

# ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SCHOOLS FORUM

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>28 January 2013</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>04</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>UPDATE ON CENTRAL SCHOOLS BUDGET 2012-13 PROJECTED OUTTURN</b>		
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## 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This paper updates Schools Forum on the latest projected outturn position against the DSG funded central schools budget for 2012-13 and reminds Schools Forum of previously discussed proposals for the use of the accumulated DSG surplus going forwards into 2013-14.

## 2 RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR SCHOOLS FORUM

- 2.1 To note that the estimated 2012-13 year end outturn projection for the central Schools Block Budget of £9.3 million, reported to Cabinet in January, is an underspend of £1,052k.

## 3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The acting Director of Children's Services reported to Cabinet in January 2013 that the central schools budget of £9.2 million is projected to be underspent by £1,052k at the end of the financial year 2012-13. The main variances from budget are summarised below:

Service area	Budget £000	Projected outturn 2012-13 £000	(under) / over (+) 2012-13 £000	Details
<b>ISB</b>	<b>70,914</b>	<b>70,914</b>	<b>0</b>	Treated as spent when delegated.
<b>Non maintained nurseries</b>	<b>4,163</b>	<b>4,163</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Central budgets</b>				
Admissions	193	193	0	
Maternity	182	223	+41	High number of claims
Schools contingency & other central budgets	307	237	(70)	Net variance of contingency allocations, reimbursements for rates etc.
Licenses etc.	204	245	+41	Miscellaneous
Support and inclusion	881	708	(173)	Ending of Behaviour Support Partnership, and DSG contribution to respite provision less than budgeted due to ongoing closure of the MG Respite Unit.
SEN recoupment	(652)	(902)	(250)	Income over budget (£2.151m) due to increase in recoverable costs for OLA pupils with SEN in RBWM mainstream and special schools.

Central SEN	6,236	5,647	(589)	Projected underspend of £440k on residential placements mainly due to reduction in average placement cost, and fewer places than budgeted. Further £140k due to reduction in-year SEN statement adjustments and central allocations for exceptional SEN need.
Sensory Consortium	287	287	0	
Teaching & Advisory Service	497	542	+45	Income target in EMA service not met coupled with one-off exceptional staff costs.
PRU	690	593	(97)	Mainly due to staff vacancies in St. Edmunds House and Brocket
Overheads	409	409	0	
	<b>9,234</b>	<b>8,182</b>	<b>(1,052)</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,311</b>	<b>83,259</b>	<b>(1,052)</b>	
<b>Grant income</b>				
DSG 2012-13	(83,994)	(83,994)	0	
DSG b/fwd from 2011-12	(317)	(317)	0	
DSG c/fwd to 2013-14	0	1,052	1,052	
	<b>(84,311)</b>	<b>(83,259)</b>	<b>1,052</b>	
<b>Net</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	

- 3.2 As previously reported, the main areas which are currently under-spending against budget relate to central SEN, including SEN recoupment, out-borough special school placements, and allocations to schools for exceptional need. Since Schools Forum last met in December, other new variances have been reported mainly relating to staffing underspends in the PRU, and in relation to the costs of respite, where the continued closure of the Manor Green Respite Unit has resulted in an underspend on the DSG's 'contribution to respite' budget. The new variances have increased the overall projected underspend beyond the £800k anticipated underspend reported in December.
- 3.3 Structurally recurring underspends have been addressed in the 2013-14 budget build, and the starting point for 2013-14 on some of these budgets is likely to be lower than for 2012-13. The redistribution of funding released in this way is discussed further in the Growth and Savings section of the 2013-14 Schools Budget paper which is a separate item on the agenda.

#### Use of DSG underspend brought forward from 2011-12 and 2012-13

- 3.4 Schools Forum were notified in June 2012 that the DSG surplus at the end of March 2012 was £1,025k. This was made up from an £880k underspend in 2011-12 and £145k from previous years. £317k of this was allocated to the 2012-13 Schools Budget when this was set in March 2012, as shown in the table above, leaving £709k to be allocated. Following further discussion at the December meeting, it was agreed to allocate to schools and early years providers £500k of this brought forward surplus as an additional in-year allocation. This has now been actioned and schools were notified of their allocations earlier in January.
- 3.5 The remaining £209k surplus will be added to the 2012-13 surplus reported above. £500k of the surplus going forward is to be allocated in the 2013-14 Budget as previously discussed and agreed at the December Schools Forum meeting, with the remaining surplus being allocated in 2014-15.