

Functional Quarterly Reporting

Function	Schools - Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)							
Lead Officer	Gill Curtis							
Description	The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is split into 3 notional blocks: (a) Schools Block - allocations to individual schools based on funding formula approved by Schools Forum; Admissions service; and, nationally agreed school licences (b) High Needs Block - to fund additional support for pupils with high needs in schools, further education (FE) and alternative provision (AP) sector (c) Early Years Block - to fund early years settings for provision of places for 2,3 and 4 year olds.							
Cost Centre		Outturn 2015/16	Budget 2016/17	Revised Budget	Q1 Forecast	Q2 Forecast	Q3 Forecast	Q2 Variance to budget
School Allocations	5003	4,657,498	3,358,100	3,686,700	3,687,000	3,687,000	3,687,000	300
Nationally Agreed School Licences	5007	27,872	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	0
School Improvement	5008	0	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
School Recharges	5205	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pupil Premium	5245	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pupil Premium Plus	5246	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Admissions Service	5379	57,341	65,000	65,000	59,400	57,700	65,000	0
Schools Block totals		4,742,712	3,452,100	3,830,700	3,825,400	3,823,700	3,831,000	300
SEN	5300 &	2,826,825	3,104,300	3,104,300	3,532,100	3,207,800	3,296,400	192,100
SEN Staff Recharge	5128	197,200	197,200	197,200	197,200	197,200	187,000	(10,200)
Education Otherwise	5314	110,954	90,000	90,000	90,600	95,000	104,000	14,000
Special Needs Teaching	5348	61,369	65,600	65,600	87,600	83,600	74,500	8,900
Early Years Inclusion	5399	30,104	48,900	48,900	48,900	36,500	48,900	0

High Needs Block totals		3,226,451	3,506,000	3,506,000	3,956,400	3,620,100	3,710,800	204,800
Education for under 5's	5301	65,826	74,400	74,400	65,300	65,000	59,900	(14,500)
3 & 4 Year Old Funding	5308	1,212,824	1,351,500	1,351,500	1,351,500	1,351,500	1,383,600	32,100
Early Years Foundation Stage	5368	27,573	30,100	30,100	30,700	28,300	28,400	(1,700)
2 Year Old Funding	5290	156,159	102,000	102,000	102,000	102,000	121,100	19,100
Early Years Block totals		1,462,383	1,558,000	1,558,000	1,549,500	1,546,800	1,593,000	35,000
Dedicated Schools Grant Income	5332	(9,205,000)	(8,516,100)	(8,569,700)	(8,569,700)	(8,569,700)	(8,533,000)	36,700
Use of carry forward DSG Grant (Earmarked)	n/a	0	0	(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)	0
Funding line		(9,205,000)	(8,516,100)	(8,894,700)	(8,894,700)	(8,894,700)	(8,858,000)	36,700
Total Function		226,546	0	0	436,600	95,900	276,800	276,800

Overall Functional Lead Comment

The largest variances arise from the (demand-led) SEN cases in the High Needs Block resulting in a forecast overspend. Two expensive individual placements were effected in the first quarter of this year. The residential element has been reallocated outside this function, hence the reduction in forecast overspend since Qu1. The increased post 16 and post 18 take-up (with EHC plans now extended to age 25) explains the variance in the costs of special needs teaching, line 5348. The Schools' Forum have agreed that any High Needs overspend will be recouped from next year's schools' budget. The variance in early years block works in two, contrasting ways. In line 5332 the loss of funding arises from a recoupment from RCC this year as numbers of children taking places were lower than funding allowed for in the previous year 2015/16. In contrast, the overspend in 5308 and 5290 arise because more children took up places this year than allowed for. These anomalies occur because funding is allocated on the basis of the previous year's census. The funding gap will thus be addressed once the census in January 2017 is complete.