

1.	Meeting:	Rotherham Schools' Forum
2.	Date:	18 th January, 2013
3.	Title:	Total Schools Budget Monitoring Report as at 30 th November 2012
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

This report confirms the Total Schools budgeted allocation for 2012/13 and projected outturn against this budget using expenditure up to 30th November 2012.

The Total Schools budget available after the October announcement of the Dedicated Schools Grant allocation, the EFA post 16 funding for 2012/13 and the DSG Carry-forward from 2011/12 is £180.868m. Compared to the initial estimate this equates to a reduction in available funding of £3.537m.

The current projected outturn against the above budget based on expenditure up to the 30th November 2012 is an under-spend of £344k, including the projected RoSIP under-spend of £380k and the assumption of agreed carry-forwards of £1.321m to 2012/13 financial year.

6. Recommendations

That the Schools Forum receives and notes confirmation of the Total Schools Budget allocation for 2012/12

That the Schools Forum notes the current projected outturn position for the year 2012/13 and confirms agreement to the proposed virements.

That Schools Forum consider the carry-forward of RoSIP budget into 2013/14

That Schools Forum consider the funding of further staffing costs against the Extended Services budget.

7. Revision to Total Schools Budget

The total amount of grant funding available to Rotherham for the current financial year was estimated at £184.405m. The actual amount available as confirmed by the DfE's October announcement is £180.868m. The reduction of £3,537m is due to the following:

Dedicated Schools Grant

DSG had been estimated at £183.345m including an estimate for academy recoupment. The actual allocation announced in October was £179.590m, a reduction of £3.755m due to the following:

Recoupment for existing Academies was £179k higher than estimated
Recoupment for Academies converting in year was £3.576m.

Post 16 Funding

Post 16 funding from the EFA has been confirmed at £1.214m being £158k less than the estimate.

Projected Carry-forward of DSG

The projected carry-forward of DSG from 2011/12 was estimated to be a £312k deficit. The actual carry-forward (excluding requested carry-forwards) was a surplus of £64k.

The overall effect on available Total Schools Budget is summarised in the table below.

	Original Allocation	Revised (Oct) Allocation	Reduction
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Dedicated Schools Grant	183,345	179,590	3,755
EFA Post 16 Special Education	989	959	30
EFA Post 16 Threshold	383	255	128
Carry Forward from 2010/11	-312	64	(increase) 376
Total	184,405	180,868	3,537

8. Total Schools Budget Projected Outturn 2012/13

The forecast outturn position is projected to be a £344k under spend based on the budget monitoring returns from budget holders for the period ending 30th November 2012. Details are shown in Appendix 1.

This projection is based on the assumption that all requested carry-forwards from 2011/12 have been approved.

This position has improved since the last reported figure due to the removal of a further recoupment commitment of £371k. The Authority had requested clarification from the DfE back in November regarding the adjustments they had made to overall recoupment figure. The DfE have now confirmed and agreed with the Authority how this figure has been made up and therefore no further amount will be removed.

This projection also includes the RoSIP projected under spend of £380k, Should this balance be approved for carry forward into 2013/14 the projected outturn across the remaining Total Schools Budget is a £36k over spend.

8.1.1 Budget Virements

Budget Virements have been actioned as follows:

Rotherham School Improvement Partnership

£185k transfer of funding to schools for AFA Graduate Teacher programme & KS2 Targeted Support

£22k transfer to School Effectiveness Service to fund staff time and £6k towards the Children's Festival

Behaviour Support

£33k transfer of budget for Anti Bullying post from PRU's EOTAS

Education Welfare Central Attendance Team

£19k transfer of 7/12th Education Welfare Officer post from Operational Safeguarding Unit

CYPS Standards and Development

£41k transfer of trainee post from Operational Safeguarding Unit

Pupil Referral Units

£15k transfer of Welcome Centre budget to Facilities Management

£33k transfer of budget for Anti Bullying post to Behaviour Support

£66k transfer of funding from SEN to PRU Budgets. Made up of £20k to The Bridge for additional support for 2 pupils, £37k to ARC for tutors at the hospital teaching home tuition service and £8k to Broom Lane for additional support for one pupil.

School Effectiveness Service

£13k Federation Funding Transferred to Thornhill Primary

£30k Head Teacher Support transferred to Primaries

£22k transfer from RoSIP to fund staff time and £6k towards the Children's Festival

Schools in Financial Difficulty

£70k SIFD funding transferred to Primary Schools

Special Educational Needs

£66k SEN funding transferred to PRU budgets

£478k SEN funding transferred to Special Schools

£71k SEN funding transferred to Primaries

8.1.2 Delegated Schools Budgets

For the purposes of this report the forecast outturn position on schools DSG is estimated to be a balanced position. However, it should be noted that schools have reported a £3.971m under spend as at the end of July.

8.1.3 The main variances against Revised Budget allocations are as follows:

Pupil Referral Units

There are forecast over spends at The Bridge £48k, St Mary's £3k, Riverside PRU £12k, Broom Lane £61k and Transport £12k.

These over spends have been offset by projected under spends at Rowan Centre £6k, ARC £25k and Education Other than at School £14k.

Behaviour Support

£91k projected under spend due to staff slippage.

Portage

£20k over spend due to a £12k unachievable vacancy factor and £8k over spend due to a reallocation of Rates charges.

Special Educational Needs

An over spend of £600k has been projected due to an increase in the number of residential placements for complex needs.

SEN Extra District Placements

An over spend of £11k has been projected due to additional placement costs exceeding the recoupment of income from external placements.

Extended Services

An £165k under spend has been incurred against the £300k carried forward from 2011/12 to fund projects up to the end of August 2012. The service has continued to incur staffing costs of £32k to the end of December. The Director of Schools and Life Long Learning has requested that Forum approve the funding of this spend resulting in a reduced under spend of £133k.

Rotherham School Improvement Partnership

Currently an under spend of £380k is projected. The service requests that this balance be carried forward to 2013/14.

9 Finance

The financial issues are discussed in section 8 above and included in Appendix 1.

10 Risks and Uncertainties

Principal risks and uncertainties relate to the 'needs led' nature of budgets in relation to Special Educational Needs pupils.

11 Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

12 Background Papers and Consultation

This report will be discussed with the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Service and the Strategic Director of Finance.

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