

## Section A: Revenue Budget Monitor

	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Outturn Variance
<b>P02</b>	<b>£184.7m</b>	<b>£200.3m</b>	<b>£15.6m overspend</b>

May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
15.6									
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Revenue Position

Summary DSG position 2022/23 Period 2 (P2)					
	b/f balance*	Net DSG funding/budget 2022/23	P2 2022/23 Forecast Outturn	In-year variance at P2	Cummulative c/f
£'000					
Schools Block	0	82,903	82,903	0	0
De-delegation	(504)	119	119	0	(504)
Schools Central Block	8	2,742	2,742	0	8
Early Years	(472)	34,388	34,455	66	(406)
High Needs Block	26,359	63,010	77,823	14,813	41,172
HNB Transformation	(740)	1,531	2,271	740	0
Funding	0	(184,693)	(184,693)	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,650</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>15,620</b>	<b>15,620</b>	<b>40,270</b>

\* it was agreed in the May 2022 School's Forum's meeting that the underspend in schools' block (£1.517m) will be used to offset the deficits in the High Needs block.

**Key Messages:**

1. Bristol DSG allocation for 2022/23 is £421.537m or £184.574m after deduction and excluding de-delegation fund. DSG is currently forecasting an in-year overspend of £15.620m or a cumulative overspend of £40.270m when including brought forward deficit balance of £24.650m from previous years. This is broadly in line with DSG in-year overspend position in 2021/22 of £14.647m and the cumulative deficit position of £40.975m reported in January 2022 Cabinet paper.

The biggest challenge is within the High Needs block (HN) where 2022/23 HN net budget as at May 2022 was £63.010m; excluding funding directly passported to schools, or £78.214m before deductions. This represents an in-year budget increase of £9.7m but a shortfall of £5.566m when comparing to 2021/22 outturn / actual spend. Another key driver of HN overspend is the 10% increase in CYP with EHCP in last year, which is in line

with national trend (10% increase nationally) but higher than Statistical neighbours average (just below 9% increase). A trend of higher proportion of children needed financial support at Band 5 and above, 10% increase was recorded in May 2022 when comparing to previous year.

The Service is currently developing its High Needs Block recovery plan and has secured DfE support through Delivering Best Value for SEND programme which is anticipated to commence in September 2022. As part of ongoing process improvement, the Service has also identified potential fund recoupment for under occupancy and duplicate funding circa £1m.

### Section B: Risks and Opportunities

<b>Division</b>	<b>Risk or Opportunity</b>	<b>Detailed Comment</b>	<b>Net Risk / (Opportunity) £</b>
17	Opportunity	Recoupment from under occupancy and duplicated funding	£1m
17	Opportunity	High Needs Recovery Plan	tba
<b>Total</b>			