

Information for Schools Forum 6th February 2007
Budget Monitoring at 31st December 2006 for 2006/07

RACG

School Specific Contingency (SSC) £ 312k o/s

Budget Holder – Jane Porter

The SSC in 2005/06 was part of the ISB (Individual Schools Budget). Thus any underspend/overspends to be carried forward.

£244k relates to the overspend on the SCC in 2005/06 and £68k relates to 'one off' redundancy payments for schools.

RBRM

Childcare/Early Years £208k u/s

Budget Holder – Helen Kew

Base budget staff charged to General Sure Start Grant plus vacancy LL.

RBSB

Pre-School Development £86k u/s

Budget Holder – Helen Kew

Early Years Advisor vacancies.

RACG

Union Duties £82k o/s

Budget Holder – Ray Watson

The Unions have been heavily engaged in work relating to Remodelling of the Schools Workforce, supporting the Authority through the implementation of Teaching and Learning Responsibility Points and Primary and Secondary Review. In recognition of this, it was agreed that an additional 50% of union facilities time would be afforded to the unions, funded as a one-off for the academic year 2005/6.

Following a request from NASUWT, it was agreed that PR would be seconded from R School to the NASUWT National Executive for 3 days each week (0.6) this is subject to annual re-election and her desire to continue in the role. It was also agreed that in order to facilitate this secondment, and to allow the School to appoint to the Head of Year role, which was PR's substantive post, on a more permanent basis, the Directorate would pay to protect the difference between the TLR attached to the substantive post and the gifted and talented post that she would accept as part of this agreement. This equates to £2k per annum.

RBWF

Schools Forum £37k u/s

Budget Holder – Ray Watson

Budget not fully utilised 2006/07.

RACL

Future Years DSG £289k o/s

The Forum agreed at the 11th July 2006 meeting to 'overspend' the 2006/07 DSG which will be carried forward and top sliced from the 2007/08 DSG allocation.

RAMB

KS1 & 2 PRU - The Mere £9k u/s

Budget Holder – Barbara Perks

Savings on running costs.

RAMC

Statemented Pupils £179 o/s

Budget Holder – Sharon Hearne,

£75k - Costs for packages of support for CM, MB, HS, AG, KB and GK. These costs are for children receiving support in the form of private provision as the service cannot be offered in Dudley. HS and AG receive speech and language support. This package was set in place when there were no Secondary Speech and Language arrangements within Dudley. CM receives education, care, working training and mentoring support in order for him to be maintained at Old Park School. MB is educated at home but a tribunal ruled she must receive assessment and outreach therapy support, as this is a long term arrangement Home & Hospital would not pay for this tuition package. KB and GK are receiving medical support from Clinovia. Package for KB commenced in May. Following agreement at complex cases panel in November, 50% will be paid by Health from November to March in 2006/07. GK package was agreed at IPAG, will commence in February 2007, and again is 50% funded by Health.

The cost of the provision now exceeds the budget.

£46k - extra district mainstream costs. This overspend is based on information from the SEN team relating to all Dudley resident mainstream children with a statement being supported in Other Authorities schools. In virtually all cases Dudley will decline to fund a placement within another Authority where there is a local option.

£50k – Contribution to Old Park for 5 NNEB's. No budget provision for this contribution; to be funded from SEN matrix in 2007/08.

£8k – other costs.

RAMD

Pre School Services £60k u/s

Budget Holder – Jane Marsh

Savings generated from vacant posts, supply budget not utilised and running cost budget savings.

RAME

Individual Pupil Support £7k o/s

Budget Holder – Jo Tasker

Various staffing.

RAMH

Key Stage 4 Pupil Referral Unit (Abberley Street) £140k u/s

Budget Holder – Gill Edgar

The underspend has occurred due to unfilled staff vacancies and running cost savings.

RAMI

Bromley Pensnett Pre School assessment Unit £10k u/s

Budget Holder – Kate Manders

The underspend is due to savings on superannuation for Nursery Nurses not subscribing to the scheme and posts filled at less than budget allocated.

RAML

Key Stage 3 Pupil Referral Unit (Meadow Road) £58k u/s

Budget Holder – Sue Kulas

This occurred primarily due to the restructuring of the PRU's. Savings have occurred in the short term as the unit was not fully staffed for a number of months.

RAMM

Special Enhanced Nurseries £13k u/s

Budget Holder – Jane Marsh

Savings due to vacant posts.

RAMP

Central NNEB Integration Team £3k u/s

Budget Holder – Denise Foxall

One NNEB does not pay into the superannuation scheme (is considering doing so in the future).

Salary adjustments due to strike action.

RAMS

Physical and Sensory £47k u/s

Budget Holder – Kim Fisher

Savings due to staffing vacancies.

RAMW

Exclusions – Stephenson House £34k o/s

Budget Holder – Chris Warner

Overspend derived from 05/06 costs plus inflation.

Uplifted SLA 06/07 to increase from 6 to 12 places has not been agreed.

Additional costs due to withdrawal of NCH contribution.

RAMX

Autism Outreach Team £34k u/s

Budget Holder – Diane Hanke

Savings generated from vacant posts not being filled.

RAMY

Exclusions – Rathbone Project £6k o/s

Budget Holder – Chris Warner

This provision ceased July 2006 due to inspection outcomes.

All full time providers are now registered as independent schools in line with DfES guidance. SLA was for 10 places.

RAQA

Home & Hospital £25k u/s

Budget Holder – Jane Cooper

Savings due to supply costs reducing. Estimated extra district expenditure lower than budget.

RAQD

School Nurses £7k o/s

Budget Holder – Jon McCabe

2 nurses: 1 at Pensmeadow and 1 at Old Park. Health Authority recharges Dudley for 1 nurse. Budget projection for 2006/07 too low.

RASB

Centrally Retained NNEB's £62k o/s

Budget Holder – Joanne Tasker

(£34k) - budget set aside for staffing assimilation not required in 2006/07.

£58k - 3 central NNEB posts (HR,JD,JH), supporting statemented pupils in schools. For 2006/07 no budget provision is available since delegation of the budget to schools. Those schools concerned are not willing to take the staff contracts over.

£38k - central NNEB posts, supporting statemented pupils in schools. For 2006/07 no budget provision is available since delegation of the budgets to schools. However the schools concerned are willing to take the staff contracts on but with some additional funding. The £38k is the funding gap between the current NNEB salary and the statemented funding received by the school for

the child that the central NNEB supports. This issue is an ongoing until such time that the schools take the NNEB contract on or the staff can be redeployed.

RATP

Out of Borough Placements £362k o/s

Budget Holder – Sharon Hearne

Projection to 31 March 2007 – based on IPAG meeting up to 8 January 2007.

Out of Borough Expenditure is rising due to a lack of suitable internal provision in a number of key areas; ASD, BESD, SENDIST (tribunal directions) and looked after pupils.

RATX

Exclusions £248k o/s

Budget Holder – Chris Warner

Increased cost due to additional use of Dudley College.

All full time providers are now registered as independent schools in line with DfES guidance. This has led to significant increases in cost. All are subject to HMI inspections, whilst this gives us a measure of quality control, it also places significant financial pressures on the providers which are passed on to us.

Previously the AWPU and PRG reclaim from exclusions has been sufficient to fund these alternative providers – now with increasing costs of SLA there is a budget shortfall of £248k.

Current SLAs:

- Dudley College – 20 places. £110k
- Newhall – 10 places. £137k
- St Thomas's – 10 full time places. Possible 2 part time places £72k
- Stourbridge College – 10 places. £99k
- Wheels – 10 places. £72k

RATZ

Extra District Special Schools £243k o/s

Budget Holder – Sharon Hearne

Increase in costs and placements with other LA's

Karen Cocker

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