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Executive Summary

This report sets out the outturn of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2021-22 which includes the carry forward to 2022-23.

Schools Forum Actions

The Schools Forum is asked to

- Note that the Dedicated Schools Grant was in deficit by £21.7m at the end of 2021-22 financial year, which included the deficit carry forward of £20.6m from 2020-21.
- Agree that that the deficit will be carried forward to 2022/23.
- Note the position is provisional subject to external audit opinion.
- That the position on maternity is noted and reviewed later in the year.

1. Dedicated Schools Grant 2021/22

The final end of year position for the 2021/22 financial years shows that the Dedicated Schools Grant had an in-year deficit of £1.056m, making the accumulated deficit £21.6m. The position by spending block is shown below:-

	DSG Allocation 2021-22 £000s	Over/ (Underspend) £000s
Schools Block	120,144	-3
Central services block	1,782	-67
High Needs Block	52,891	1,128
Early Years Block	24,240	-1
Total	197,057	1,057
Deficit carry forward from 2020-21		20,625
Final Outturn position		1,057
Total deficit to be carry forward		21,682

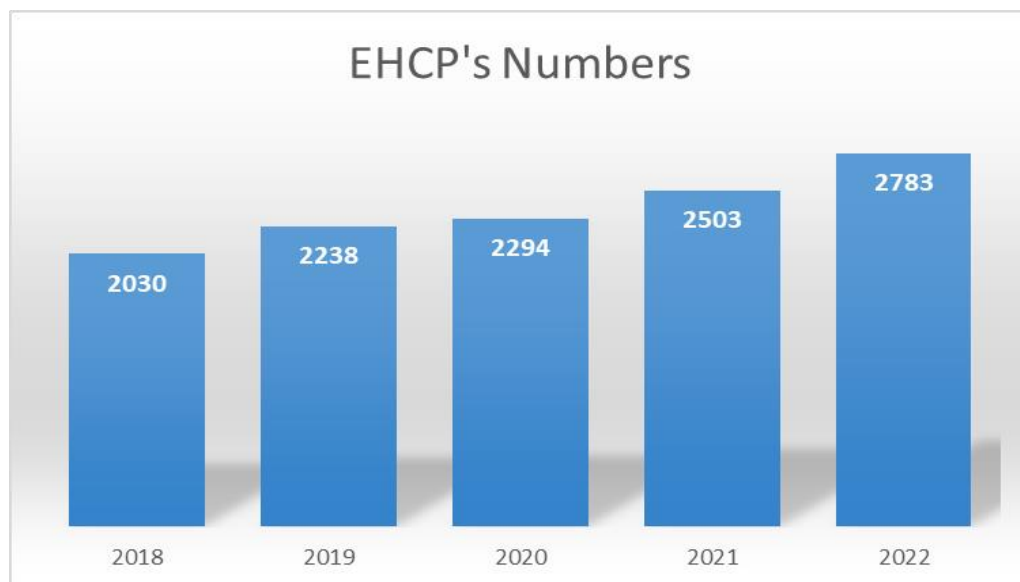
The above allocations are those provided by the Department for Education, the budgets for the DSG are adjusted for the schools block transfer.

- 1.1 The key movements between the January forecast and the outturn position relate to the high needs budget which ended the year being overspent by £1.1m. This was mainly due a growth in the pupils with EHCP's, particularly late in the year. The overspend on placements accounted for all the overspend, it would have been higher but was offset by an underspend on the Alternative Provision budget of £700k.

The growth in numbers of EHCP'S over the last few years is shown in the table below

Actuals based on SEN2 data submissions

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Under 5	13	80	84	112	113
Age 5 to 10	631	745	757	807	877
Age 11 to 15	666	712	792	868	918
Age 16 to 19	532	522	490	518	588
Age 20 to 25	188	179	171	198	287
Total number by Age Group	2030	2238	2294	2503	2783



- 1.3. The overall spend on the High Needs block was £57.1m an increase of £4.0m on last year. On an average cost per EHCP basis, the costs fell by £705 per EHCP. More details are shown in the Appendix.

- 1.4 Under the current regulations the Schools Forum has a responsibility to decide whether to carry forward a deficit on central expenditure to the next year to be funded from the schools budget.

2.1 Financial position on de-delegated budgets and Growth Fund

The summary position is shown in the table below:

2021-22	Budget £m	Forecast Outturn £m	Over/ (Underspends) £m
Schools in financial difficulty	0.5	0.4	(0.1)
Behaviour Support services	1.6	1.6	0

2021-22	Budget £m	Forecast Outturn £m	Over/ (Underspends) £m
Maternity	0.8	0.4	(0.4)
Trade Unions	0.1	0.1	0
Growth Funds	0.1	0.1	(0.1)
Falling Rolls	0.2	0.2	0

2.2 Schools in financial difficulty

The underspend of £0.1m has been used to offset last year's overspend of £0.6m relating to the capital costs of redundancies and ill health retirements, which were carry forward at the time. The balance is in the process of being recovered from individual schools. All schools impacted have now agreed to meet the cost, some through a payment plan over a number of years.

2.3 Maternity

The balance on the account of £0.4m has currently been carry forward for the Schools Forum to determine their approach regarding the surplus. At the end of each financial year there are a considerable number of claims outstanding that are likely to come through. Past experience would indicate a sum of £0.4m. At the moment it is suggested the Schools Forum wait and see the actual claims that come through before making a decision on the use of the balance. A report will be brought to a meeting in the Autumn Term

3. Conclusion

The outturn position contained no real surprises although the higher than expected overspend on the high needs blocks is of concern. A further paper on this agenda will look at the impact of this on the current year (2022/23) of this overspend.

Appendix

High Needs block costs					
Account	CC	2021/22	2020/21	Change	Sub total
		£	£	£	£
Schools					
ER586	Maudsley & Bethlem	1,899,968	1,477,772	422,196	
ER585	Evelina Hospital	1,088,623	978,174	110,450	
ER560	Tuke School	2,362,015	2,168,397	193,619	
ER558	Highshore	3,959,887	3,181,782	778,105	
ER557	Haymerle	2,123,317	2,011,912	111,405	
ER556	Cherry Garden	2,766,743	2,288,959	477,784	
ER555	Beormund	973,787	853,663	120,124	
ER003	SILS	2,096,456	2,136,414	-39,958	2,173,726
Placement costs					
EX462	LBS Mainstream	4,473,986	5,876,981	-1,402,995	*
ER800	Academies & Free Schools - Mstream	3,622,359	4,267,751	-645,392	*
ER801	Academies & Free Schools - Special	5,310,839	4,537,098	773,741	
ER802	Academies & Free Schools - RB/Unit	266,591	201,213	65,378	
ER803	Further Education	3,403,258	1,934,250	1,469,008	
ER804	NMSS/ Indep Special	6,384,053	6,103,702	280,351	
ER805	Indep Mainstream	1,531,451	1,394,867	136,584	
ER806	AP & Hospital Schls	1,808,025	1,540,967	267,058	
ER807	Other LA Mainstream	814,939	852,506	-37,567	
ER808	Non Maintained EY	86,836	833,378	-746,542	
ER809	Specialist Post-16	4,738,723	4,340,874	397,849	
ER810	Other LA Special	2,003,420	1,531,425	471,995	
ER811	Resource Bases / SEN Unit	1,364,803	60,548	1,304,255	* 2,333,723
Other costs					
EX448	SEN Inclusion Team	473,679	516,538	-42,858	
SM597	Hearing And Visual Impaired	623,058	567,024	56,034	
EX258	AST	201,208	240,608	-39,399	
ER171	SALT	318,765	318,200	566	
EX413	EA Mgmt – DSG	541,275	1,019,737	-478,462	
SM328	LAC Education	499,129	421,903	77,226	
EX467	Virtual School	21,208	-136,015	157,223	
EX412	Alternative Provision	547,183	600,165	-52,982	
EY782	Central Items DSG	841,432	841,432	0	-322,653
	Total	57,147,018	52,962,223	4,184,795	4,184,795
* Resource base costs seperately charged in 2021/22					
	Pupils	2783	2503		
	Average costs per EHCP	20,534	21,159		