

**SUMMARY HEADLINES**

**1. Overall Position and Movement Since Previous Period**

Fore cast 2017 / 18 - Over spend £ m											
Revised Budget £ 325.4m	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	4.4	4.4									
											

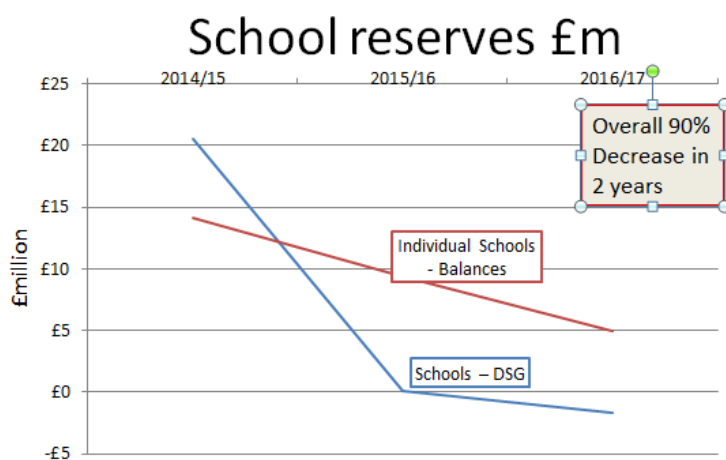
**2. Revenue Position by Area (DSG Overall)**

	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 Recoupme	0.0	0.0	0.0
Early Years Block	-0.4	0.3	-0.1
High Needs Block	2.3	5.1	7.4
Schools Block (Centr	-0.3	-1.0	-1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>6.0</b>

The DSG was overspent by £1.6m at the end of 2016/17 and there is a further worsening reported to Schools Forum of £4.4m during 2017/18 to give a forecast cumulative overspend of £6.0m. There is no material change on P2.

The main pressures are in High Needs Budgets (Special Educational Needs, Alternative Learning Provision and Specialist Support), offset by some underspends, mainly in funds set aside for growing schools. A recovery plan is being developed with Schools Forum.

**3. School Balances position**



	Mar-15 £m	Mar-16 £m	Mar-17 £m	Movement %
Schools – DSG	20.561	0.095	-1.63	-108%
Individual Schools - Balances	14.127	9.371	4.977	-65%
<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>34.688</b>	<b>9.466</b>	<b>3.347</b>	<b>-90%</b>

School balances and DSG Retained balances combined have reduced by 90% in the last two years. 20 schools are reporting deficits for 2017/18 (up from 18 on 2016/17), with a further 45 relying on brought forward underspends to balance their budget in-year.

Schools in deficit are being asked to reconsider their plans for 2017/18.