

Schools Forum

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**Schools Budget / Dedicated Schools Grant
Outturn 2012/13**

Introduction

1. This paper informs the Forum of the outturn position from 2012/13 Financial Year.
2. Appendix 1 shows the planned spend against the actual outturn for 2012/13 on the Schools Budget. Overall, there is a £149k overspend, compared with a £243k overspend previously reported for the period to the end of October 2012. The reasons for significant variances between planned and actual spending are:-
 - a. Line 1.0.9 Expenditure on Children under 5 - £36k overspend. Increased numbers of children accessing the free flexible early years entitlement.
 - b. Line 1.1.2 School Specific Contingencies - £70k underspend. Funds set aside for errors in the budget share calculation which were not required. This also offsets demand led pressures on under 5's described above.
 - c. Line 1.2.1 Provision for Pupils with SEN (Including Individually Assigned Resources) – £621k overspend. This is due to higher than budgeted demand for the Individual Pupils budget.
 - d. Line 1.2.2 Provision for Pupils with SEN, not in Line 1.2.1 - £435k underspend. Staff vacancy at Early Support Nursery, lower than budgeted contracts for HI/VI support, and the non renewal of the Speech and Language Therapy contract.

- e. Line 1.2.4 Fees for Pupils at Independent Special Schools - £429k overspend. Additional placements since the budget was set.
 - f. Line 1.2.7 Inter-Authority Recoupment - £82K underspend. Due to lower than planned expenditure on placements in other LA schools for children with complex needs.
 - g. Line 1.3.1 Pupil Referral Units - £111K underspend due to staff vacancies and increased income.
 - h. Line 1.3.3 Education out of School - £120K underspend. Staff vacancies at Redhill Unit.
3. The final Dedicated Schools Grant agreed for 2012/13 was £154k higher than budgeted, due to lower academy recoupment and 10 additional pupils. This funding has been used to offset the above overspends.
4. As set out in the report to Forum in February, an overspend of £300k in 2012/13 was anticipated in setting the 2013/14 budget. Therefore, the final overspend will be met from Dedicated School Grant funding set aside for this purpose.

Recommendation

5. The Schools Forum is asked to note the position for 2012-13.

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