

REPORT TO: Schools Forum

DATE: 16th October 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer

SUBJECT: Detailed Dedicated Schools Grant Outturn 2018-19

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To report to the Schools Forum the detailed final Dedicated Schools Grant position for 2018-19.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

2.1 The report is noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 As requested at the June meeting, attached at Appendix A is the detailed breakdown of the year-end position for 2018-19.

3.2 Central Schools Services Block

The main underspend within this block was the Premature Retirement costs. The budget was set at £234k and the actual spend was just £13k, coming in under budget by £221k. The Dismissals budget was de-delegated from maintained schools at £127k while actual spend was £219k, some £91k over budget. With a few minor under and over spends on other budgets, the overall position was that from a budget of £677k we came in £140k under budget.

3.3 Early Years Block

The Early Years Block final position came in under budget by £136k. The main reason for this is that the estimated final budget adjustment for 2018-19 (received in July 2019) was an additional £188k instead of the reduction of £43k that was expected. This was due to the increase in 3 & 4 year old numbers.

3.4 High Needs Block

Please see separate report.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Council is required to ensure that DSG funding is allocated in accordance with the regulations attached to each DSG block.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

5.1 Children & Young People in Halton

It is essential that schools receive sufficient funding to allow them to support all children and young people.

5.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

None.

5.3 A Healthy Halton

None.

5.4 A Safer Halton

None.

5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 Given the level of public spending austerity since 2010 this is resulting in increased pressure on school budgets. Financial support is offered to schools and the Council will continue to monitor the level of DSG spend throughout the year to mitigate against the risk of overspend against available funding.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 The Local Authority must discharge its statutory responsibilities in relation to all schools and settings.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

8.1 None

| DSG Detailed Outturn for 2018-19 | | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | Original budget | Current budget | Actual Outturn | Actual Variance |
| Summary | | | | |
| Schools Block | £ 51,003,992.26 | £ 51,003,992.00 | £ 51,003,992 | -£ 0 |
| Central Schools Services Block | £ 676,852.00 | £ 676,852.00 | £ 536,294 | £ 140,558 |
| Early Years Block | £ 9,409,945.00 | £ 9,774,683.00 | £ 9,638,530 | £ 136,153 |
| High Needs Block | £ 15,587,111.00 | £ 14,292,497.00 | £ 14,534,283 | -£ 241,786 |
| DSG carry forward (central) | £ 466,754.00 | £ 466,754.00 | £ 154,116 | £ 312,638 |
| Total DSG | £ 77,144,654.26 | £ 76,214,778.00 | £ 75,867,215 | £ 347,563 |
| Schools Block | | | | |
| Primary (before de-delegation) | £ 39,848,040.25 | £ 39,848,040.25 | | |
| Secondary (before de-delegation) | £ 11,155,952.01 | £ 11,155,952.01 | | |
| Total Schools Block | £ 51,003,992.26 | £ 51,003,992.26 | | |
| Central Schools Services Block | | | | |
| Safeguarding post contribution | £ 47,100.00 | £ 47,100.00 | £ 47,100 | £ - |
| Licences | £ 98,550.00 | £ 98,550.00 | £ 98,554 | -£ 4 |
| Teachers Panel | £ 19,460.00 | £ 19,460.00 | £ 16,409 | £ 3,051 |
| Premature Retirement costs | £ 233,980.00 | £ 233,980.00 | £ 12,689 | £ 221,291 |
| Staff Responsibilities (de-del) | £ 25,470.00 | £ 25,470.00 | £ 7,178 | £ 18,292 |
| FSM Eligibility contribution (de-del) | £ 6,520.00 | £ 6,520.00 | £ 6,520 | £ - |
| Dismissals Costs (de-del) | £ 127,110.00 | £ 127,110.00 | £ 218,599 | -£ 91,489 |
| Schools Contingency (de-del) | £ 198,780.00 | £ 198,780.00 | £ 202,926 | -£ 4,146 |
| De-delegated income | -£ 357,870.00 | -£ 357,870.00 | -£ 357,870 | £ - |
| Former ESG Retained Duties | | | | |
| Revenue budget preparation/Formulation and review of LA schools funding formula | £ 75,097.00 | £ 75,097.00 | £ 75,097 | £ - |
| Director of children's services/Planning for the education service as a whole | £ 85,210.00 | £ 85,210.00 | £ 85,226 | -£ 16 |
| Admissions service contribution | £ 8,430.00 | £ 8,430.00 | £ 8,591 | -£ 161 |
| SACRE | £ 3,690.00 | £ 3,690.00 | £ 3,690 | £ - |
| Investigation of Complaints contribution | £ 6,440.00 | £ 6,440.00 | £ 6,440 | £ - |
| Administrative costs and overheads | £ 98,885.00 | £ 98,885.00 | £ 107,710 | -£ 8,825 |
| Former ESG General Duties | | | | |
| Budgeting and accounting functions relating | £ 20,633.00 | £ 20,633.00 | £ 20,633 | £ - |
| Asset Management contribution | £ 40,050.00 | £ 40,050.00 | £ 37,491 | £ 2,559 |
| Health & Safety contribution | £ 114,000.00 | £ 114,000.00 | £ 114,000 | £ - |
| De-delegated income | -£ 174,683.00 | -£ 174,683.00 | -£ 174,690 | £ 7 |
| Total Central Schools Services Block | £ 676,852.00 | £ 676,852.00 | £ 536,294 | £ 140,558 |
| Early Years Block | | | | |
| Nursery Schools | £ 1,033,239.00 | £ 1,052,698.00 | £ 1,042,996 | £ 9,702 |
| Nursery Units | £ 542,361.00 | £ 550,431.00 | £ 503,880 | £ 46,551 |
| PVI - 3 & 4 yo provision | £ 5,267,840.00 | £ 5,214,828.00 | £ 6,064,823 | -£ 849,995 |
| Early Years Pupil Premium | £ 120,270.00 | £ 106,434.00 | £ 50,199 | £ 56,235 |
| Disability Access Fund | £ 37,515.00 | £ 25,830.00 | £ 41,205 | -£ 15,375 |
| 2 yo provision | £ 1,528,570.00 | £ 1,527,600.85 | £ 1,519,864 | £ 7,737 |
| EYFS Business Rates | £ 24,210.00 | £ 24,210.00 | £ 22,242 | £ 1,968 |
| EY Inclusion Funding | £ 80,000.00 | £ 80,000.00 | £ 26,117 | £ 53,883 |
| Capital works contribution | £ 5,000.00 | £ 5,000.00 | £ 5,000 | £ - |
| Staffing - 2, 3 & 4 yo provision | £ 160,740.00 | £ 160,740.00 | £ 123,407 | £ 37,333 |
| Supplies & Services - 2, 3 & 4 yo provision | £ 40,240.00 | £ 40,240.00 | £ 669 | £ 39,571 |
| Contribution to IWIST | £ - | £ 50,000.00 | £ 50,000 | £ - |
| EY contingency | £ 569,960.00 | £ 979,965.00 | £ - | £ 979,965 |
| Estimated final budget increase (Jul 19) | £ - | -£ 43,294.00 | £ 188,129 | -£ 231,423 |
| Total Early Years Block | £ 9,409,945.00 | £ 9,774,682.85 | £ 9,638,530 | £ 136,152 |
| High Needs Block | | | | |
| Special Schools | £ 6,368,933.00 | £ 4,763,403.00 | £ 5,204,246 | -£ 440,843 |
| PRU | £ 1,500,000.00 | £ 1,500,000.00 | £ 1,715,535 | -£ 215,535 |
| Top-up funding | £ 2,657,168.00 | £ 2,671,694.00 | £ 2,028,682 | £ 643,012 |
| Special Schools Equipment | £ 20,000.00 | £ 20,000.00 | £ 2,040 | £ 17,960 |
| Specialist Provision: | | | | |
| Visually Impaired | £ 111,720.00 | £ 111,720.00 | £ 66,207 | £ 45,513 |
| Cognition & Learning | £ 115,720.00 | £ 115,720.00 | £ 113,451 | £ 2,269 |
| Communication, Language & ASD | £ 102,340.00 | £ 102,340.00 | £ 87,436 | £ 14,904 |
| Hearing Impaired | £ 188,270.00 | £ 188,270.00 | £ 170,933 | £ 17,337 |
| Home Tuition | £ 283,500.00 | £ 283,500.00 | £ 168,168 | £ 115,332 |
| Education Psychology Service | £ 86,400.00 | £ 86,400.00 | £ 104,990 | -£ 18,590 |
| Independent Special Schools | £ 2,412,450.00 | £ 2,412,450.00 | £ 3,048,811 | -£ 636,361 |
| Inter-Authority Recoupment | £ 175,000.00 | £ 175,000.00 | £ 400,011 | -£ 225,011 |
| Post 16 Provision | £ 769,000.00 | £ 769,000.00 | £ 806,537 | -£ 37,537 |
| Behaviour Support Team | £ 255,870.00 | £ 255,870.00 | £ 148,188 | £ 107,682 |
| HN Contingency - additional HN budget | £ - | £ 296,390.00 | £ - | £ 296,390 |
| Inclusion Division staffing | £ 540,740.00 | £ 540,740.00 | £ 469,048 | £ 71,692 |
| Total High Needs Block | £ 15,587,111.00 | £ 14,292,497.00 | £ 14,534,283 | -£ 241,786 |