

## Directorate of Children's Services

ITEM 9 - APPENDIX A

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### Budget Fact Sheet

#### Additional School Standards Grant (SSG) Funding

- The Chancellor's Budget statement 2006 delivered on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March announced there would be new funding for schools to help make a faster headstart on delivering personalisation. Additional funds in 2006/07 and in 2007/08 will be paid direct to schools through the SSG to help them provide greater personalisation of learning in and beyond the school day, especially for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The new money is not ring-fenced. For 2006/07 the extra funding will be made available during September 2006.

The DfES criteria for allocations is based on the following:

- Unweighted pupil numbers (pupils aged 5yrs -15yrs at January 2006);
- Free School Meals (pupils aged 5yrs -15yrs at January 2006);
- Low prior attainment (KS1 Reading Writing or Maths below level 2, and KS2 English or Maths below level 4).

Indicative allocations have been calculated for Dudley schools and these are available on Inside Dudley as follows: [Children's Services/Resources and Planning/Education Finance Team/Indicative Budgets/SSG Additional Funding Calcs](#)

#### Deprivation Funding Review – DfES

- The DfES has now published the outcomes from the deprivation review earlier this year. [www.teachernet.gov.uk](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk) lists the local authority statements, the technical review of deprivation indicators together with contextual attainment data. LAs and School Forums will be asked to undertake a full review of local arrangements to consider the extent to which their own arrangements deliver resources to schools in a way that best supports schools to close the gap in pupil outcomes. Any formula changes will be effective from April 2008.

#### Falling Pupil Numbers

- The table below highlights the fall in confirmed pupil numbers used to calculate the Dedicated Schools Grant between 2005 and 2006.
- The loss of 715 pupils equates to reduction in funding for Dudley of £2.5m for 2006/07.

Sector	January 2005 Dudley – DfES adjusted for LSC 16+ pupils (a)	January 2006 count Dudley-DfES adjusted (b)	Variance  (a) : (b)
Nursery	1,325	1,297	-28
Primary	26,187	25,773	-414
Secondary	20,423	20,282	-141
Special	604	586	-18
SLASC	100	91	-9
Form 8b	161	126	-35
Early Years	929	859	-70
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,729</b>	<b>49,014</b>	<b>-715</b>

## **Dedicated Schools Grant – 2006/07 Final Allocation**

- As a result of the fall in pupil numbers particularly in Early Years, compared to initial estimates, the final Dedicated Schools Grant has been confirmed as £173.955m, some £489k less than originally estimated. This was reported to Schools Forum on 11th July when the following decisions were taken:
  1. £200k originally allocated to fund Early Years growth will be retained to offset against the £489k deficit in 2006/07;
  2. The remaining £289k deficit will be carried forward to offset against 2007/08 Dedicated Schools Grant; this includes the one off planned allocations of £250k to the full service extended schools.

## **Section 52 2006/07 Budget Statement reissued for DSG change Table 1 only.**

- As a result of the revision to the DSG, Table 1 of the Section 52 Budget Statement was amended and re-submitted to the DfES in July 2006. The changes are not significant.

The revised version is available on Inside Dudley as follows:

[Children's Services/Resources and Planning/Education Finance Team/Section 52 Budget Statement 2006-07](#)

## **Clawback of Reserves**

- Overall school balances have risen again. The Director has received satisfactory statements of intent from all schools with excessive budget carry-forward. Following minor changes to the LMS scheme for 2007/08 the exercise will be repeated in 2007 to ensure that excessive balances have been reduced as planned.

## **2007/08 and Later Years Budget**

- School indicative budgets for 2007/08 will be issued in February 2007.
- The DfES will release financial budget data for the multi-year period 2008-2011 during the Autumn 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR).
- The DfES has announced that they will issue a consultation paper in Spring 2007 in respect of the current funding process including the DSG.

## **Schools Forum Dates**

- The dates below have been agreed for School Forum meetings for the 2006/07 academic year:  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007.

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