

**Report to:** Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability.

**Date of meeting:** 24 January 2019

**By:** Director of Children's Services

**Title:** Update on the Dedicated Schools Grant Allocation for 2019/20

**Purpose:** To provide an update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation for 2019/20 and the recommendation to Lead Member to approve the DSG Budget for 2019/20.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Lead Member is recommended to approve the Dedicated Schools Grant budget for 2019/20.

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### **1 Background**

1.1 The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2019/20 is allocated by the Department for Education (DfE) into four blocks. Each block is subject to separate regulations and the use of the four blocks is outlined below.

1.2 **The Schools Block** comprises the funding which must be delegated to schools and academies through a funding formula. Maintained schools can agree to de-delegate budgets and these are spent on their behalf by the local authority. There are a limited number of exceptions which enable local authorities to hold funding centrally, subject to School Forum approval (Growth Fund and Falling Rolls Fund).

1.3 **The Central School Services Block (CSSB)** includes funding that has been allocated to Local Authorities to carry out functions on behalf of pupils in both maintained schools and academies.

There are two distinct blocks:

- Funding for on-going central functions
- Funding for historic commitments

1.4 **The High Needs Block** is funding that is provided to local authorities for the provision in maintained schools, academies, alternative provision, further education (FE) colleges and independent providers as well as supporting central spending on pupils with special educational needs and disabilities from their early years to age 25.

1.5 **The Early Years (EY) Block** funds payments to early years providers in settings and schools and supports central spending on early years pupils.

### **2 Supporting information**

2.1 The Schools block for 2019/20 is based on the October 2018 pupil census data and, including an additional £4.0m from the CSSB (see paragraph 2.3), equates to an allocation of £283.9m.

2.2 Growth and Falling Rolls Fund proposals (funds that can be deducted from

the Schools Block) were presented at the November 2018 Schools Forum whereby a request was made for the continuation of support for maintained schools and academies in respect of Key Stage 1 top up, additional classes, pre-opening costs and dis-economies of scale costs for new schools and falling rolls. This was approved by Schools Forum.

2.3 The DfE allocated £8.2m to the local authority within the CSSB. However, the local authority requested approval, which was granted, from Schools Forum (November 2018) to retain £4.2m. The remaining £4.0m has been transferred to the Schools Block for additional distribution to schools and academies within their budget shares.

2.4 The total High Needs Block funding is calculated by the DfE and for 2019/20 is £52.5m. This includes £1.1m additional High Needs funding that the Education Secretary announced in December. (Nationally, this is a total of £250m across two years).

2.5 The 2019/20 EY block funding (excluding funding for two year olds) is £21.3m and is based on the January 2018 census data. This allocation includes £167k indicative pupil premium funding and the indicative Disability Access Fund allocation of £103k.

2.6 The two year old allocation of £3.8m is an initial allocation based on the January 2018 census.

2.7 The entitlement for 2, 3 and 4 year olds will be revised in July 2019 based on the January 2019 census.

2.8 Appendix 1 provides a summary of the DSG that has been allocated to the Local Authority for 2019/20.

### **3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

3.1 The Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability is requested to approve the allocation of the DSG budget for 2019/20.

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Appendix 1 – Summary of the Dedicated Schools Grant

Background Documents - None

# Appendix 1

| DSG Summary 2019/20            | Schools             | Central School Services | High Needs         | Early Years        | Total               |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Total DSG including Academies  | £279,874,200        | £8,166,500              | £52,461,700        | £21,349,500        | <b>£361,851,900</b> |
| Indicative 2 Year Old Funding  |                     |                         |                    | £3,819,200         | <b>£3,819,200</b>   |
|                                |                     |                         |                    |                    |                     |
| Transfer                       | £3,988,400          | -£3,988,400             | £0                 | £0                 | <b>£0</b>           |
|                                |                     |                         |                    |                    |                     |
| <b>Total Funding Available</b> | <b>£283,862,600</b> | <b>£4,178,100</b>       | <b>£52,461,700</b> | <b>£25,168,700</b> | <b>£365,671,100</b> |