

Appendix A6

Bristol City Council - DSG

2018/19 – Budget Monitor Report

SUMMARY HEADLINES

1. Overall Position and Movement

Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Outturn Variance	Transfer from reserves
P4 £0m	£0m	£0m	£0.3m

2. Revenue Position by Division

Summary DSG position 2018/19 Period 4 (All figures in £'000s)

	Brought forward 2018/19	Funding 2018/19	Forecast 2018/19	In-year variance	Carry-forward 2018/19
Schools Block	253,423	253,423			
De-delegation Schools Central Block	-357		313	313	-44
Early Years		2,828	2,262	-566	-566
High Needs Block	-500	36,600	36,252	-348	-848
Funding	1,873	53,723	54,609	886	2,759
Total	1,016	284	284		1,300

NB, to be consistent with the figures reported to Schools Forum, this summary includes £157m for mainstream academies and £9m for High Needs recouped by the ESFA.

3. Latest Financial Position

- The overall DSG forecast position has worsened by £1.2m since Period 3. All the material changes have occurred within the High Needs Budget.
- In part (£0.3m) forecasts of individual placements have changed with the imminent start of the new term. The overall forecast includes some provision for new cases, but the changes have been larger than anticipated. The other reason for the change in the forecast (by £0.8m) is due to the expected impact of the outcome of the Judicial Review. Three savings proposals in Alternative Provision which were expected to be delivered in 2018/19 are not now likely to be pursued, subject to the final details of the court order and any subsequent decisions by Council in response to the judgement.
- The combined cumulative overspend of £1.3m would only be deliverable if the £0.8m underspend on Early Years and the unallocated £0.6m were transferred to High Needs. Stakeholder views on this will be necessary to identify how best to manage the overall financial position.

4. Risks and Opportunities

- Variations in pupil numbers in early years may confirm a projected underspend or it may reverse the position.
- Cost and demand pressures and opportunities within High Needs are beginning to materialise.
- Further academisation could erode de-delegated funding for the authority
- There are 17 schools that ended the year with a deficit balance. These deficits have accumulated over a long period of time and for some schools represent a significant proportion of their annual school budget. Officers have been meeting with those schools to develop a plan whilst ensuring they are able to meet statutory responsibilities and, there is recognition that any repayment of deficit would be over much longer timescales than the 3 or so years that might normally be expected of schools. Two of the schools who have recently become academies had combined deficits of £1.1m which the LA will have to address this financial year.

5. Schools balances position as at 31st March 2018

Summary by sector	Capital					
	Revenue b/f	Revenue Movement	Revenue c/f	Capital b/f	Moveme nt Capital	Capital c/f
Nursery	1,275,668	268,223	1,543,891	-368,655	47,902	-320,754
Primary	-3,597,384	-2,134,305	-5,731,689	-2,391,537	356,519	-2,035,018
Secondary	-348,067	87,979	-260,088		26	-50,248
Special	-1,205,707	523,890	-681,817	-1,057,171	-68,764	-1,125,935
PRU	-181,172	181,172	0	15,613	-15,613	0
Hospital	139,120	-136,031	3,090	-6,968	6,242	-726
CC	-410,464	684,267	273,803	-52,318	63,191	10,873
Central	79,737	-79,737	0	3,599	-3,599	0
Total	-4,248,269	-604,541	-4,852,810	-3,857,411	335,630	-3,521,781

Carry forward position REVENUE (Status 31.3.18)				
	Deficit	Nil Balance	Surplus	Total
Nursery	7	0	5	12
Primary	5	0	52	57
Secondary	1	0	2	3
Special	1	0	6	7
PRU	0	0	0	0
Hospital	1	0	1	2
CC	2	0	4	6
Central	0	1	0	1
Total	17	1	70	88