SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM 15th January 2020

Directorate of Children, Learning and Skills

DSG Budget Monitoring Report 2019-20

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This paper provide Schools Forum (SF) with the latest allocation of the DSG provided by the DfE and an update on the latest budget monitoring position for each block within the DSG.
- 1.2 To advise Schools Forum on the latest DSG funding allocation provided by the DfE and the budget monitoring position for each block for financial year 2019-20.

2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That forum make **note** of the financial position and **approve** any deficits be rolled forward into the new financial year. Any deficit balances rolled forward will have first call on the next years settlement.

3 High Level overview of the DSG for 2019-20.

- 3.1 The ESFA issued the settlement data for the DSG in November 2019. The table below demonstrates the breakdown of the allocation between the element that will be administered by the Local Authority and the proportion that will be recouped by the DfE for academies. It also shows transfers between blocks that have been agreed at Schools' Forum.
- 3.2 The latest DSG allocations for 2019-20 are highlighted below. Please note that cash received (income) from the ESFA is denoted as a negative value. The positive values reflect the planned payments/transfers within each block.

| CASH SETTLEMENT | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Block | DSG Settlement Before Recoupment £m | Recoupment £m | Agreed Transfers £m | Net Budget £m |
| Schools | -132.014 | 96.313 | -0.500 | -36.201 |
| Early Years | -14.166 | 0.000 | 0.000 | -14.166 |
| High Needs | -23.432 | 6.934 | 0.755 | -15.743 |
| Central School Services | -0.654 | 0.000 | -0.255 | -0.909 |
| TOTAL | -170.266 | 103.247 | 0.000 | -67.020 |

| | Net Budget £m | Projection £m | Variance £m |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| DSG Support Grants | -6.624 | -6.624 | 0.000 |
| TOTAL | -6.624 | -6.624 | 0.000 |

- 3.3 The initial 2019-20 allocation for Early Years' was based on the January 2018 census. The final adjustment to this allocation was made in July 2019 and is calculated as a weighted average of 5/12ths of the January 2018 census and 7/12ths of the January 2019 census. The ESFA recouped £0.246m in July 2019 for the overfunding of Universal and Extended Entitlement in 2018-19. This was because the uptake was less than anticipated. It was reported in the DSG outturn paper to Schools' Forum that the carry forward for 2018-19 was (£0.902m) but was likely to be reduced by a similar amount to that recouped in 2017-18. This means that the finalised end of year position was (£0.656m), which is shown in the table overleaf.
- 3.4 The table beneath shows the changes to the Early Years budget for 2019.20. The ESFA recouped £0.426m of funding based on reduced uptake. The final allocation for 2019-20 will be confirmed in July 2020.

| | Universal Entitlement for 3-4 Year Olds £m | Extended entitlement for 3-4 Year Olds £m | 2 Year Old Funding £m | EYPP £m | DAF £m | MNS £m | Total Allocation £m |
|-------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------------------------|
| Jan 19 Settlement | 10.058 | 2.257 | 1.381 | 0.069 | 0.055 | 0.772 | 14.592 |
| Jul 19 Settlement | 9.527 | 2.516 | 1.267 | 0.073 | 0.055 | 0.728 | 14.166 |
| Adjustment | -0.531 | 0.259 | -0.114 | 0.004 | 0.000 | -0.044 | -0.426 |

4 DSG Projected Forecast

4.1 It is forecast that in 2019-20 the DSG will overspend by £4.929m with the cumulative overspend amounting to an estimated £12.37m. The variance is wholly attributable to the High Needs Block which is expected to overspend by £4.893m in 2019-20 and £13.193m cumulatively. This deficit has accumulated over the past 4 years. The table below sets out the forecast for each block.

| Block | Pre - Adjusted Brought Forward Balances £m | In - Year Adjust ments £m | Adjusted opening Balances £m | Net Budget 2019-20 £m | Projection £m | In- Year Forecast Variance £m | Forecast Carry Forward to 2020-21 £m |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Schools | -0.221 | 0.000 | -0.221 | 36.201 | 36.119 | -0.082 | -0.303 |
| Early Years | -0.902 | 0.246 | -0.656 | 14.166 | 14.275 | 0.109 | -0.547 |
| High Needs | 8.300 | 0.000 | 8.300 | 15.743 | 20.022 | 4.893 | 13.193 |
| Central School Service | 0.018 | 0.000 | 0.018 | 0.909 | 0.876 | -0.033 | -0.015 |
| TOTAL | 7.195 | 0.246 | 7.441 | 67.020 | 71.293 | 4.887 | 12.328 |

5 <u>Schools Block</u>

5.1 The Schools' Block contains money received from the DfE to fund Individual School Budgets and is based on an annual allocation driven by specific national formula and distributed to schools via local formula. For 2019-20 the council is expected to receive £ 36.201m as per the most recent settlement updates. This allocation is net of academy recoupment. An in-year underspend of (£0.082m) is currently forecast for the Growth Fund, which is due to the actual levels of expansion and bulge classes being lower than anticipated. The expected carry forward into 2020-21 is (£0.303m). The latest summary is shown in the table below:

| Schools Block | Budget 2019-20 £m | Projection 2019-20 £m | Variance |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Balance b/fwd | 0.000 | -0.221 | -0.221 |
| B/fwd Total | 0.000 | -0.221 | -0.221 |
| Receipts | | | |
| DSG Settlement | -132.014 | -132.014 | 0.000 |
| Block Transfer | -0.500 | -0.500 | 0.000 |
| Academy Recoupment | 96.313 | 96.313 | 0.000 |
| Income Total | -36.201 | -36.201 | 0.000 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Maintained Primary Schools Budget | 27.439 | 27.439 | 0.000 |
| Maintained Secondary Schools Budget | 7.180 | 7.180 | 0.000 |
| Growth Fund | 0.800 | 0.718 | -0.082 |
| Growth not recouped | 0.282 | 0.282 | 0.000 |
| Block transfer funding to Maintained Schools | 0.106 | 0.106 | 0.000 |
| Block transfer funding to Academy Schools | 0.394 | 0.394 | 0.000 |
| Expenditure Total | 36.201 | 36.119 | -0.082 |
| In Year Variance | -0.000 | -0.082 | -0.082 |
| Bal C/fwd to 2020.21 | -0.000 | -0.303 | -0.303 |

5.2 Support Grants

The table below breaks down the additional DSG support grants the council receives on behalf of its maintained schools, which it fully passes through.

| DSG Support Grants | Budget 2019/20 £m | Projection 2019/20 £m | Variance £m |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Receipts | | | |
| Pupil Premium | -2.254 | -2.254 | 0.000 |
| Sixth form funding | -1.744 | -1.744 | 0.000 |
| UIFSM | -0.964 | -0.964 | 0.000 |
| PE & Sport Grant | -0.215 | -0.215 | 0.000 |
| Teachers' Pay Grant | -0.493 | -0.493 | 0.000 |
| Teachers' Pension Grant | -0.954 | -0.954 | 0.000 |
| Income Total | -6.624 | -6.624 | 0.000 |
| <u>Expenditure</u> | | | |
| Pupil Premium | 2.254 | 2.254 | 0.000 |
| Sixth form funding | 1.744 | 1.744 | 0.000 |
| UIFSM | 0.964 | 0.964 | 0.000 |
| PE & Sport Grant | 0.215 | 0.215 | 0.000 |
| Teachers 'Pay Grant | 0.493 | 0.493 | 0.000 |
| Teachers' Pension Grant | 0.954 | 0.954 | 0.000 |
| Expenditure Total | 6.624 | 6.624 | 0.000 |
| Variance | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |

5.21 Pupil Premium

This grant provides additional funding to schools to support disadvantaged pupils to raise attainment and to support children with parents in the regular armed forces.

5.22 6th Form Funding

The grant funds institutions to deliver study programmes to their pupils. The funding rate for each student is determined by the study programme based on their planned hours. National funding rates range from £2,133 to £4,000 per student.

5.23 UIFSM – Universal Infant Free School Meals

The grant supports schools in delivering the legal requirement to offer free school meals which meet the school food standard, to all their reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils. Subject to meeting this legal requirement, the funds may be used for the educational benefit of schools. Meals taken by an eligible pupil will attract £2.30.

5.24 **PE and Sports Grant**

The premium must be used to fund additional and sustainable improvements to the provision of PE and sport, for the benefit of primary aged pupils, within the year that the grant is awarded to develop and encourage a healthy and active lifestyle.

5.25 **Teachers' Pay Grant**

The grant was first announced in July 2018 by the Secretary of State for Education. It was introduced to provide additional funding to schools to support them with the cost of the teachers' pay award.

5.26 **Teachers' Pension Grant**

The DfE have calculated the increased cost of employer contributions to schools from Sept 19 - Mar 20 to be £848 million. The grant is based on pupil numbers, for maintained schools and institutions supporting high needs, funding is based on number of places.

6 <u>Early Years Block</u>

- 6.1 The Early Years Block contains money received from the DfE to fund free early learning and education in all settings, including the private, voluntary and independent sectors (PVI's). Budgets are updated monthly and termly based on the revised census data for those settings. For 2019/20 the council is expecting to receive **£14.166m** as per the most recent settlement update.
- 6.2 Currently, the Early Years' Block is forecast to carry forward around £0.547m into 2020/21 of which £0.656m relates to prior years' underspend. It was reported within the DSG outturn paper that the cumulative EY underspend was £0.902m, but it was highlighted that the ESFA would likely claw back similar amounts as per the previous years. The ESFA clawed back £0.246m in July 19 therefore substantiating the £0.656m brought forward balance.
- 6.3 Due to the disparity between the funding mechanism, which will see the final 2019.20 settlement being predicated on 5/12^{ths} of the Jan 19 census and 7/12^{ths} of the Jan 20 census, and the payments made to the sector, which are made either on actual monthly or termly participation rates, the final outturn becomes difficult to forecast.
- 6.4 However, we can use trend analyses to best project onward activity. The spring term forecast has been estimated on the previous 2 years trend, which has been factored into the forecast and explained further on within the report. Any increase/decrease in cost and funding as a result of actual participation rates will either increase/reduce our projected outturn and settlement. The budget monitoring summary table can be viewed over leaf.

| | Budget 2019/20 | Projection | |
|--|-------------------|------------|----------|
| Early Years Block | £m | 2019/20 £m | Variance |
| Income | | | |
| DSG Settlement | -14.166 | -14.166 | 0.000 |
| Income Total | -14.166 | -14.166 | 0.000 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Maintained Nursery Schools | | | |
| 2 Year Old Funding | 0.238 | 0.238 | 0.000 |
| 3-4 Year Old Universal Entitlement | 1.456 | 1.406 | -0.050 |
| 3-4 Year Old Extended Entitlement | 0.385 | 0.385 | 0.000 |
| Deprivation | 0.022 | 0.022 | 0.000 |
| Maintained Nursery Supplement | 0.728 | 0.728 | 0.000 |
| ЕҮРР | 0.018 | 0.018 | 0.000 |
| Sub Total | 2.848 | 2.798 | -0.050 |
| Primary Schools | | | |
| 2 Year Old Funding | 0.052 | 0.052 | 0.000 |
| 3-4 Year Old Universal Entitlement | 3.857 | 3.857 | 0.000 |
| 3-4 Year Old Extended Entitlement | 0.356 | 0.356 | 0.000 |
| Deprivation | 0.045 | 0.045 | 0.000 |
| ЕҮРР | 0.032 | 0.032 | 0.000 |
| Sub Total | 4.342 | 4.342 | 0.000 |
| Special Schools | | | |
| 2 Year Old Funding | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 3-4 Year Old Universal Entitlement | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Sub Total | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| PVI Sector | 6.069 | 6.339 | 0.270 |
| Sub Total | 6.069 | 6.339 | 0.270 |
| EYPP | 0.023 | 0.023 | 0.000 |
| Growth | 0.117 | 0.088 | -0.029 |
| Disability Access Fund | 0.055 | 0.001 | -0.054 |
| Sub Total | 0.194 | 0.112 | -0.083 |
| Central Budgets | | | |
| Early Years Adaptations/ Practical Support | 0.050 | 0.001 | -0.049 |
| Early Years Strategic Financial support | 0.080 | 0.080 | 0.000 |
| Early Years Behaviour Support Services | 0.042 | 0.041 | -0.001 |
| Central Early Years Expenditure | 0.070 | 0.070 | 0.000 |
| Early Years Team Contribution | 0.472 | 0.493 | 0.021 |
| Central Expenditure Total | 0.714 | 0.685 | -0.028 |
| Projected End of Year Variance | 0.000 | 0.109 | 0.109 |
| Carry forward from 2018/19 | 0.000 | -0.656 | -0.656 |
| Cumulative Surplus/Deficit | 0.000 | -0.547 | -0.547 |

6.5 **Forecast position and reason for variance.**

Based on the current settlement, the Early Years' block is likely to overspend by **£0.11m**, which is a combination of increased activity within the sector, driving up cost, and underspends within discreet areas. Whilst additional activity should be met with additional funding, we will not know the quantum of funding until Jul 20.

6.6 Data analysis shows that within the PVI Sector, there has been an increase in participation rates against the baseline of around 50,000 hours (4.5%), as demonstrated in the table beneath.

| Increase/decrease | 50,721 |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Actual and Projected Hours | 1,162,685 |
| PVI Baseline Hours | 1,111,965 |

This increase in hours quantifies the projected overspend within the PVI sector.

6.7 MNS and schools have experienced growth over the baseline which is demonstrated within the table beneath of around 24,000 hours (2%). The actual data captured includes Autumn and Summer data, and a projection for the Spring term. It is envisaged that we will be recouping around 9,300 hours in Mar 20, which equates to around £0.050m. Netted off against the additional funding provided to date, gives an estimated £0.13m of additional funding over the baseline for the financial year.

| Increase/decrease | 24,088 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Actual and Projected Hours | 1,168,124 |
| Schools and Nurseries Baseline Hours | 1,144,036 |

6.8 Growth

Growth funds additional hours above the budgeted hours which are calculated when providers submit their monthly and termly returns. Conversely, growth is replenished when participation rates (hours) are lower than budgeted. At the end of the financial year, the EYB will show an estimated over/underspend which is finalised in the following July once the ESFA has conducted its final census. Logically, we expect a positive adjustment which will offset the projected overspend. Within the growth budget line is a contingency allowance of £0.088m which will be made payable before the end of the financial year.

6.9 Disability Access Fund **underspend of £0.054m**

As with previous years, this earmarked funding is forecast to underspend. The Early Years' Service has actively promoted DAF funding across the early years sector, however, as in previous years the take up is lower than the service would like. The Service Lead has shared the take up challenges with peers across the region and other councils describe similar challenges.

The service is proposing to explore a different approach in 20/21 based on other LA examples where resource is pooled in settings for staff training / resources where a child attends and is eligible for DAF funding.

6.10 Early Years Adaptations/ Practical Support – **underspend of £0.049m.** The Early Years' Service has promoted the use of EIG across the sector and settings/providers are becoming more accustomed to its use. Sharing case study examples confirms the scope of the funding. The service will continue to work with the sector to maximise the use of this grant.

7 High Need Block

7.1 National Picture

Most local authorities within the UK are experiencing financial pressures within this area, with nearly all authorities confident that spending will continue to increase into the New Year and beyond.

- 7.2 Earlier this year, the LGA undertook a spending review corroborating data from surveys and reviewing S251 data which revealed that the cumulative national deficit could rest between £1.2bn and £1.6bn by 2021. If we include the Government's additional funding promise for 2021of £750m, we could still see a national deficit in the region of £450m and £850m.
- 7.3 After analysing the S251 budget data for 2019.20 locally, it was revealed that of the 151 authorities, 36 recorded a break even position but 65 recorded a DSG deficit to be carried forward into 2020.21, of which , 32 were required to submit a DSG recovery plan to the DfE, (due to their cumulative DSG deficit being greater than 1%). The cumulative DSG deficit recorded on the 2019.20 S251 was £234m, excluding schools balances.

7.4 Local Position.

The High Needs block is projected to overspend by an estimated **£13.2m** by the end of 2019.20 which is 56% of the total settlement. £8.3m relates to the cumulative deficit balance from previous years which have been rolled forward meaning that the projected in-year overspend is **£4.9m** above budget.

- 7.5 It is to be noted that £0.7m of invoices relating to the previous financial year were not accrued for; therefore the true 2018.19 end of year position rises from £2.86m to £3.56m, and the cumulative position from £8.3m to £9m.
- 7.6 By reviewing the accounting position, the true in-year projection is £4.2m above budget, compared with £3.56m, showing a year- on year worsening of £0.64m.
- 7.7 The table over leaf shows the full details of the latest position which is predicated on the actual position, not the accounting position.

| High Needs Block | Revised Budget 2019.20 | Projected Outturn 2019.20 (Pre savings) | Variance | In- year savings | Variance (Post Savings) |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Income | | | | | |
| High Needs DSG | -16.498 | -16.498 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Schools Block Transfer | 0.000 | 0.500 | 0.500 | 0.000 | 0.500 |
| Central Block Transfer | 0.255 | 0.255 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Income Total | -16.243 | -15.743 | 0.500 | 0.000 | 0.500 |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| High Needs Funding In Borough | 10.698 | 12.058 | 1.360 | 0.000 | 1.360 |
| Alternative Provision | 0.659 | 0.659 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Early Years Inclusion | 0.000 | 0.093 | 0.093 | 0.000 | 0.093 |
| PVI EY Top up | 0.200 | 0.154 | -0.046 | 0.000 | -0.046 |
| Independent Special Schools | 0.874 | 2.215 | 1.342 | 0.000 | 1.342 |
| Post 16 | 0.600 | 1.058 | 0.458 | 0.000 | 0.458 |
| Out-borough | 0.730 | 1.943 | 1.213 | 0.000 | 1.213 |
| Sub-Total High Needs Funded | 13.761 | 18.181 | 4.420 | 0.000 | 4.420 |
| Autism | 0.186 | 0.124 | -0.062 | 0.000 | -0.062 |
| Hard to Place Pupils | 0.267 | 0.267 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Sensory Impairment | 0.722 | 0.772 | 0.050 | 0.000 | 0.050 |
| Strategy for SEN & Inclusion | 0.182 | 0.182 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High Needs Inclusion | 0.946 | 0.961 | 0.015 | 0.000 | 0.015 |
| Sub-Total Centrally Retained | 2.302 | 2.306 | 0.004 | 0.000 | 0.004 |
| Non controllable | 0.180 | 0.150 | -0.031 | 0.000 | -0.031 |
| Budget shortfall | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Sub-Total Other | 0.180 | 0.150 | -0.031 | 0.000 | -0.031 |
| Projected End of Year Variance | -0.000 | 4.893 | 4.893 | 0.000 | 4.893 |
| Brought Forward from 2018.19 | | | | | 8.300 |
| Cumulative (Surplus)/Deficit | | | | | 13.193 |

7.8 Reasons for Variance

7.81 Schools Block Transfer £0.5m overspend.

Relates to the base-lining exercise in 2017.18 and the subsequent movement of funds from the HNB into the SB. Details of this can be found within previous forum papers.

7.82 High Needs Funding – In Borough (Top-up funding) £1.36m overspend.

The service has seen a general increase in pupils with an EHCP as well as a mixture of current pupils with increased needs. However, a large share of the overspend now and into future years has arisen from a re-banding exercise for pupils within Arbour Vale Special School, which has resulted in increased top-up packages for 127 pupils (thus far) costing £0.94m above budget.

Top-up funding costs have also risen by $\pounds 0.25m$ due to the admission of 30 additional pupils within the school – some of these are considered to be part of the planned expansion of 40 places. It should be noted that the cost of placing these pupils within the Independent sector, or Out of Borough would likely see costs above this level.

7.83 Early Years Inclusion £0.093m overspend.

There has been an incremental increase in the referrals to panel to access this level of funding. This mirrors the increases across the HNB, regional and national highs. However, it should be noted that there has been an underspend within the PVI EY Top up budget and as these two areas of need overlap, further work is needed to reconcile the two trends.

7.84 Independent Special Schools £1.342m overspend.

£0.14m of the above overspend includes prior years costs not accrued for. The projected overspend is due mainly to higher unit costs for around one third of the number of placements, with around two thirds of the total placements being of comparable cost to those in Slough. The table beneath compares spend and learner data over the past three years.

| | Independent Sector | | | | | | |
|---------|--------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| FY | Budget £m | Outturn £m | Projection £m | Variance £m | No of Learners | Average Cost £m | |
| 2017.18 | 0.800 | 1.439 | | 0.639 | 48 | 0.030 | |
| 2018.19 | 0.800 | 1.975 | | 1.175 | 61 | 0.032 | |
| 2019.20 | 0.874 | | 2.215 | 1.341 | 48 | 0.046 | |

7.85 Whilst pupil numbers have reduced within this sector, the cost per place is higher, on average by £0.014m and £0.016m respectively, over the previous two years. The tables below demonstrate the flow of pupils over the past two years between cost brackets within the independent sector.

| Independent Sector | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Placement Cost Ranges | No of Pupils at Mar 18/19 | | | |
| £0 - £5,000 | 7 | | | |
| £5,001 - £20,000 | 14 | | | |
| £20,001 - £50,000 | 30 | | | |
| £50,001 - £75,000 | 8 | | | |
| £75,001 - £100,000 | 2 | | | |
| +£100,000 | 0 | | | |
| TOTAL | 61 | | | |

| Independent Sector | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Placement Cost Ranges | No of Pupils at Mar 19/20 | | | |
| £0 - £5,000 | 0 | | | |
| £5,001 - £20,000 | 6 | | | |
| £20,001 - £50,000 | 26 | | | |
| £50,001 - £75,000 | 10 | | | |
| £75,001 - £100,000 | 5 | | | |
| +£100,000 | 1 | | | |
| TOTAL | 48 | | | |

7.86 Post 16 - £0.458m overspend.

£0.161m of the above overspend includes prior years costs not accrued for. The overspend has occurred due to placement numbers and cost above budget. The table beneath compares spend and learner data over the past three years.

| Post 16 | | | | | | |
|---------|-----------|------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| FY | Budget £m | Outturn £m | Projection £m | Variance £m | No of Learners | Average Cost £m |
| 2017.18 | 0.132 | 0.672 | | 0.539 | 76 | 0.009 |
| 2018.19 | 0.132 | 0.763 | | 0.631 | 75 | 0.010 |
| 2019.20 | 0.600 | 0.000 | 1.058 | 0.458 | 88 | 0.012 |

7.87 The sector has experienced an increase in learners, which is expected both locally and nationally, a causal effect of changing legislation which increased the age cap of service provision to 25. It is expected that costs will increase over the medium term with a primary mitigating factor being the need for additional government funding. The tables over leaf demonstrate the flow of pupils over the past two years between cost brackets within the Post 16 sector.

| Post 16 | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Placement Cost Ranges | No of Pupils at Mar 18/19 | | | | |
| £0 - £5,000 | 44 | | | | |
| £5,001 - £20,000 | 20 | | | | |
| £20,001 - £50,000 | 8 | | | | |
| £50,001 - £75,000 | 3 | | | | |
| £75,001 - £100,000 | 0 | | | | |
| +£100,000 | 0 | | | | |
| TOTAL | 75 | | | | |

| Post 16 | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Placement Cost Ranges | No of Pupils at Mar 19/20 | | | |
| £0 - £5,000 | 44 | | | |
| £5,001 - £20,000 | 32 | | | |
| £20,001 - £50,000 | 9 | | | |
| £50,001 - £75,000 | 3 | | | |
| £75,001 - £100,000 | 0 | | | |
| +£100,000 | 0 | | | |
| TOTAL | 88 | | | |

7.88 Out of Borough £1.213m overspend.

£0.396m of the above overspend includes prior years costs not accrued for. The tables beneath demonstrate that the main causes for the overspend relate to costs above budget, an increase in the number of learners and an increased average cost per placement.

| OB Mainstream | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|-------|-------|-------|----|--------------------|
| FY | FY Budget £m Outturn £m Projection £m Variance £m | | | | | Average Cost £m |
| 2018.19 | 0.130 | 0.281 | | 0.151 | 50 | 0.006 |
| 2019.20 | 0.130 | | 0.450 | 0.320 | 51 | 0.009 |

| OB Special Schools | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|--------------------|
| FY Budget £m Outturn £m Projection £m Varia | | | | | No of Learners | Average Cost £m |
| 2018.19 | 0.418 | 0.997 | | 0.579 | 50 | 0.020 |
| 2019.20 | 0.600 | | 1.493 | 0.893 | 58 | 0.026 |

Combined

| OB Mainstream & Special | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------|-------|-------------------|--------------------|
| FY | Budget £m | Outturn £m | Projection £m Variance £m | | No of Learners | Average Cost £m |
| 2018.19 | 0.548 | 1.278 | | 0.730 | 100 | 0.013 |
| 2019.20 | 0.730 | | 1.943 | 1.213 | 109 | 0.018 |

7.9 Centrally Retained Functions

7.91 Autism £0.062m underspend, which is in relation to staff vacancies.

7.92 Sensory Impairment £0.010m underspend

Joint Arrangement providing services to support pupils within schools with sensory needs (HI,VI) and Berkshire Consortium providing teaching visits via a discrete Berkshire Sensory Impairment SLA and BHFT Consortium.

7.93 SALT Services £0.060m overspend.

A new agreement has been reached with Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BHFT) to provide SALT services. Whilst this service is being rolled out, SALT services are still being provided by other providers that are costed above budget. It is expected that these costs will taper away once the BHFT are providing SALT support to all schools.

7.94 High Needs Inclusion – overspend £0.015m

Due to increased Education Resource Services support for children looked after.

8 <u>Central Schools Service Block</u>

8.1 The expected forecast for CSSB is an in - year underspend of (£0.033m), and cumulative underspend of (£0.015m) itemised within the table below.

| CSSB | Budget 2019/20 £m | Projection 2019/20 £m | Variance |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| B/fwd from 2018.19 | 0.000 | 0.018 | 0.018 |
| B/fwd Total | 0.000 | 0.018 | 0.018 |
| Receipts | | | |
| DSG Settlement | -0.654 | -0.654 | 0.000 |
| Block Transfer (from HNB) | -0.255 | -0.255 | 0.000 |
| Income Total | -0.909 | -0.909 | 0.000 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Servicing of schools forum | 0.053 | 0.053 | 0.000 |
| Admissions | 0.178 | 0.170 | -0.008 |
| Education Welfare (Former ESG) | 0.145 | 0.145 | 0.000 |
| Asset Management (Former ESG) | 0.013 | 0.013 | 0.000 |
| Statutory & Regulatory (Former ESG) | 0.258 | 0.258 | 0.000 |
| Licenses | 0.132 | 0.158 | 0.026 |
| VAT Claim - Licenses 2019-20 | 0.000 | -0.026 | -0.026 |
| VAT Claim - Licenses 2018-19 | 0.000 | -0.025 | -0.025 |
| LA Safeguarding Board | 0.030 | 0.030 | 0.000 |
| VH | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.000 |
| Expenditure Total | 0.909 | 0.876 | -0.033 |
| In Year Variance | 0.000 | -0.033 | -0.033 |
| Bal C/fwd to 2020.21 | 0.000 | -0.015 | -0.015 |

8.2 Admissions – underspend of (£0.008m).

The underspend is owed to staffing efficiencies.

8.3 VAT – underspend of (£0.025m). VAT on copyright licenses has yet to be claimed for 2018-19, which was cause for the deficit carried forward.

9 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 N/A

10 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

10.1 Not applicable

11 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

11.1 Monitoring Officer

The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of this report.

- 11.2 <u>Section 151 Officer Strategic Director of Finance and Resources</u> The financial implications of the report are outlined in the supporting information.
- 11.3 <u>Access Implications</u> There are no access implications.

12 CONSULTATION

12.1 N/A

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