

**SCHOOLS FORUM –17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015****DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT 2015-16****1. Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to provide school forum members with an update of the 2015-16 financial settlement in respect of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) which was published by central government on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

**2. Settlement position**

The settlement issued on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and detailed data issued in respect of the Council indicates a total DSG figure of £121.165M for 2015-16. This shows an increase of £11.381M on the 2014-15 figure of £109.784.

Analysis supplied by the DFE shows this to be made up as follows below. In respect of the Early Years Block this sum is indicative given it is based on the January 2014 headcount. The January 2015 headcount will not be finalised until July 2015.

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>2015-16 Allocation £</u></b>	<b><u>2014-15 Allocation £</u></b>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>
School Block	99.624	85.544	To fund schools and academies. Now include 3 non-recoupment academies
Early Years Block	5.593	5.426	To fund 3 and 4 year olds in maintained, PVI and academy settings. 2 year old funding still to be announced.
High Needs Block	15.919	15.785	To fund the 2 special academies, centrally retained SEN services, Pupil referral units, alternative

			provision.
Non School Block Funding	0.029	0.029	NVQ
<b>Total</b>	<b>121.165</b>	<b>106.784</b>	

The DSG allocation looks to have increased by £11.381 however the following needs to be noted:

- The School Block has increased by £14.1M due to the inclusion of non-recoupment academies in the baseline together with additional DSG received in respect of increased pupil numbers.
- The Early Years Block has increased however this is due to an amount of £0.166M being received in respect of Early Years Pupil Premium.
- The High Needs Block has been increased by £0.138M.

As in 2014-15 the EFA has decided to top slice the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) from DSG in order to compensate the treasury for schools being withdrawn from the scheme. The amount top sliced is £0.147M which is the same as 2014-15

### **3. Recommendation**

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

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