

SCHOOLS FORUM –16TH MARCH 2016**DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT 2016-17****1. Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to provide school forum members with an update of the 2016-17 financial settlement in respect of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) which was published by central government on the 17th December 2015.

2. Settlement position

The settlement issued on the 17th December 2015 and detailed data issued in respect of the Council indicates a total DSG figure of £123.419M for 2016-17. This shows an increase of £2.254M on the 2015-16 figure of £121.165M.

Analysis supplied by the DFE shows this to be made up as follows below.

<u>Category</u>	<u>2016-17 Allocation £</u>	<u>2015-16 Allocation £</u>	<u>Comment</u>
School Block	99.560	99.624	To fund schools and academies. Now include 3 non-recoupment academies
Early Years Block	7.710	5.593	2016-17 allocation includes 2 year old funding. In 2015-16 was announced later. Figures comparable.
High Needs Block	16.118	15.919	To fund the 2 special academies, centrally retained SEN services, Pupil referral units, alternative provision.
Non School Block Funding	0.031	0.029	NQT
TOTAL	123.419	121.165	

The DSG allocation looks to have increased by £2.254M however the following needs to be noted:

- The Early Years Block looks to have increased by £2.117M however this is due to the 2 year old funding being included in the allocation whereas in 2015-16 this was notified later.
- The High Needs Block has been increased by £0.199M.

3. Recommendation

It is recommended that members note the contents of this report.

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