

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>SCHOOLS FORUM</b>
<b>Date:</b>	11 July 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Bob Berry – Assistant Executive Director - Learning. Ian Duncan – Assistant Executive Director - Finance.
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>COUNCIL MANAGED DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MONITORING UPDATE 2017/18</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b>	A report on the centrally managed Dedicated Schools Grant for 2017/18.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	Members of the Schools Forum are requested to note the contents of the report.
<b>Links to Community Strategy:</b>	Effectively calculated and targeted resources will improve access to a high quality education experience for all our children.
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	In line with financial and policy framework.
<b>Financial Implications:</b> (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	The Dedicated Schools Grant is a ring fenced grant solely for the purposes of schools and pupil related expenditure.
<b>Legal Implications:</b> (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	There is a statutory duty to use resources efficiently and effectively against priorities.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The correct accounting treatment of the Dedicated Schools Grant is a condition of the grant and procedures exist in budget monitoring and the closure of accounts to ensure that this is achieved. These will be subject to regular review.

## **ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

## **NON-CONFIDENTIAL**

**This report does not contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the Press or members of the public.**

## **Background Papers**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Stephen Wilde – Finance Business Partner, Financial Management, Governance, Resources and Pensions by :



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## 1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 For 2016/17 the Secondary sector chose to only de-delegate funding for the Trade Union Support service, whereas the Primary Sector voted to continue de-delegation for both the Trade Union Support and Contingency services. The same scenario was adopted by the Secondary and Primary sector for 2017/18. For De-delegated Services the Council is able to recover the funding from Maintained Schools automatically, but invoices have to be issued to recover the equivalent funding from Academies. For Buy Back services the Council internally recharges Maintained Schools, but invoices have to be issued to recover the equivalent funding from Academies.
- 1.2 The Council also manages DSG funding to support the following
- Schools Admissions service
  - Schools Forum support
  - Retained Duties
  - High Needs services other than Special Schools and Primary MLD Units
  - Early Years
- 1.3 This report provides details of the financial monitoring position for the 2017/18 financial year for these services at the end of June 2017 in Section 2 and **Appendix A**.

## 2. COUNCIL MANAGED DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT BUDGET MONITORING 2017/18 AT THE END OF JUNE 2017

- 2.1 **Appendix A** provides the financial monitoring position for 2017/18 at the end of June 2017 for the Council services described in Section 1, the Centrally Managed High Needs services and Early Years funding. **Appendix B** provides a brief description of the services supported by these budgets.
- 2.2 The services are split into 5 sections on **Appendix A** and the first group relates to De-delegated Services. These services are projected to spend at budgeted level.
- 2.3 The second section of Appendix A provides details on Previously Centrally Retained services. There are no current projected variations for these services.
- 2.4 The services on the third section of **Appendix A** called Centrally Retained Services are all projected to spend at the budgeted level.
- 2.5 The fourth section of **Appendix A** provides a summary of the Centrally Retained High Needs Services. All the services in this group are projected to spend at the budgeted level. The SEN team is in the process of updating the bandings for children starting at school from September 2017.
- 2.6 The final section of **Appendix A** relates to Early Years funding. From September 2017 the free entitlement funding for 3 and 4 year olds will be processed by the Free Entitlement Funding Team within the Education Service of the Council. All Early Years Funding is being reported in this section. The budget for 2 year old places is based on the initial DFE allocation of funding for this area, but the Council expects to spend £72,298 more than this budget based on local projections of cost. This shortfall in current DSG is expected to be retrospectively funded by the DFE once the actual take up of places is confirmed. The budget for 3 & 4 year old places is based on the initial DFE allocation of funding for this area, but the Council expects to spend £529,165 less than this budget based on local projections of cost. This surplus is expected to be retrospectively recovered by the DFE once the actual take up of places is confirmed. It should be noted that the Council is currently in the process of updating the estimated costs for 2 year olds and 3 & 4 year olds.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 As stated on the report cover.