

Information for Schools Forum 3rd October 2006  
Budget Monitoring at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006 for 2006/07

RACG

School Specific Contingency (SSC) £ 244k 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. The £244k relates to the overspend in 2005/06 as reported elsewhere on agenda.

RACG

Union Duties £84k 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.

RACL

Future Years DSG £289k o/s

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

RAMC

Statemented Pupils £238k o/s

*Budget Holder – Sharon Hearne (extra district and statements), Joanne Tasker (salaries)*

£50k - Costs for CM, MB, HS and AG. These costs are for children receiving support from a private provision as the service can't 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. Agreed by Jacky King. CM receives education, care, working training and mentoring support in order for him to be maintained at Old Park School.

## ITEM 10 - APPENDIX B

Original funding agreed by Jacky King. 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.

The cost of the provision now exceeds the budget.

£88k - 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.

£55k - 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 - 9 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 £78k 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. A paper is currently being compiled by JT to take to DPT to agree the strategy for the full deployment of the staff. This issue is an ongoing until such time that the schools take the NNEB contract on.

£7k – other salaries costs.

### RAMH

Key Stage 4 Pupil Referral Unit (Abberley Street) £72k u/s

*Budget Holder – Gill Edgar*

The underspend has occurred due to unfilled staff vacancies which are due to be filled by Sept 06.

### RAMI

Bromley Pensnett Pre School assessment Unit £4k u/s

*Budget Holder – Kate Manders*

The underspend is due to savings on superannuation for Nursery Nurses not subscribing to the scheme.

RAML

Key Stage 3 Pupil Referral Unit (Meadow Road) £28k 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 5 months. Two new teaching staff are due to start September 06.

RAMM

Special Enhanced Nurseries £6k u/s

*Budget Holder – Jane Marsh*

The underspend is because one Teaching Assistant had some unpaid leave, another Teaching Assistant was seconded and her post was covered by in house supply. This also led to savings on superannuation and national insurance.

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.

RAMW

Exclusions – Stephenson House £91k o/s

*Budget Holder – Chris Warner*

Overspend derived from 05/06 costs plus inflation.

SLA 06/07 has not yet been agreed, to be effective from Sept 06. Current proposal would generate an overspend of £91k. Additional costs due to withdrawal of NCH contribution plus increased number of pupils from 6 to 12 from Sept 06, they are now taking girls. Memo to be drafted by Jon McCabe to brief Pauline Sharratt prior to agreement of SLA.

SLA – current 6 but proposed to increase to 12.

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 £6k

*Budget Holder – Jane Cooper*

The supply budget is going to overspend due to an excessive number of referrals for Home Tuition. Other than September Home Teachers work over and above their contracted hours in order to help meet this demand. They are continuing to receive on average 5 referrals per week. It is impossible to predict the level of need required.

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.

RATP

Out of Borough Placements £338k o/s

*Budget Holder – Sharon Hearne*

Projection refined.

11 children placed part way through 05/06, full costs 06/07 plus 2 new placements made 06/07.

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 £175k 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.

Current SLAs:

- Dudley College – 15 places. £110k
- Newhall – 10 places. £137k
- St Thomas's – 10 places. £72k
- Stourbridge College – 10 places. £99k
- Wheels – 10 places. £72k

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