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SUBJECT: 2022/23 OUTTURN DSG & SCHOOLS
DATE: 12 July 2023
RECIPIENT: School's Forum

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SUMMARY:

Update of 2022/23 outturn

1. Schools Balances
2. DSG Update

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

2022/23 OUTTURN

1. The schools outturn statement for 2022/23 is shown in Appendix A for schools revenue accounts, these are maintained schools only. One school converted to academy during 2022/23, with a deficit balance which was met by the council's general fund. The overall balance of the remaining 42 maintained schools has increased by £0.32M.
2. The following table summarises the movement in school balances of the 42 maintained schools at the end of March 2023

Description of Movement	Number of schools	Sum of Movement (£M)
Increased Deficit	7	1.127
reduced deficit	3	(0.350)
Used surplus	13	0.736
increased surplus	14	(1.935)
returned to surplus	3	(0.432)
gone into deficit	2	0.530
	42	(0.324)

3. Twelve schools have carried forward a deficit into the new financial year. The council had received deficit recovery plans from seven schools but there are five schools with outstanding deficit recovery plans.

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4. Primary schools, special schools and pupil referral units may carry forward up to 10% of their budget share and secondary schools may carry forward up to 8%. Anything above this is an excess surplus balance. There are five schools carrying an excess surplus totalling £1.476M; two schools have submitted plans to utilise their excess surplus.
5. The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is a ring-fenced grant and balances are carried forward each year. There was a £0.992M in-year surplus for 2022/23, reducing the cumulative net deficit to £10.101M. The table below provides an outline of the balances for 2022/23

Block	Balance £M
Dedicated Schools Grant - Central Services	0.032
Dedicated Schools Grant - Early Years	0.135
Dedicated Schools Grant - High Needs	(1.113)
Dedicated Schools Grant - Schools	(0.046)
Total	(0.992)

6. The deficit in the Central Services block is largely due to the transfer of the teachers and pension funding to centrally employed teachers in the Music Service and Specialist Teachers.
7. The deficit in the Early Years block is mostly due to the funding at the Startpoint Scholing nursery being below expectation. The service is currently reviewing options to resolve this issue.
8. Pressures on the High Needs services is a nationally recognised issue with significant pressures reported in most local authorities. The primary strategy for managing the increase in High Needs is 3-fold:
 - a. Reduce the number of children requiring an EHCP through targeted early intervention support, through enhanced training and support to schools and parents.
 - b. Reduce the number of children requiring a place at a special school, by improving the consistency of offer and inclusive practice at mainstream schools and by developing SEND units and resourced provisions within mainstream schools.
 - c. Maintain a reduction in the reliance of placements in high cost out of city special independent school places, by enhancing the offer and facilities of local mainstream schools, and on the development of highly specialist units and resourced provisions

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9. The variances in the High Needs Block are outlined below:

Service	Variance £M
Language Intervention Team	0.000
Early Years Teachers/SENCO	(0.111)
Portage.	(0.071)
Pupils with EHCP's	0.081
Early Years Sen Funding	0.321
OLA Special School Placements	0.089
Contingency	(0.461)
Specialist Teacher Advisors	(0.012)
MARP - Education Placements	(1.092)
Special School Funding	0.324
Outreach Funding	0.000
Pupil Referral Unit	(0.181)
Total	(1.113)

10. The overall reduction is due to the increase in funding to the High Needs Block as well as the strategy for reducing pressures in this area. The largest favourable variance relates to reduced expenditure on the out of city placements and the unused contingency amount. This was offset by increases in Special School and Early Years SEN funding.

11. The variance on the Schools' block relates to the funding adjustment for excluded pupils.

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APPENDIX A

School	Revenue balance as at	March-23 £	Movement in year £
	March-22 £		
Nursery and Alternative Provision.			
Hardmoor EYC	690,637	800,789	110,152
Alternative Learning Provision	350,455	473,315	122,860
Primary schools			
Newlands Primary	(268,556)	(163,105)	105,451
Sinclair Primary School	(149,239)	(96,139)	53,100
Mansel Primary	(242,235)	(227,530)	14,705
Bassett Green Primary	529,028	386,187	(142,841)
Bevois Town Primary	(109,359)	107,726	217,085
Bitterne Manor Primary	(19,173)	(53,030)	(33,857)
Bitterne Park Primary	(233,267)	(261,860)	(28,593)
Mount Pleasant Junior	(34,084)	(7,942)	26,142
Maytree Infant	(100,837)	(158,313)	(57,476)
Valentine Primary	685,508	542,145	(143,363)
St Denys Primary	(132,017)	(102,116)	29,901
St Johns Primary and Nursery	(266,572)	(327,464)	(60,892)
Swaythling Primary	(39,720)	(72,136)	(32,416)
Banister Infant	(140,944)	(133,646)	7,298
Mansbridge Primary	142,215	332,432	190,217
Redbridge Primary	(28,126)	(8,735)	19,391
Moorlands Primary	(138,203)	(110,602)	27,601
Townhill Junior	321,734	329,518	7,784
Oakwood Primary	7,010	55,677	48,667
Fairisle Infant	(54,056)	(6,827)	47,229
Fairisle Junior	(251,840)	(388,533)	(136,693)
Foundry Lane Primary	(323,043)	(257,381)	65,662
Shirley Warren Primary	127,116	316,851	189,735
Mason Moor Primary	(151,254)	161,567	312,821
Bitterne CofE Primary	(34,953)	(60,123)	(25,170)
St Marks Primary	31,883	489,931	458,048
St Marys Primary	(269,928)	(131,526)	138,402
Highfield Primary	(125,484)	(45,279)	80,205
Holy Family Primary	(228,028)	(403,194)	(175,166)
St Patricks Primary	121,192	(9,320)	(130,512)
Secondary schools			
Regents Park Community College	(542,688)	(871,730)	(329,042)
Redbridge Secondary	(801,598)	(1,206,871)	(405,273)
Bitterne Park Secondary	(352,173)	(830,092)	(477,919)
Woodlands Secondary	83,383	(160,046)	(243,429)
Cantell Secondary	(791,276)	(670,264)	121,012
St George Catholic V.A. College	(821,941)	(959,821)	(137,880)
Special schools			
Springwell	(190,696)	(199,512)	(8,816)
Cedar	(69,800)	(95,712)	(25,912)
Polygon	502,428	438,353	(64,075)
Vermont	39,874	(18,058)	(57,932)
	(3,299,061)	(3,602,416)	(323,789)

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