

**Schools Forum 6 October 2009**

**Report of the Director of Children's Services**

**Final Allocations of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2009/10 Financial Year**

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**Budget Working Group Discussed**

2. No.

**Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities**

3. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, the Schools Budget is funded by a direct DCSF grant: Dedicated School Grant (DSG).
4. The Forum is the 'guardian' of the local Schools Budget, and its distribution among schools and other bodies, and therefore must be closely involved throughout the development process.

**Action for Schools Forum**

5. To note the 2009/10 financial year final DSG allocation.

**Attachments to Report**

6. None.

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**Background**

2. The DSG funds the Schools Budget. The Schools Budget is a combination of centrally retained budgets together with the ISB (Individual Schools Budget).
3. The DCSF has now confirmed the 2009/10 DSG allocation for Dudley at £192.388m. This compares with an estimate of £192.366m, which gives a DSG surplus of £22,000. This has been added to the unallocated contingency of £112,000. A further report will be presented to Schools Forum in December 2009 when budget planning for 2010/11 will commence.
4. Forum may like to note that for Dudley the cash increase year on year in DSG is 2.2%.

**Finance**

5. The funding of schools is prescribed by the DCSF through the School Finance (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2008.
6. Schools Forums are regulated by the School Forums Regulations 2002 as already amended by the Schools Forums (Amendment) Regulations 2004 the Schools Forums (Amendment) 2005 Regulations and the Schools Forums (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.
7. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct DCSF grant: Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

**Law**

8. Councils' LMS Schemes are made under Section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The Education Acts 1996 and 2002 also have provisions

relating to school funding.

### **Equality Impact**

9. The Council's Equal Opportunities Policy is taken into account when considering the allocation of resources.

### **Recommendation**

10. Schools Forum to note that the final DSG allocation of £192.388m, which results in a surplus of £22,000 DSG for 2009/10. This will be added to the unallocated contingency to increase the budget to £134,000.

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**Mark Wyatt**

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