

**ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
SCHOOLS FORUM NOVEMBER 2017
REPORT BY THE HEAD OF RESOURCES
DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MONITORING 2017/18**

Purpose of the report

This report informs Schools Forum of the current 2017/18 DSG grant allocation and provides a projection of the year end position and likely carry forward into 2018/19.

FOR INFORMATION

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The total Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation for 2017/18 (based on the most recent information published by the Department for Education) is £67.712m before adjustments.
- 1.2 There have been no further changes to the DSG allocation since the last forum in September 2017 – See TABLE 1
- 1.3 Budgets have been set based on a breakeven position after the Copyright Licensing deduction and total £67.849m.
- 1.4 The current projected DSG outturn is an overspend of £0.624m. Detailed budgets and current projections of the outturn position can be found in Table 2.

TABLE 1	2017/2018 DSG Aug	Change	2017/2018 DSG Sep
Early Years Pupil Funding	10,136	0	10,136
2YO Funding	700	0	700
Early Years Pupil Premium	69	0	69
TOTAL Early Years Block	10,904	0	10,904
Schools Block	66,979	0	66,979
Academy Recoupment	(24,341)	0	(24,341)
TOTAL Schools Block	42,638	30	42,638
High Needs Block	16,005	0	16,005
Deductions to High Needs Block	(1,835)	0	(1,835)
TOTAL High Needs Block	14,170	0	14,170
Additions/Deductions			
NQT Funding	0	0	0
TOTAL Additions/Deductions	0	0	0
TOTAL DSG Allocation 2017/18	67,712	0	67,712
Adjustments			
Prior Year Early Years	197		197
Copyright Licensing	(60)		(60)
TOTAL Available Funds	67,849		67,849

2.1 DSG budget forecast outturn at Period 6

2.1.1 Early years spend is forecast to be within the current DSG allocation.

2.1.2 The schools block is forecast to be within the current DSG allocation.

2.1.3 The projected overspend on the high needs block in 1718, is £0.624m.

2.2 High Needs block funding pressure of £624k

- 2.2.1** High -Needs top up funding to (maintained schools, academies and colleges) accounts for £161k of this pressure, with £371k of the over spend attributable to Independent pre- & post 16 providers.
- 2.2.2** Overspends are expected on Alternative Provision Commissioning (£291k) as well as Belongings placements (£115k).
- 2.2.3** Pressures on SEN Commissioning ABA (£253k) is offset through underspends in other delivery teams, such as Educational psychology (-£32k) and Sensory and Language services (-£214k)
- 2.2.4** The SEN service teams are looking at creative ways to work with providers to bring this spend within budget.
- 2.2.5** Detailed budgets and current projections of the Out-Turn position can be found in Table 2.

TABLE 2	Amended Budget	Forecast Actual (Sep)	Forecast Actual (Aug)	Forecast Variance	Change from P5 Report
Early Years Block					
2 Year Old Offer	678	678	678	0	0
Children with Disabilities Provision	18	18	18	0	0
Early Years Formula	8,692	8,692	8,692	0	0
Early Years Pupil Premium	69	69	69	0	0
Early Years Sustainability	54	54	54	0	0
Strategic Commissioning Team/ Social work	84	84	84	0	0
Early Years Operations and Projects	279	279	279	0	0
RBKC Play Centres	32	32	32	0	0
Early Years Central Budgets	371	371	371	0	0
	10,278	10,278	10,278	0	0
Schools Block					
Schools Formula Funding	41,274	41,274	41,274	0	0
Schools Central - Growth / Falling Rolls	253	253	253	0	0
Schools Central - Other (TU, Redundancy)	112	112	112	0	0
Schools Central Management	389	389	389	0	0
Schools Central - Trade Union	18	18	18	0	0
Schools Central – Contingency	0	0	0	0	0
CHS Finance Education Team	223	223	223	0	0
Tri-Borough Portfolio Team	0	0	0	0	0
Copyright Licensing	60	60	60	0	0
Admissions	296	235	235	0	0
Governors Support	106	106	106	0	0
Schools Forum	38	38	38	0	0
Peripatetic Music	30	30	30	0	0
Intervention Fund	100	100	100	0	0
14 to19 Commissioning	36	36	36	0	0
Virtual School	330	330	330	0	0
	43,265	43,265	43,265	0	0
High Needs Block					
Element 2 Funding	546	546	546	0	0
Special Schools Delegated	160	160	160	0	0
Hospital School Place Funding	1,165	1,165	1,165	0	0
Educational Psychology	371	339	371	-32	-32
Top-Up Funding – Maintained	2,250	1,626	2,250	-624	-624
Top-Up Funding - Academy, Free, Colleges	1,919	2,383	1,919	464	464
Independent pre-and post-16	2,882	3,254	2,882	372	372
Out of Borough Top-Up Payments - Maintained/Academies	1,655	1,655	1,655	0	0
Alternative Provision Commissioning	990	1,281	990	291	291
Belongings Placements	400	514	400	114	114
SEN Commissioning	552	805	552	253	253
SEN Outreach	293	293	293	0	0
Relationships and Quality Assurance	110	110	110	0	0
Sensory and Language Impairment Team	524	467	524	-57	-57
Portage	12	12	12	0	0
Equipment	12	12	12	0	0
Speech & Language Therapy (SALT)	328	171	328	-157	-157
	14,169	14,793	14,169	624	624
Total Sum:	67,712	68,336	67,712	624	624

3 Recommendations

- 3.1** Schools Forum are asked to note the total DSG allocation and current financial position.
- 3.2** Schools Forum are asked to note that the projected overspend is forecast at £624k.

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Background Papers

- DfE website – DSG Allocations 2017/18