

Report To:	SCHOOLS FORUM
Date:	18 July 2016
Reporting Officer:	Bob Berry – Assistant Executive Director - Learning. Ian Duncan – Assistant Executive Director - Finance.
Subject:	COUNCIL MANAGED DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MONITORING UPDATE 2016/17
Report Summary:	A report on the centrally managed Dedicated Schools Grant for 2016/17.
Recommendations:	Members of the Schools Forum are requested to note the contents of the report.
Links to Community Strategy:	Effectively calculated and targeted resources will improve access to a high quality education experience for all our children.
Policy Implications:	In line with current policy
Financial Implications: (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.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	There is a statutory duty to use resources efficiently and effectively against priorities.
Risk Management:	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

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1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 For 2015/16 the Secondary sector chose not to de-delegate any funding for central services, whereas the Primary Sector voted to continue de-delegation for the same services as in 2013/14 and 2014/15. 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. For De-delegated Services the Council is able to automatically recover the funding from Maintained Schools, 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.

De-delegated Services Maintained Primary Sector 2015/16

- Behaviour for Learning and Inclusion Service (BLIS)
- Equality, Multiculturalism and Access Team (EMAT)
- Trade Union Support
- Primary Schools Contingency

De-delegated Services Maintained Secondary Sector 2015/16

- None

De-delegated Services Maintained Primary Sector 2016/17

- Trade Union Support
- Primary Schools Contingency

De-delegated Services Maintained Secondary Sector 2016/17

- Trade Union Support

- 1.2 The Council also manages DSG funding to support the following

- Schools Admissions service
- Schools Forum support costs
- BSF Affordability contributions – until the affordability review is completed
- High Needs services other than Special Schools and Primary MLD Units
- Early Years funding being delegated to Private, Voluntary and Independent Providers

- 1.3 This report provides details of the financial monitoring position for the 2016/17 financial year for these services at the end of June 2016 in Section 2 and **Appendix A**.

2. COUNCIL MANAGED DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT BUDGET MONITORING 2016/17 AT THE END OF JUNE 2016

- 2.1 **Appendix A** provides the financial monitoring position for 2016/17 at the end of June 2016 for the Council services described in Section 1, the Centrally Managed High Needs services and the Early Years funding that is delegated to Private, Voluntary and Independent Providers. **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 of De-delegated Services are all projected to spend at the budgeted level except for a projected under recovery of income of £184,002 in relation to the Behaviour for Learning and Inclusion Service. (BLIS). A separate 2015/16 Central DSG Monitoring report being considered today requests the allocation of the unspent funding from this service in the previous financial year to help fund this gap.
- 2.3 The second group of service - Previously Centrally Retained - on Appendix A includes an under spend of £98,049 against School Improvement Fund (formerly Schools Causing Concern) brought forward from 2015/16 which has been added to the budget. There are no current projected variations in costs 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, with the exception of the Pupil Referral Service (PRS) where there are current projected costs of £127,964 in excess of the budget. It should be noted that this is based on a conservative estimate of income from permanent exclusions that is likely to increase from the current budgeted value if exclusions are at the same level as in 2015/16. From 2016/17 onwards as with other Schools across Tameside the Pupil Referral Service will be required to produce a deficit recovery plan if they do operate at a deficit this year.
- 2.6 The final section of **Appendix A** relates to Early Years funding for Private, Voluntary and Independent Nurseries. 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 £538,997 more than this budget based on local projections of cost. This shortfall in current DSG will be retrospectively funded by the DFE once the actual take up of places is confirmed. Similarly the projected increase in costs of £154,584 compared to the initial DFE allocation of funding for 3 and 4 year old places is also expected to be retrospectively funded by the DFE once the actual take up of places is confirmed.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 As stated on the report cover.