



## Walsall Children's Services

**Report to:** Schools Forum

**Date:** 28 September 2010

**Subject:** Dedicated Schools Grant 2010-2011 Final Settlement

**Contact:** Julie Taylor

**Purpose of the report:** To confirm the final settlement of Dedicated Schools Grant to be paid to the local authority for the 2010-2011 financial year

**Decision:** None

## **Dedicated Schools Grant 2010-2011**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 Each year during the autumn term, usually in November, the DfE notify local authorities of the estimated level of DSG grant an LA might expect, based on the DfE projections of pupil numbers to be recorded on census data. These projected pupil numbers for each LA are then multiplied by the guaranteed per pupil funding unit to arrive at an indicative level of DSG grant.
- 1.2 When determining budgets for the following year LAs can either use the indicative income figures provided by the DfE or use the confirmed guaranteed pupil funding unit with their own local estimates of pupil numbers.
- 1.3 DfE projections have, so far for Walsall, been felt to be too high compared to our own local projections and as such we have chosen to use our own pupil projections to calculate the level of indicative DSG funding to use in budget calculations.
- 1.4 Once census data has been validated by DfE, the funding team calculates final DSG settlements and each LA was notified of its final DSG figure on 5 July 2010. This notification is always after the beginning of the financial year.
- 1.5 As budget allocations to schools are based on an estimate of DSG income using census data received from schools in the spring term, it is vital that pupil data recorded by schools is accurate. Any errors made will be factored into validated data used by DfE to calculate our final settlement and impact on funding available to the Schools Budget.

### **2. Final 2010-2011 DSG Settlement**

- 2.1 Appendix 1 details the notified Summary of Final DSG settlement to Walsall for the 2010-2011 financial year. Column 1 indicates the estimates made of pupils across the authority from census data provided. Column 2 indicates final pupil numbers from census validated by DfE.
- 2.2 Column 3 of the summary indicates the variation in pupil numbers and its impact on projected funding. In spring 2010 it was estimated, locally, that our pupil population at census date was 42,002 pupils and would provide DSG of £183.604 million before recoupment of academy funding, and net allocation of £175.505 million.
- 2.3 Column 2 details validated pupil data used by the DfE to calculate our final DSG figure i.e. 41,985 pupils, a net difference of 17 pupils, providing a final DSG, before recoupment, of £183.530 million, some £74,000 less than our locally estimated DSG figure.
- 2.4 It is expected that this variation in grant funding of £74,000 will be contained within the 2010-11 Schools Specific Contingency.

# SUMMMARY OF FINAL VALIDATED DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT

LA: Walsall

No: 335

## CALCULATION OF PUPILS TO BE USED IN THE DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2010-11

	Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3
	LOCAL PROJECTED DATA	VALIDATED DATA	VARIATION
	Mar-10	May-10	
A Pupils from Schools Census and School Level Annual Schools Census 2009	41637	41639	2
B Pupils from Alternative Provision 2009	40	40	0
C Pupils from Early Years Census 2009	326	307	-19
D 3yo adjustment for universal provision	0	0	0
E Transferring Schools <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0
<b>Total pupils for the 2010-11 Dedicated Schools Grant (A+B+C+D+E)</b>	<b>42002</b>	<b>41985</b>	<b>-17</b>
	£	£	£
2010-11 Guaranteed per pupil unit of funding (£)	4,371.33	4,371.33	
<b>Final 2010-11 DSG allocation (£m) before academy recoupment 2</b>	<b>183.604 m</b>	<b>183.530 m</b>	<b>-74,000</b>
Deduction for academy recoupment	-8.099 m	-8.099 m	0
<b>Final 2010-11 DSG allocation (£m)</b>	<b>175.505 m</b>	<b>175.431 m</b>	<b>-74,000</b>