Forum members to meet with the DfE/EFSA.

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