

**SUMMARY HEADLINES**

**1. Overall Position and Movement**

Fore cast 2017 / 18 - Over spend £3.7m (in-year), £5.3m cumulative											
Revised Budget £ 325.4m	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.6	3.7	3.5	3.7			
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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	0.3	-0.1
High Needs Block	2.3	4.2	6.5
Schools Block (Central)	-0.3	-0.8	-1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>5.3</b>

**3. Latest Financial Position**

There is still an overall cumulative forecast overspend of £5.3m for P9 which includes £1.6m brought forward from previous year.

Schools Forum considered the financial position at its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The High Needs Budget continues to be the main concern, with offsetting underspends in the Growth Fund.

**4. Risks and Opportunities**

The underlying position on the High Needs Budget in particular remains a great concern. The measures set out in Table 5 are starting to be delivered with £0.750m already reflected in this month's 2017/18 forecast, but full and swift delivery will not be straightforward for all components. For instance, discussions with Special Schools about a revised model for funding them are at an early stage. The savings measures on their own are only going to address the in-year position, rather than the historic deficit, too. Cabinet agreed to make available £2.7m more to the High Needs Block than the allocation in the DSG itself for 2018/19. Combined with the savings measures in Table 5, this is part of a three year recovery plan for the service.

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

Category	Proposal	Savings measures 2017/18 £'000	Savings measures 2018/19 £'000	Savings measures 2019/20 £'000	Total £'000	Status
1. Places only	1.1 Revise agreed places, based on occupancy, including FE		-761	-95	-856	On track
2. SEN Top-ups	2.1 Negotiate lower contributions to FE Element 2s and to standardised FE top-ups	-500	-466		-966	On track
	2.2 Review how we fund Bands 2 and 3 without EHC plans and process for allocating top-ups.	-250	-1,151		-1,401	On track
	2.3 Develop revised models for special schools		-1,166	-834	-2,000	Early Stages
3. AP Top-ups	3.1 Develop revised models for PRUs		-150		-150	Planned
4. Other SEN provision	4.1 Use Capital Strategy to re-provide local, less expensive provision		0		0	Early Stages
	5.1 Share funding for Early Intervention Bases with schools		-450		-450	Planned
5. Other AP provision	5.2 Target saving for Hospital Education Service		-200		-200	Planned
	5.3 Restrict external AP provision to budget		-350	-150	-500	Planned
6. Services	6.1 Target saving for services		-408	-242	-650	Planned
<b>Total full-year impact</b>		<b>-750</b>	<b>-5,102</b>	<b>-1,321</b>	<b>-7,173</b>	