

**City of Westminster**

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| <b>Committee:</b>         | <b>Date:</b>   | <b>Title of Report:</b>                           |
| Westminster Schools Forum | 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2013  | 2012-13 DSG Outturn and Schools Year End Balances |
| <b>Classification:</b>    |  | <b>Information paper of:</b>                      |
| For General Release       |  | Interim Business Partner - Schools                |
| <b>Wards involved</b>     | All  |   |
| <b>Policy context</b>     | Inform Westminster Schools Forum on how the DSG was spent in 2012-13 and what the end of year balances are for individual schools. |   |
| <b>Financial Summary</b>  | None   |   |

**1. Introduction**

Every year City of Westminster receives an allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant from the Educating Funding Agency to fund its maintained schools and recoupment academies.

In 2012-13 City of Westminster had 4 Nursery Schools, 38 Primary Schools, 4 Secondary Schools, 3 with 6<sup>th</sup> Form and 2 Special Schools. In addition there is also 1 Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) and 5 high needs attached units. During 2012-13, 4 maintained schools converted to Academy status. They are: Millbank Primary, Grey Coat Hospital, Westminster City and St George's RC.

**2. 2012-13 Dedicated Schools Grant**

City of Westminster was allocated £123.991M DSG by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) in 2012-13. Out of this figure, the EFA recouped £27.856M for schools that have converted to Academy status as they are funded directly by the EFA. As a consequence City of Westminster received £96.135M to spend on remaining schools and centrally retained services for schools in 2012-13.

City of Westminster had a brought forward balance of £0.678M in DSG Reserve from 2011-12. At the close of 2012-13, there was a further underspend of £0.699M in DSG. This in turn increased the DSG Reserve to £1.377M as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

Appendix A is a copy of the note disclosing the deployment of the Dedicated Schools Grant for City of Westminster in 2012-13.

### **3. 2012-13 DSG Variances**

Appendix B shows the detailed variances within the DSG funded area.

### **4. Schools Year End Balances**

The total balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 excluding in year academy conversion schools totalled £6.919M in individual school's reserve. There is an overall increase in year surplus of £106,269 across all schools.

The four schools that converted to Academy status had balances totalling £1.539M between them which was transferred.

Appendix C highlights the closing balances for all the maintained schools in City of Westminster for the past three years.

Three schools closed with a deficit at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. They are Mary Paterson Nursery School, Wilberforce Primary School and Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Special School. All three schools will be monitored and a deficit repayment plan will need to be agreed with their respective Governing Body.

We have written to all schools to ask for the breakdown between committed and uncommitted balances and this will be reported to a future meeting of the Schools Forum.

## **5 Recommendations**

5.1 Schools Forum is asked to note the contents of the report;