

Schools Forum - 14 January 2025

Title of paper:	2024-25 Revenue Monitoring update
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Summary To update Forum members on the current Revenue Monitoring forecast for the 2024-25 DSG.	
Recommendation:	
1	To note the current Revenue Monitoring forecast position for 2024-25 DSG.

1. Reasons for recommendation

- 1.1 To inform Schools Forum of the DSG income received for the Financial Year 2024/25, the likely expenditure incurred, and the indicative forecast for 2024-25 financial year-end outturn.

2. Background (including outcomes of consultation)

- 2.1 Schools Forum, on 16 January 2024, noted the following allocations for DSG for the year 2024-25:

SUMMARY OF 2024-25 DSG BUDGET BY BLOCK £m					
DSG BLOCK	DSG income	Block transfer	DSG reserves	ESFA reimburs.	2024/25 Budget
Schools	277.855	0	1.597	0.302	279.754
Central Schools	3.654	0.508	0	0	4.162
Early years	31.538	0	0	0	31.538
High Needs	61.208	-0.508	0	0	60.7
TOTAL	374.256	0	1.597	0.302	376.155

- 2.2 The allocation has since been revised on 19 November 2024 as follows:

SUMMARY OF 2024-25 DSG BUDGET BY BLOCK £m					
DSG BLOCK	DSG income	Block transfer	DSG reserves	ESFA reimburs.	2024/25 Budget
Schools	277.917	0	1.597	0.302	279.816

Central Schools	3.683	0.508	0	0	4.191
Early years	30.885	0	0	0	30.885
High Needs	61.091	-0.508	0	0	60.583
TOTAL	373.577	0	1.597	0.302	375.476

- 2.3 The schools block allocations have been passported to maintained schools and Academies and it is anticipated that the expenditure will be managed within the set allocations.
- 2.4 The Central Schools' allocations is anticipated to be delivered within budget.
- 2.5 Although the DfE have reduced their original allocation to £30.885m, it is expected that providers will still be able to deliver within the budget envelope and there is not expected to be an adverse negative impact.
- 2.6 The table below summarises the revised allocation for early years, and the actuals at year-end outturn for 2024-25 are expected to be delivered within this DfE budgetary allocation.

Description	£m
3 & 4 YO funding indicative funding - schools (universal)	14.302
3 & 4 YO funding indicative funding - schools additional 15 hours	4.565
3 & 4 YO Disability Access Funding (DAF)	0.167
3 & 4 YO EY Pupil Premium	0.309
2 Year Old funding - providers (disadvantaged)	4.443
2 Year Old funding - providers (working parents)	3.365
Under 2s (9 months 24months)	3.344
2 Year old Pupil premium	0.135
Under 2s Pupil Premium	0.015
2 year old DAF	0.050
under 2 DAF	0.020
Maintained nursery schools – Supplementary	0.171
Total budget allocation	30.885

- 2.6 There are expected to be significant pressures on the High Needs Block in line with issues that are being experienced in the sector both regionally and nationally. A detailed summary is included in the table below as at period 8 November 2024,

which is illustrating a net in-year deficit of £6.414m against a budget set at the beginning of the financial year for an overall surplus balance of £0.978m.

High Needs Block Budget Monitoring as at 30th November 2024				
Expenditure	Budget	Forecast	Variance	Narrative
	2024/25 £	2024/25 £	under/ (overspend)	
High Level Needs Support in Mainstream Schools	11,552,000	12,808,557	(1,256,557)	Continued growth is being experienced in both the increase in EHCP's and those pupils requiring SEN support without an EHCP
SEN Resource Units	1,059,000	1,219,952	(160,952)	
Academy Special Schools	3,303,477	6,059,476	(2,755,999)	Increase demand in places required
Rosehill Special Schools	4,641,099	4,883,699	(242,600)	
Oakfield Special School	5,863,425	5,936,725	(73,300)	
Special Schools Transitional Funding	252,000	252,000	0	
Cross-border top ups (net)	357,000	357,000	0	
Post 16 Mainstream FE/ILP	2,066,000	1,491,763	574,237	Increased demand in the sector as a whole
Independent/Non Maintained Special Schools	1,714,000	3,615,803	(1,901,803)	
Bespoke AP/ SEN Packages for Academy Special		25,395	(25,395)	Increased cfees and charges as well as volume of placements
Bespoke AP/ SEN Packages for Mainstream settings		48,802	(48,802)	
Bespoke AP/ SEN Packages for EOTAS		252,794	(252,794)	These costs are now being split out so that better analysis can take place to better understand and control these costs going forward.
Post 16 INMS FE		1,515,410	(1,515,410)	
Post 16 Bespoke AP/SEN Packages		626,468	(626,468)	
High Needs settings TPG/TPECG (AP Free Schools)	95,000	95,000	0	
AP free schools additional funding	117,000	294,028	(177,028)	
PRU - HHE Indicative hospital funding excluding NEST	2,355,000	2,355,000	0	
HHE contingency	174,000	174,000	0	
PRU - UDLC Indicative	5,992,000	6,709,867	(717,867)	Volume of P'Ex pupils increasing, and at a younger age range
Exclusions statutory recharges	(289,800)	(389,800)	100,000	
AP Devolved Allocation net of FCR estimate	3,383,000	2,472,000	911,000	An exercise has now concluded to invoice schools that have excluded above and beyond their allowance under the AP Inclusion Model Agreement
AP Contingency	629,000	629,000	0	
1 SUB TOTAL PROVISION BUDGETS	43,263,201	51,432,938	(8,169,738)	
Fair Access - Primary	53,000	53,000	0	
Fair Access - Secondary	263,000	263,000	0	
Fair access complex casework now in Ed Welfare	117,000	117,000	0	
Other AP - Teenage Parents casework now in Ed Welfare	45,000	45,000	0	
Fair Access/Inclusion staff in Access to Learning	206,000	200,000	6,000	
Other Inclusion staff	56,500	56,500	0	
SLT - 70% Heads of Service, 20% Director of Education	155,000	155,000	0	
NEST (See Above)	416,000	416,000	0	
Other AP - Education cost of residential placements	1,631,700	1,631,700	0	
Other AP - Statemented boys behaviour	115,500	115,500	0	
Oakfield Outreach	169,500	169,500	0	
SEN support services - SEN team	393,600	374,914	18,686	
SEN support services - SEN specialist equipment	53,500	50,977	2,523	
Support for Inclusion - Sensory Team	731,500	731,500	0	
Support for Inclusion - Learning Support Team	432,100	432,100	0	
Support for Inclusion - Autism Team (incl Ed Psych)	593,000	593,000	0	
Support for Inclusion - General & Overall Management	109,000	104,092	4,908	
EYFS SEN staffing	187,000	187,000	0	
Special Education Needs Transport	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	
Therapy costs	84,000	80,000	4,000	
Disability Access- managed by Oakfield	200,000	0	200,000	
IST - BST	580,700	553,000	27,700	
Special school outreach - independent travel trainers	94,500	90,000	4,500	
Habilitation Officer	52,500	50,000	2,500	
2 SUB TOTAL CENTRAL EXPENDITURE	7,739,600	7,468,783	270,817	Please note some central charges are made at the end of the financial year
3=1+2 High Needs TOTAL Block Expenditure before Recoupment	51,002,801	58,901,721		
adjst Recoupment	6,497,835	6,497,835		
adjst Transfer to Schools Block from Reserves	1,597,000	1,597,000		
adjst Transfer to Central Schools Services Block from HNB	508,000	508,000		
4 Planned HNB Expenditure	59,605,636	67,504,556		
5 Allocation	61,091,473	61,091,473		
6=5-4 Surplus / (Deficit)	1,485,837	(6,413,083)	(7,898,921)	Movement between planned surplus and overspend

2.7 The overall DSG position on 8 November 2024 for the in-year position is a forecast deficit of £6.414m (as per the table below).

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Central Schools	3.683	0.508	0.000	0.000	4.191	4.191	-0.000
Early years	30.885	0.000	0.000	0.000	30.885	30.885	0.000
High Needs	61.091	-0.508	0.000	0.000	60.583	66.997	-6.414
TOTAL	373.577	0.000	1.597	0.302	375.476	381.889	-6.414

3. Other options considered in making recommendations

3.1 None.

4. Outcomes/deliverables

4.1 None.

5. Consideration of Risk

5.1 None.

6. Other relevant comments

6.1 None.

7. List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)

7.1 None.

8. Published documents referred to in this report

8.1 None.