

**SUMMARY HEADLINES**

**1. Overall Position and Movement**

Fore cast 2017 / 18 - Over spend £4.6m (in-year), £6.2m cumulative											
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Revised Budget £ 325.4m	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.6						
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**2. Revenue Position by Division**

	Brought forward position April 2017 £m	In-year Over/(under) spend 2017/18 £m	Forecast Carry Forward position March 2018 £m
<b>Retained DSG</b>			
Maintained Schools	0.0	0.0	0.0
Academy Recoupment	0.0	0.0	0.0
Early Years Block	-0.4	0.4	0.0
High Needs Block	2.3	5.0	7.3
Schools Block (Central)	-0.3	-0.8	-1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>6.2</b>

**3. Latest Financial Position**

The net cumulative overspend in the Dedicated Schools Budget has improved by £0.3m since Period 5, but is still showing an in-year overspend of £4.6m, giving a cumulative overspend of £6.2m.

The main issue remains the position on the High Needs budget. There have been some salary underspends and some client cost reductions to improve the position by -£0.3m between months. The underlying position is an in-year £5m problem which needs to be addressed through the savings measures set out in section 5, considered by Schools Forum in September 2017.

Areas of underspend are within the Schools Block, mainly in the Growth budget.

**4. Risks and Opportunities**

Unchecked, the £7.3m High Needs overspend forecast for 2017/18 would grow to more than £12.5m overspend by the end of 2018/19. This is after factoring in a 2.2% increase in High Needs Block DSG for 2018/19 provisionally advised by the ESFA. Additional on-going funding for the High Needs budget is unlikely, so it is imperative that measures are taken to reduce costs. The plans in section 5 do not begin to address the historic deficit on High Needs.

For 2018/19, Schools Forum is trying to manage competing priorities for available funding: individual schools / early years settings; High Needs; and the 2 multi-school PFI contracts. Officers are working with Schools Forum and ESFA to identify the best balance for Bristol.

**5. Savings measures and mitigations being developed in the High Needs Block.**

Category	Proposal	Full-year impact
1. Places only	1.1 Revise agreed places, based on occupancy, including FE	-400
2. SEN Top-ups	2.1 Negotiate lower contributions to FE Element 2s and to standardised FE top-ups	-500
	2.2 Review how we fund Bands 2 and 3 without EHC plans	-250
	2.3 Develop revised models for special schools	-2,000
3. AP Top-ups	3.1 Develop revised models for PRUs	-150
4. Other SEN provision	4.1 Use Capital Strategy to re-provide local, less expensive provision	tbc
5. Other AP provision	5.1 Share funding for Early Intervention Bases with schools	-450
	5.2 Target saving for Hospital Education Service	-200
	5.3 Restrict external AP provision to budget	-350
6. Services	6.1 Target saving for services	-650
<b>Total full-year impact</b>		<b>-4,950</b>