

Warrington Schools Forum

Agenda

Tuesday 27 June 2017

5.15pm - 7pm

Conference Room 1st Floor New Town House

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	Item	Enc / Verbal	Decision; Discussion; Information	Entitled to vote	Lead
1.	Apologies and welcome				Chair
2.	Minutes from the previous meeting and matters arising	Enc			Chair
3.	DSG Out-turn Position 2016-17	Enc	Information Decision		Garry Bradbury
4.	School Balances 2016-17	Enc	Information Decision		Garry Bradbury
5.	DSG Budgets 2017-18	Enc	Information		Garry Bradbury
6.	Surface water charges update		Information		Garry Bradbury
7.	Funding update		Information Decision		Garry Bradbury
8.	Meeting schedule Tuesday 3 October 2017, 5.15pm Tuesday 5 December 2017, 5.15pm (Conference Room, 1 st Floor NTH)				Vice Chair

Warrington Schools Forum
2 March 2017
Minutes

Membership with differentiated voting rights ~ Total Membership of 25, of whom 21 are entitled to vote on funding formula issues

Sector Representation (21)	Appointed by the Council following election by:	Member	Dates and Attendance								Tenure Ends	
			22 March 2016	28 June 2016	4 October 2016	10 January 2017	2 March 2017	27 June 2017	3 October 2017	5 Dec 2017		
Maintained Nursery School Senior Staff (1)	Primary Headteachers Group	Jane Wilkie (JWil)	P	P	P	P	P					Jan 2020
Special School Staff (1)	Special School Headteachers Group	Mike Frost (MF)	P	S	P	P	X					Jan 2020
Special School Governor (1)	Governors Forum	Mike Evans (ME)	P	P	P	P	P					Jan 2020
PRU (1)	PRU Management Board	Karen Thomson (KT)	A	S	A	S	X					Jan 2020
Academy (4)	Academy Schools	Gwyn Williams (GW)	P	P	P	P	P					Jan 2020
		Tim Long (TL)	A	P	P	P	P					Jan 2020
		Judith Wright (JWri)	-	-	A	P	S					Jan 2020
		Andrew Bent (AB)	P	A	P	X	X					Jan 2020
Maintained Primary School Sector (9)	WAPH (5)	Andrew Redman (AR)	A	P	P	P	P					Jan 2020
		Susan Robinson (SR)	-	-	P	P	A					Jan 2020
		Gary Cunningham (GC)	P	A	P	P	S					Jan 2020
		Lesley McGann (LMc)	-	-	P	A	P					Jan 2020
		Lyndsey Glass (LG)	P	P	P	P	P					Jan 2020
	Governors Forum (4)	Stuart Munslow (SM)	P	P	P	P	P					Jan 2020
		David Hart (DH)	P	P	A	P	P					Jan 2020
		Janet Lazarus (JL)	P	P	P	P	P					Jan 2020
		Peter Ashurst (PA)	P	P	P	P	P					Jan 2020
Maintained Secondary School Sector (3)	WASCL (2)	Bev Scott-Herron (BSH)	P	P	P	P	A					Jan 2020
		Chris Hunt (CH)	-	-	-	P	A					Jan 2020

	Governors Forum (1)	Rebecca Knowles (RK)	X	X	X	X	X											Jan 2020
Private Voluntary and Independent Providers (1)	PVI Providers Forum	Ginny Taylor (GT)	P	A	P	S	P											Jan 2020
Representing		Member	22 March 2016	28 June 2016	4 October 2016	10 January 2017	2 March 2017	27 June 2017	3 October 2017	5 Dec 2017								Tenure Ends
<u>Non-Schools Members (4)</u>																		
Anglican Diocese (1)		Jacqui Wightman (JWig)	P	P	S	P	P											Jan 2020
Roman Catholic Diocese (1)		Tim Warren (TW)	P	X	X	A	P											Jan 2020
16-19 Institutions (1)		Gail Stonier (GS)	S	X	P	A	X											Jan 2020
Parent Governor (1)		TBC	-	-	-													Jan 2020
Independent Chair		Maureen Banner (MB)	P	P	P	P	A											Jan 2020
Representing																		
<u>Warrington Borough Council</u>																		
Interim Assistant Director Education		Hilary Smith (HS)	P	P	P	P	P											
Head of Service Pupil Achievement and Support		Lisa Morgan (LM)	-	P	P	A	A											
Chief Finance Officer		James Campbell (JC)	P	P	P	P	P											
		Garry Bradbury (GB)	P	P	P	P	P											
Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services		Cllr Jean Carter (CllrJC)	A	P	A	A	P											

Key

P ~ Present

A ~ Apologies

X ~ Absent with no apologies

S ~ Substitute

- ~ Vacancy

O ~ Observer

Non-School Member Representing Trades Unions

Shaun Everett (NUT & ATL)

Substitutes:

John Carlin representing Judith Wright; Jacqui Wightman representing Gary Cunningham

Observers:

Karina Middlehurst

Presenting an Item:

Angela Conway

Garry Bradbury

Minutes:

Louise Cooper

	Item
1.	<p>Apologies and Welcome</p> <p>The vice chairperson, Jacqui Wightman chaired the meeting in the absence of the chairperson.</p> <p>Best wishes were offered to the chairperson who could not be present at the meeting.</p> <p>Karina Middlehurst, Chair of Governors at Statham Community Primary School was observing the meeting.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from the previous meeting and matters arising</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting held on 10 January 2017 were confirmed as an accurate record.</p> <p>All actions had been completed or would be followed up as part of the agenda.</p>
3.	<p>Proposals for Early Years Local Offer</p> <p>The purpose of the report was to provide an update on progress with the Portage Service; Early Years Graduated approach and SEND Support Plus and supporting vulnerable two year olds project in Warrington. The report looks at outcomes and associated spend in relation to the three project areas.</p> <p>Portage</p> <p>Portage offers intensive support for children with complex needs before they start nursery.</p> <p>Queries raised in relation to portage included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who decides which children are entitled to portage (multi agency panel following a referral) • What was the contribution from health (no contribution) • Is the impact of portage measured (soft data is available) • Is money being saved in the long term e.g children not needing to access other services (children are more ready for nursery following portage) <p>HS explained that portage is new to Warrington and is part of the early help offer. It may be too soon to evidence the difference that portage is making but it needs to integrate with the whole school offer in order to lead to better outcomes.</p> <p>Concerns were raised that there is overlap and some children are receiving portage and outreach and others are not receiving any support.</p> <p>SEND Support Plus funding</p> <p>The number of children supported through this funding was outlined in table 1 of the report.</p>

Queries raised included:

- Impact of the 30 free hours (the report requests that 50k of DSG is added to support the service)
- What is the criteria for support plus funding (strict criteria available on ask Ollie)

Vulnerable Two Year Olds

In Warrington approximately 40% of 2 year olds receive a free nursery place based on a set of financial characteristics of the family. In addition a multi- agency panel meet termly to allocate places to 2 year olds who are referred into the Early Help Division due to the wider needs of the family or child. These children do not qualify for a place based on the national criteria, however present with more complex needs and benefit significantly from accessing a free nursery place.

It was highlighted that the 40% figure seems to be high for Warrington and a concern was raised that these children would not necessarily receive support once they move out of this category.

Attention was brought to table 3 of the report which detailed how much money would be allocated over time periods to the three project areas.

Recommendations

- Schools Forum to note the report **NOTED**
- Schools Forum to agree the spend across the three project areas over a four year period.

The general consensus was that further consideration about the most effective way to move forwards was required before a decision could be made.

Action 1: The Early Years SEND report recommendations to be discussed at the Early Years Group.

4. Confirmed Schools Budgets: 2017/2018

Garry Bradbury presented the report which followed the report of 10 January 'DSG Budget Update' where proposals were tabled around how next year's Schools Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) would be allocated in its entirety to schools, forming budget allocations for the financial year 2017/18.

Schools Forum recommended amendments to the mainstream formula and made recommendations affecting the other Blocks, therefore the proposed funding schedule (previous report) required revision and completion. Complete individual school budgets were shown in the appendix.

A query was raised about the intention for the budget that would have been allocated to Future Tech. It was not yet clear what would happen to the budget but assumed that the money would remain in the DSG and be used to accommodate the children requiring a new school place.

	<p>Secondary colleagues raised the issue that taking pupils into year 11 is a challenge and the collective agreement was that the opening of free schools can create pressure.</p> <p>HS explained that a final decision had not been made about the closure of Future Tech although this was likely to happen. A meeting was due to take place with the Regional School Commissioner (RSC) to explore possible options.</p> <p>Action 2: HS to discuss the queries relating to finance with the RSC.</p> <p>Recommendations: Note the contents of the report NOTED Communicate the budget figures to their representative sectors NOTED FOR ACTION</p>
5.	<p>Formula Funding Working Group</p> <p>i. Feedback from meeting 16 Feb 2017</p> <p>This will be discussed under item 6 of the agenda.</p> <p>ii. Review of Membership and Term of Reference</p> <p>The following membership was agreed:</p> <p>Maureen Banner Tim Long Moira Bryan Lyndsey Glass Gwyn Williams A Secondary governor tbc Janet Lazarus Pete Ashurst Stuart Munslow Mike Frost</p>
6.	<p>National Funding Formula – School Forum Response to Consultation</p> <p>The Warrington Schools Forum response to the National Funding Formula Consultation had been drafted and discussed in detail at the Formula Working Group meeting.</p> <p>Schools Forum agreed that their views had been fairly represented in the document subject to minor amendments.</p> <p>Action 3: Garry Bradbury to circulate the final version of the consultation response to schools</p> <p>Action 4: Jacqui Wightman to submit the consultation response on behalf of Warrington’s School Forum.</p>

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REPORT

WARRINGTON
Borough Council



Report to:	Schools Forum	Item:	3
Date:	27th June 2017	For:	Information
Title:	Dedicated Schools Grant Outturn Position 2016-17		
Author:	Garry Bradbury	Presenter:	Garry Bradbury

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to notify Schools Forum of the confirmed outturn position for the retained Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budgets for 2016-17. This includes whole-school activities and central education functions, but excludes individual school balances, which are reported on separately (Item * on this evening's Agenda).
- 1.2 In response to increasingly tight corporate deadlines, the accounts for financial year 2016-17 were closed in mid-April, but have not yet been officially ratified by Audit. Families & Wellbeing Directorate has reported an overspend on DSG of £82,694. This represents, in percentage terms, a deficit balance of 0.074% after Academy recoupment, or 0.054% in total. Increasing cost pressures on high needs activities, and the general and relative low funding of Warrington – both issues discussed many times at Schools Forum – meant that DSG was initially expected to be overspent by £790,817, so the confirmed closing deficit represents a significant improvement, and has been possible due to a) implementing the economies discussed and agreed at Schools Forum at the 10th January meeting and b) investing a one-off saving from the cancelled Carbon licensing commitment (£151,299). Nevertheless, the position means that there is no funding to be recirculated to schools, and the deficit becomes 'first call' as a spending pressure for 2017-18.

2 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT BALANCES

- 2.1 DSG is reporting a net overspend of £0.083 million in 2016-17. In compliance with the funding conditions of the DSG, this has been carried forward to 2017-18.
- 2.2 The overall DSG position aggregates from a number of individual variances.

The table below shows those individual balances with appropriate observations:

Expenditure Type	Balance	Comment
a) Brought-forward from 2015/16	£916	After distribution of Primary contingency unspent balance from 2015/16
b) Budgeted Deficit – start position	-£790,817	2016/17 Forecast High Needs pressure
c) School-driven items		
Primary Pupil Number Contingency	£201,151	Net of £50,664 rolled-forward (see section 2.3)
Primary Additional Classes Contingency	-£42,964	
Secondary SEN Contingency unspent	£57,187	
LA Intervention	£55,784	
Staffing	£37,753	Union duties, long-term sickness, rehab & maternity
High Needs place number increases at schools	-£124,949	Fox Wood (10 places), Bridgewater High School (6 DP places)
Clawback from historic double-funding of special schools	£181,251	
d) Local Authority Commissioned Services		
Speech Therapy	£20,000	Contract price freeze
Sensory Team	£24,395	
Nursery funding	£146,103	Early Years pupil premium allocated on estimate, plus activity slightly lower than expected.
Additional Support Plus funding	-£50,000	Response to school requests
PEP Support 1.60 FTE	-£37,500	Pupil Premium support
Narrowing The Gap coordinator funded by Public Health	£60,000	
Hospital & Medical	£22,938	
SEN top-ups	£28,855	Early effect of Banding changes agreed by Schools Forum
Independent School Fees	-£50,451	Continued pressure, exceeding the increased allocation of £300,000
Inter-Authority Recoupment/EOTAS	-£39,522	
Carbon Credit	£151,299	One-off benefit
Other	£65,877	Various small underspends
	<u>-£82,694</u>	

2.3 At the Schools Forum meeting of 10th January 2017, at which various proposals to reduce the DSG overspend were discussed, it was agreed that underspends on the primary and secondary contingencies would be used to contribute to improving the position, rather than return to schools. The exception to this was £50,664 of primary class size contingency, which as agreed by Schools Forum has been rolled forward to augment the fund agreed for 2017-18, with the intention of widening access to include Key Stage 2 incidences.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Schools Forum is asked to:

- i) note the 2016-17 outturn position for DSG,
- ii) note the addition of the 2016-17 deficit to the 2017-18 cost pressures, and
- iii) note the retention of £50,664 for primary schools' class funding.

REPORT

WARRINGTON
Borough Council



Report to: Schools Forum

Item: 4

Date: 27th June 2017

For: Information / Decision

Title: School Balances 2016-17

Author: Garry Bradbury

Presenter: Garry Bradbury

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to notify Schools Forum of the final individual balances for Warrington maintained schools as at end 2016-17, and compare the overall picture with the corresponding situation in the previous year.
- 1.2 At the 10th January 2017 meeting of Schools Forum, four suggestions of the Formula Working Group to revise the balance challenge process were discussed, and it was agreed that the current challenge process, outlined in s4.2 of the Warrington Scheme for Financing Schools, would be modified. Rather than inviting schools with closing balances in excess of the agreed trigger points (8% of delegated funding for primary and special schools, 5% for secondary schools) to comment on these retentions, and in the light of this, for Schools Forum to decide whether, and how much of, the excess would be clawed back and recirculated, Members instead agreed an automatic clawback of 12.5% of the excess balance (option C).

2 SCHOOL BALANCES

- 2.1 The aggregate of school balances for Warrington maintained schools at the end of the previous financial year was £5,018,963 (an average retention level of 5%). This compares to the corresponding balances aggregate at the end of 2015/16 of £7,341,446 (the figure reported to Schools Forum was £7,470,717, but this included the surpluses at the Warrington Primary Academy Trust schools, which we must now exclude for comparison purposes). That decrease, in cash terms of £2,322,484, represents a percentage reduction of 32%.

The overall movements per sector are highlighted overleaf:

Sector	2015-16 £m	2016-17 £m	Movement
Primary	£5.166m	£3.918m	-£1.248m
Secondary	£0.711m	£0.469m	-£0.242m
Special & AP	£1.464m	£0.632m	-£0.833m
TOTAL	£7.341m	£5.019m	-£2.322m

2.2 Individual school balances are detailed in **Appendix 1**.

2.3 The application of the new clawback criterion indicates that a total of £51,390 should be clawed back from 7 schools, as below.

School	2016/2017	2016/2017	2016/20		
	Balance	Budget	17	Outcome	Clawback
	@ 31/3/17	Share	Budget Share		
	£	£	%		£
Culcheth Twiss Green	80,623	826,259	10%	Clawback	£1,309
Penketh St Vincent's	100,354	985,251	10%	Clawback	£2,088
Birchwood	103,113	1,102,976	9%	Clawback	£1,184
St Phillips C & C	137,270	1,502,766	9%	Clawback	£1,211
Sandy Lane Nursery	174,133	735,800	24%	Clawback	£13,958
Green Lane (School)	247,833	2,436,007	10%	Clawback	£4,822
Green Lane (Sixth Form)	78,130	378,108	21%	Clawback	£5,754
Fox Wood (School)	201,093	1,453,047	14%	Clawback	£9,716
Fox Wood (Sixth Form)	132,282	488,812	27%	Clawback	£11,348
					£51,390

Although the challenge and clawback process has been modified, it is still under the Scheme for Financing Schools framework, and consequently the Local Authority would therefore like a steer from Forum members on what use the clawback should be put to. We suggest that because the overall clawback would be of minimal impact if recirculated generally to schools, it would be appropriate to use in partial offset of the 2016-17 DSG overspend, which as explained in the earlier report, acts as a DSG cost pressure for current year.

- 2.4 In 2016-17, three primary schools, Sir Thomas Boteler High School, and New Horizons Pupil Referral Unit closed with a negative balance. Together these deficits total £274,782, and are a contributory, though minority, factor in the marked reduction in school balances. Deficit schools' recent closing balances are analysed below:

School		Deficit Amount £	Deficit %age
35009	St Barnabas' Primary School (2013/14 balance)	£81,506	8.38%
	St Barnabas' Primary School (2014/15 balance)	£67,663	6.58%
	St Barnabas' Primary School (2015/16 balance)	£27,196	2.72%
	St Barnabas' Primary School (2016/17 balance)	-£3,922	-0.38%
35054	Chapelford Primary School (2013/14 balance)	£41,193	-3.07%
	Chapelford Primary School (2014/15 balance)	£52,412	-3.63%
	Chapelford Primary School (2015/16 balance)	-£57,455	-3.60%
	Chapelford Primary School (2016/17 balance)	-£51,023	-2.95%
35064	Callands Primary School (2013/14 balance)	£76,300	5.89%
	Callands Primary School (2014/15 balance)	£89,329	7.09%
	Callands Primary School (2015/16 balance)	£14,701	1.20%
	Callands Primary School (2016/17 balance)	-£88,818	-7.45%
35115	Sir Thomas Boteler High School (2013/14 balance)	£34,656	0.81%
	Sir Thomas Boteler High School (2014/15 balance)	£194,003	4.64%
	Sir Thomas Boteler High School (2015/16 balance)	£194,796	4.66%
	Sir Thomas Boteler High School (2016/17 balance)	-£27,397	-0.77%
35203	New Horizons (2013/14 balance)	£158,591	19.83%
	New Horizons (2014/15 balance)	£60,393	6.50%
	New Horizons (2015/16 balance)	-£33,008	-3.35%
	New Horizons (2016/17 balance)	-£103,622	-13.74%
	TOTAL OF 2016/17 DEFICITS	£274,782	
	Average deficit	£54,956	

- 2.5 In 2015/16, two settings recorded a deficit, totalling £90,463. As school balances decline, an increase in reported deficits becomes more likely.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Schools Forum is asked to note the 2016-17 outturn position for schools and the general decrease in School Balances held by Warrington non-Academy schools at 31st March 2017.
- 3.2 To recommend the use of the total funding clawed back from Warrington maintained schools in respect of 2016-17 closing balances.

Appendix 1 - 2016/2017 School Balances

Cost Centre	School	2016/2017	2016/2017	2016/2017			2015/2016	2015/2016	2015/2016	Year on Year		
		Balance @ 31/3/17	Budget Share	Balance of Budget Share	Outcome	Clawback	Balance @ 31/3/16	Budget Share	Balance of Budget Share	£	%	
		£	£	%			£	£	%			
PRIMARY SCHOOLS												
35001	Bewsey Lodge	83,204	1,751,025	5%			110,942	1,680,266	7%		-27,737	-25%
35002	Dallam	136,755	1,625,887	8%			187,805	1,617,198	12%	Challenge	-51,051	-27%
35004	Meadowside	27,434	1,630,838	2%			118,754	1,567,189	8%		-91,320	-77%
35005	Oakwood Avenue	58,686	2,817,970	2%			37,342	2,706,392	1%		21,344	57%
35006	St Elphin's CE	138,779	1,654,714	8%			203,084	1,504,341	13%	Challenge	-64,306	-32%
35007	St Andrew's	78,026	1,070,000	7%			126,381	1,094,143	12%	Challenge	-48,355	-38%
35008	St Ann's	88,193	1,120,326	8%			138,100	1,091,469	13%	Challenge	-49,907	-36%
35009	St Barnabas'	-3,922	1,037,432	0%			27,196	999,534	3%		-31,118	-114%
35010	St Margaret's	145,792	1,946,459	7%			154,115	1,959,148	8%		-8,323	-5%
35011	Our Lady's	51,308	988,762	5%			21,687	969,550	2%		29,621	137%
35012	Sacred Heart	51,297	856,595	6%			94,422	855,212	11%	Challenge	-43,125	-46%
35013	St Alban's	42,698	901,300	5%			72,242	887,475	8%		-29,544	-41%
35014	St Augustine's	23,709	833,111	3%			22,210	823,071	3%		1,499	7%
35015	St Benedict's	55,660	938,706	6%			66,092	898,736	7%		-10,432	-16%
35016	St Stephen's	75,426	990,334	8%			128,360	1,005,381	13%	Challenge	-52,935	-41%
35017	Appleton Thorn	15,132	837,806	2%			49,948	775,225	6%		-34,816	-70%
35018	Appleton The Cobbs	65,233	1,211,722	5%			82,632	1,260,859	7%		-17,399	-21%
35019	Appleton Broomfields	26,375	1,358,800	2%			36,674	1,409,346	3%		-10,298	-28%
35020	Appleton St Monica's	64,746	814,370	8%			56,346	737,953	8%		8,400	15%
35021	Grappenhall St Wilfrid's	44,396	1,342,484	3%			34,014	1,295,350	3%		10,382	31%
35022	Grappenhall Bradshaw	49,176	754,590	7%			58,642	730,323	8%		-9,465	-16%
35023	Stockton Heath St Thomas'	52,379	892,369	6%			61,755	828,230	7%		-9,376	-15%
35024	Stockton Heath	73,639	1,359,627	5%			67,903	1,277,848	5%		5,735	8%
35025	Stretton St Matthew's	24,870	747,389	3%			13,114	733,441	2%		11,757	90%
35026	Thelwall Juniors	53,728	671,719	8%			88,324	632,121	14%	Challenge	-34,596	-39%
35027	Thelwall Infants	30,032	543,930	6%			52,358	567,239	9%	Challenge	-22,326	-43%
35028	Lymm Statham	65,365	791,420	8%			122,036	794,331	15%	Challenge	-56,671	-46%
35029	Lymm Cherry Tree	13,297	859,115	2%			36,812	811,052	5%		-23,515	-64%
35030	Lymm Ravenbank	52,203	1,411,135	4%			98,769	1,355,392	7%		-46,566	-47%
35031	Lymm Oughtrington	80,974	1,423,703	6%			86,419	1,420,437	6%		-5,444	-6%
35032	Glazebury	38,969	504,814	8%			43,046	508,835	8%		-4,076	-9%
35033	Culcheth	61,967	889,388	7%			71,220	880,849	8%		-9,253	-13%
35034	Culcheth Newchurch	58,324	818,692	7%			55,464	794,483	7%		2,861	5%
35035	Culcheth Twiss Green	80,623	826,259	10%	Clawback	£1,309	117,096	805,995	15%	Challenge	-36,473	-31%
35036	St Paul of the Cross	36,860	757,323	5%			71,146	732,524	10%	Challenge	-34,286	-48%
35037	Burtonwood	50,575	866,234	6%			41,511	858,906	5%		9,065	22%
35038	Christ Church	29,740	1,356,497	2%			60,238	1,353,044	4%		-30,499	-51%
35039	Padgate St Oswald's	8,272	804,441	1%			2,597	787,292	0%		5,675	219%
35040	Brook Acre	65,516	1,391,689	5%			129,953	1,402,497	9%	Challenge	-64,437	-50%
35042	St Bridget's	24,355	1,050,109	2%			53,509	1,054,122	5%		-29,154	-54%
35043	Croft St Lewis'	39,898	776,025	5%			49,498	723,444	7%		-9,600	-19%
35044	Croft	55,084	823,290	7%			37,836	764,250	5%		17,247	46%
35045	Locking Stumps	106,727	1,422,332	8%			213,206	1,307,411	16%	Challenge	-106,479	-50%
35047	Penketh St Joseph's	65,633	1,034,100	6%			57,206	1,040,368	5%		8,427	15%
35048	Penketh St Vincent's	100,354	985,251	10%	Clawback	£2,088	137,110	1,011,365	14%	Challenge	-36,756	-27%
35049	Penketh South	40,310	874,854	5%			56,944	907,290	6%		-16,634	-29%
35050	Woolston St Peter's	68,135	829,404	8%			94,669	812,092	12%	Challenge	-26,534	-28%
35051	Woolston CP	86,146	1,069,291	8%			119,822	1,125,210	11%	Challenge	-33,677	-28%
35052	Woolston CE	47,953	803,988	6%			68,599	792,135	9%	Challenge	-20,646	-30%
35053	Great Sankey	105,494	1,287,732	8%			92,688	1,281,960	7%		12,807	14%
35054	Chapel Ford Village	-51,023	1,728,982	-3%			-57,455	1,597,865	-4%		6,432	-11%
35055	Gt Sankey Park Road	46,531	819,749	6%			48,531	817,347	6%		-2,000	-4%
35056	Gt Sankey Barrow Hall Lane	86,526	1,803,786	5%			141,878	1,756,584	8%		-55,352	-39%
35057	Sankey Valley St James'	77,110	1,105,380	7%			74,737	1,066,700	7%		2,374	3%
35058	Hollinfare St Helen's	38,783	598,888	6%			19,573	562,061	3%		19,210	98%
35059	Winwick	55,298	764,044	7%			67,509	774,153	9%	Challenge	-12,211	-18%
35060	Birchwood	103,113	1,102,976	9%	Clawback	£1,184	105,530	1,018,287	10%	Challenge	-2,417	-2%
35061	Gorse Covert	67,088	1,089,072	6%			49,121	1,106,871	4%		17,967	37%
35062	Cinnamon Brow	37,872	1,534,603	2%			32,348	1,512,245	2%		5,524	17%
35063	Old Hall	44,966	1,486,607	3%			62,053	1,419,246	4%		-17,087	-28%
35064	Callands	-88,818	1,191,862	-7%			14,701	1,227,616	1%		-103,519	-704%
35065	St Phillips C & C	137,270	1,502,766	9%	Clawback	£1,211	117,603	1,387,037	8%		19,667	17%
35066	Grappenhall Heys	40,368	858,630	5%			32,675	836,925	4%		7,693	24%
35067	Latchford St James'	54,289	955,597	6%			71,528	898,813	8%		-17,239	-24%
35068	Alderman Bolton Primary	45,030	1,465,238	3%			158,374	1,424,453	11%	Challenge	-113,344	-72%
35070	Beaumont Primary	114,235	1,937,785	6%			90,314	1,869,867	5%		23,922	26%
35405	Sandy Lane Nursery	174,133	735,800	24%	Clawback	£13,958	109,240	744,561	15%	Challenge	64,893	59%
Total Primary Schools		3,918,295	75,037,121	5%			5,166,090	73,252,953	7%		-1,247,795	-24%

Cost Centre	School	2016/2017	2016/2017	2016/2017	Outcome	Clawback	2015/2016	2015/2016	2015/2016	Year on Year	
		Balance @ 31/3/17	Budget Share	Balance of Budget Share			Balance @ 31/3/16	Budget Share	Balance of Budget Share	£	%
		£	£	%			£	£	%	£	%
SECONDARY SCHOOLS											
35103	Culcheth	286,535	5,445,023	5%			264,665	5,121,395	5%	21,870	8%
35107	St Gregory's	92,905	4,607,588	2%			120,368	4,774,531	3%	-27,463	-23%
35115	Sir Thomas Boteler	-27,397	3,554,709	-1%			194,796	4,181,062	5%	-222,193	-114%
35121	Cardinal Newman	116,801	3,999,286	3%			131,096	3,972,573	3%	-14,295	-11%
Total Secondary Schools		468,844	17,606,606	3%			710,925	18,049,561	4%	-242,081	-34%
SPECIAL SCHOOLS & ALTERNATIVE PROVISION											
35200	Green Lane*	325,963	2,842,835	11%	Clawback	£10,576	621,432	2,654,676	23%	Challenge	-295,469 -48%
35201	Fox Wood*	333,375	1,941,859	17%	Clawback	£21,064	745,545	2,297,951	32%	Challenge	-412,170 -55%
35202	Woolston Brook	76,108	1,679,017	5%			130,462	1,216,677	11%	Challenge	-54,354 -42%
35203	New Horizons	-103,622	754,183	-14%			-33,008	984,029	-3%		-70,614 214%
Total Special Schools & Alternative Provision		631,824	7,217,894	9%			1,464,431	7,153,334	20%		-832,607 -57%
		5,018,963	99,861,621	5%		£51,390	7,341,446	98,455,849	7%		-2,322,484 -31.6%

*includes Sixth Form

REPORT

Report to: Schools Forum

Item: 5

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Title: Dedicated Schools Grant budgets
2017-18

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1. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

1.1 The purpose of this report is to illustrate how the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation for Warrington for 2017-18 has been allocated to individual budgets, after the previous funding discussions at the 10th January Schools Forum meeting.

2. DSG BLOCK ALLOCATIONS FOR 2017-18

2.1 As has been the case in recent years, DSG is allocated across three separate blocks of funding (Schools, Early Years, High Needs), with transfers between them permissible with Schools Forum agreement. Initially, a Local Authority's allocation includes the budgets for all schools, including Academies, as the LA and Schools Forum collaborate to agree all individual delegations, but the Academy element is subsequently deducted (recouped) from the overall funding received, and given to those settings directly.

2.2 Total DSG for 2017-18 is shown in the table overleaf, both before and after recoupment.

	Funding Unit	Pupil numbers	Gross Block Allocation	Recoupment	Net Block Allocation
Schools Block	£4,279.35	29,316	£125,453,425	£42,808,285	£82,645,140
Early Years Block					
15 hrs' 3 & 4 Year Old	£4.30	3,417	£8,374,985		£8,374,985
30 hrs' 3 & 4 Year Old	£4.30	658	£1,611,614		£1,611,614
2 Year Old	£5.28	677	£2,037,299		£2,037,299
Early Years Pupil Premium			£98,817		£98,817
MNS Protection			£71,174		£71,174
Disability Access Fund			£43,050		£43,050
			£12,236,939	£0	£12,236,939
High Needs Block			£20,876,874	£1,462,000	£19,414,874
			£158,567,238	£44,270,285	£114,296,953

2.3 While the use of the Schools and Early Years blocks are clear and straightforward (mainstream school budgets and EY hourly rates respectively), the demands upon the High Needs Block are many and wide-ranging, encompassing all activities not considered mainstream or pre-school. This includes, though is not limited to:

- Additional Support/SEN top-ups for students in mainstream settings.
- Full funding of designated/resourced provisions
- Delegated budgets of special schools and alternative provision (including the provision at Sandy Lane, and New Horizons Pupil Referral Unit)
- Medical and therapy costs
- Specialist support placements outside the LA, or at non-maintained special schools nationwide
- Inclusion & Access
- Other central support costs not funded by Schools or Early Years Blocks

2.4 Schools Block of £125,453,425 has been allocated as below:

Primary school mainstream budgets	£66,621,243
Secondary school mainstream budgets	£15,968,676
Academies mainstream budgets	£42,808,285
Secondary topslice for High Needs	£ 55,218

2.5 Early Years Block of £12,236,939 has been allocated as overleaf:

	15 hr	30 hr (notional)	Total
Nursery Classes (3 & 4)	£2,470,465	£356,028	£2,826,493
Sandy Lane Nursery	£289,949	£45,000	£334,949
PVIs (3 & 4)	£5,251,874	£1,124,376	£6,376,250
2-Year Old Allocations			£1,893,817
Portage/SEN Spt +/Vulnerable Pupils			£143,482
EY Pupil Premium			£98,817
Disability Access Fund			£43,050
Contrib to High Needs			£520,081
			<u>£12,236,939</u>

2.6 **Appendix 1** illustrates how the High Needs Block allocations have been amended from current levels to reflect a) the reduction in net funding for High Needs and b) the highest pressure spending areas. The various initiatives agreed at the 10th January meeting, following the High Needs expenditure review, have informed these allocation choices, and further planned economies have been necessary to reach a balanced position. Crucially, while the decision to change the Element 3 bandings and top-ups has reduced the projected overspending, actual assessed case numbers continue to increase, meaning that the total saving calculated on the 2016-17 position has not been achievable.

2.7 Staying within these allocations will be challenging, and the engagement of both Schools Forum and Warrington Inclusion Hub will be key to achieving this. Whilst it has been possible to reach a balanced budgetary start position, this does not include the 2016-17 DSG overspend, which was unknown at the time. This deficit, £82,694, represents a High Needs cost pressure not reflected in these initial figures.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that Schools Forum note the contents of the report and the financial position on High Needs.

Appendix 1: High Needs Budget Allocations

High Needs Block 2017-18	£ 19,414,874
High Needs Block 2016-17	£ 19,706,764
Funding Change	-£ 291,890

Amended Allocations	2017/18 Amendment	Per High Needs Expenditure Review
HN top-ups (Element 3) in base budgets (Primary)	-£234,704	-£340,000
HN top-ups (Element 3) in base budgets (Secondary)	-£106,256	-£192,000
In-year high-cost SEN top-ups (Element 3)	-£30,000	-£30,000
New Horizons Pupil Referral Unit upfront funding	-£188,333	-£167,000
Central Functions retained for Special Schools/AP	-£10,865	-£11,000
Speech Therapy contract costs	-£11,000	-£11,000
Contribution from Early Years block - net change	-£786,825	-£787,000
Increase Professional Capacity	£75,000	£75,000
2017/18 Topslice from secondary Schools Block (£4.43)	-£55,218	-£50,000
2016/17 Topslice from Schools Block eliminated	-£218,755	-£218,755
LA Initiatives	-£105,950	
Narrowing the Gap Coordinator - paid from Public Health	-£60,000	
Designated Provision (Academy Top-Ups)	£54,198	
Special Schools Base Budgets - places/nos increase	£338,293	
Woolston Brook funding adjustment for January census (+4 NOR)	£54,564	
Sandy Lane Outreach SLA	£5,000	
Post-16 High Needs (aggregated) - increasing demand	£160,000	
Schools Forum Support	-£5,000	
Central licences EFA levy (copyright etc) - actual price increase	£3,144	
PEP officers 1.60 FTE	£40,000	
2016/17 Shortfall eliminated (Actual £82,694)	£790,817	
	-£291,890	