

# **Schools Forum**

## **22 June 2017**

### **2016/17 Outturn**

# Key points

- Overall budget allocation for 2016/17 was **£243.076m.**
- Underspend of £1.464m – 0.6% of total budget.
- Underspend allocated back to the reserve.
- Opening balance of the reserve was **£14.260m.**
- Uncommitted balance is **£5.721m.**

# Underspend analysis

TABLE 3: MATERIAL BUDGET VARIANCES

	(Under)/ Over Spend 2015/16 £m	(Under)/ Over Spend 2016/17 £m	
3 & 4 year old Pupil Premium	(0.278)	0.034	Funding is lagged and the adjustment is reflected in future years allocations.
BSF slippage	(0.619)	(0.582)	Slippage in capital programme now reflected in the 2017/18 budget.
Pupil growth slippage	(0.099)	(0.304)	Annual review undertaken in each year.
Unallocated HN Level 5+		(0.072)	Demand driven.
Early years		(0.430)	Underspend due to: 1. £0.246m in year adjustment on 2 year old funding. 2. £0.184m demand driven.
Early Years Contingency	(0.125)	(0.071)	Demand driven.
Early Years for PVI's		0.155	Demand driven.
Exclusions	(0.281)	0.140	Primary and secondary exclusions.
Home Tuition contingency	(0.100)	(0.035)	Not budgeted in 2017/18 as HT budget reflects actual activity.
Special School & Special Resource Unit top up's	(0.166)	(0.165)	In year adjustments. In 2017/18, budget is based on all places being filled.
Special Education Needs	(0.116)	(0.075)	Staffing vacancy levels higher in year. 2017/18 budget based on 2016/17 levels.
Headroom	(0.143)		Unallocated balance of final settlement.
Cost of vulnerable pupils	0.322	0.164	Increase in complexity of Children in Care and growth in population. The budget for 2017/18 is based on 2016/17 levels; this may create a risk for 2017/18.
Cross Border Top ups	0.385	-	Demand driven increase, budgeted for 2017/18.
Hard to place primary pupils		(0.036)	Demand driven. 2017/18 budget is set in accordance with exempt schools forum report dated 23 Feb 2017.
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<b>TOTAL MATERIAL UNDERSPENDS</b>	<b>(1.220)</b>	<b>(1.311)</b>	

# Reserve Summary

<b>TABLE 3: RESERVE ANALYSIS</b>	
	<b>Actual £m</b>
Opening Balance as at 1 April 2016	(14.260)
Less: 2016/17 Commitments	4.208
Add: 2016/17 Under spends	(1.464)
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 March 2017</b>	<b>(11.516)</b>
Less: Future Commitments	5.795
<b>Uncommitted Balance as at a 1 April 2017</b>	<b>(5.721)</b>

# Next steps

- Review the risk register with the SF Sub Group
- Impact of future risks on the reserve.
- Strategy for further use – bigger picture.

# Report recommendations

## To note:

- That the outturn position was an underspend of £1.464m against a budget of £243.076m.
- The under spend has been allocated back to the Statutory Schools Reserve (SSR) resulting in a closing balance of £11.516m for 2016/17.
- That the **uncommitted balance** on the SSR balance is **£5.721m**.