

Section A: Revenue Budget Monitor

	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Outturn Variance
P05	£186.7m	£206.6m	£19.9m overspend
<i>P04</i>	<i>£184.7m</i>	<i>£200.3m</i>	<i>£19.6m overspend</i>

May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
15.6	18.1	19.6	19.9						
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Revenue Position**Summary DSG position 2022/23 Period 5 (P5)**

	b/f balance*	Net DSG funding/budget 2022/23	P5 2022/23 Forecast Outturn	In-year variance at P5	Cummulative c/f
£'000					
Schools Block	0	82,903	82,903	0	0
De-delegation	(504)	0	0	0	(504)
Schools Central Block	8	2,742	2,742	0	8
Early Years	(472)	35,988	36,457	469	(3)
High Needs Block	26,359	63,508	82,204	18,696	45,055
HNB Transformation	(740)	1,531	2,271	740	0
Funding	0	(186,672)	(186,672)	0	0
Total	24,650	(0)	19,906	19,906	44,556

Key Messages:

Bristol's Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation for 2022/23 is £423.5m, £186.7m after deductions and excluding de-delegation fund. DSG is currently forecasting an in-year overspend of £19.9m, a cumulative overspend of £44.5m when including brought forward deficit balance of £24.6m from previous years. This represents an adverse movement of £4.3m from Period 2 Quarter 1 (P2 Q1) forecast. High Needs top up demands continue to surge as number of EHCP applications (new) reached 204 cases (Primary: 167; Secondary: 37) plus re-banding requests of 106 cases (Primary: 87; Secondary: 19). This is equivalent to a total additional request of £1.3m in June 2022 panel only. The main area of concern is still within High Needs block which is forecasting an in-year overspend of £18.7m (excluding £0.7m planned overspend in transformation programme funded from previous years' underspend).

In order to bring DSG annual spend back to a sustainable footing, Bristol has been actively engaging with DfE (Department for Education) DBV programme (Delivering Better Value in SEND). Further details on DBV programme updates and DSG Management Plan with potential mitigation options is included within Schools Forum September 2022 papers: [September 22 SF papers](#)