

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
10th October 2017

Directorate of Children Learning and Skills

2016-17 Centrally Retained DSG Outturn

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform the Schools' Forum (SF) of the 2016-17 centrally retained DSG outturn.

Background

- 1.1 The report summarises the 2016-17 centrally retained DSG outturn and the reasons for the main variances with the budget.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Schools' Forum notes the final outturn as presented in this report.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To provide Schools' Forum with a comparison of the 2016-17 centrally retained outturn with the budget.

4 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Overall across all the blocks the centrally retained budgets underspent by **£433k**. Explanations for the main variances within each block are set out below:

- **Schools Block** centrally retained underspent by **£338k** with the main variance being Services Supporting Behaviour which was unused representing a saving of **£299k**.
- **High Needs** centrally retained underspent by **£394k**, the main reasons are in relation to budgets for Sensory Impairment, which includes the Joint Arrangement with x 6 LA's called the Sensory Consortium. This underspent by **£110k** and the SALT contract underspent by **£260k** as the payment was not made. This will be paid in 17/18 and therefore this balance will be carried forward.

- 4.5 A summary of the total Centrally Retained budgets is shown in the table below.

Centrally Retained	Budget	Actual	Variance
Schools Block			
School Improvement	724,730	724,730	0
Admissions	178,180	178,177	-3

LA Safeguarding Board	30,000	50,000	20,000
Other Centrally Retained	728,268	369,914	-358,354
Sub Total	1,661,178	1,322,821	-338,357
High Needs Block			
Autism	185,730	185,730	0
Hard to Place Pupils	267,000	267,000	0
PFI Contribution*	183,890	183,890	0
Sensory Impairment	721,770	400,996	-320,774
Strategy for SEN and Inclusion	182,000	182,000	0
High Needs Inclusion	708,650	635,183	-73,467
Sub Total	2,249,040	1,854,799	-394,241
Early Years Block			
Centrally Retained (SBC)	300,570	599,956	299,386
Centrally Retained (Cambridge Ed)	260,592	260,193	-399
Sub Total	561,162	860,149	298,987
GRAND TOTAL	4,471,380	4,037,769	- 433,612

*PFI Contribution is a matter for further clarification

- 4.6 Schools' Forum should note that the underspend was carried forward to 2017-18 as part of the overall DSG balances.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

- 6.1 Monitoring Officer
The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of this report.
- 6.2 Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Resources
The financial implications of the report are outlined in the supporting information.
- 6.3 Access Implications
There are no access implications.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 All maintained schools.

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