**SCHOOLS FORUM –13TH MARCH 2018**

**DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT 2018-19**

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to provide school forum members with an update of the 2018-19 financial settlement in respect of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) which was published by central government on the 19th December 2017.

1. **Settlement position**

The settlement issued on the 19th December 2017 and detailed data issued in respect of the Council indicates a total DSG figure of £130.598M for 2018-19. This shows an increase of £2.853M on the 2017-18 figure of £127.745M.

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

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| **Category** | **2018-19 Allocation £m** | **2017-18 Allocation £m** | **Comment** |
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| School Block | 100.906 | 100.441 | To fund schools and academies. Adjusted to include the NQT payment. |
| Early Years Block | 10.571 | 10.194 | Increased projected take up of hours as a result of a full year effect of the extended hours for eligible working parents |
| High Needs Block | 17.682 | 17.110 | To fund the 2 special academies, centrally retained SEN services, Pupil referral units, alternative provision. The uplift is as a result of the introduction of the new High Needs National Funding Formula. . |
| Central Services Block | 1.439 | 0 | New block created to fund pre-existing pensions cost, ESG funded services, centrally retained services, eg schools admissions etc. |
| **TOTAL** | **130.598** | **127.745** |  |

The DSG allocation has increased by £2.853M. The increase is predominantly as a result of the introduction of the new High Needs Block National Funding Formula but also increased pupil numbers in schools and the additional funding pledged to schools as part of the June 2017 general election campaign and early years hours take up.

1. **Recommendation**

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

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