



## Schools Forum

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## DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MONITORING

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### Summary

This report outlines to Schools Forum members the centrally retained Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) forecast outturn position as at the end of December 2014.

### Recommendation

This report is for information only.

## REPORT

### OUTTURN 2014-15

The overall outturn against centrally retained DSG has moved from a projected underspend of £862k as reported on 27 November 2014, which was based upon expenditure to the end of October 2014, to an underspend of £1,026k based on actual expenditure to the end of December 2014. This is a prudent forecast on the basis that the Spring term payments are still to be confirmed.

### Main reasons for a variation from budget of greater than £100k:

#### HIGH NEEDS BUDGET

##### Line 1.2.1 – Top Up Funding – Maintained Providers

An under spend of £913k is currently forecast. Top Up payments to schools are difficult to forecast as they are constantly changing. We have therefore included what is considered to be a prudent estimate taking into account potential changes to statements during the Spring term resulting in an underspend of £540k. In addition

the recoupment Shropshire Council invoices to other Local Authorities for their children attending Shropshire schools is £373k more than was budgeted for.

#### **Line 1.2.2 – Top Up Funding – Academies & Free Schools**

An overspend of £135k is currently forecast. Top Up payments to schools are difficult to forecast as they are constantly changing. A prudent estimate has therefore been included to take into account potential changes to statements during the Spring Term.

#### **CENTRAL PROVISION**

##### **Line 1.4.1 - Contribution to Combined Budgets**

The services and contracts within this section have been reviewed and been able to realise savings of £207k.

##### **Line 1.4.12 – Exceptions Agreed by the Secretary of State**

##### **School Deficit Recovery**

It has been agreed that the deficit of a school converting to academy under a sponsored arrangement will be paid off over a 5 year period from surplus balances within the centrally retained DSG.