



## Dedicated Schools Grant

**Report to:** Schools Forum

**Date:** 09 October 2012

**Subject:** Dedicated Schools Grant

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**Purpose of the report:** To seek approval from Schools Forum for the dates regarding the discussion around Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations and usage for 2011/12 and 2012/13 that will be reported to the Department of Education. The report also informs that Grant Thornton the council's auditors were satisfied with the 2011/12 DSG statement.

**Recommendations:** See the end of the report

## 1. Background

- 1.1. All councils are asked to return 3 statements to the DfE on an annual basis. In the autumn 2 of these are due, Walsall responses are required on Deployment of DSG: Outturn 2011/12 and allocation of DSG budget 2012/13.
- 1.2. The Chief Finance Officer (CFO) of Walsall Council (James Walsh) has to sign these 2 statements on behalf of the council (**Appendix 1 and 2**). This report covers the points that the CFO will be signing for.

## 2. 2011-12 DSG (Appendix 1)

- 2.1. The CFO confirms that the DSG was correctly deployed
- 2.2. The CFO attaches a copy of the note that was included in Walsall council's statement of accounts (**Appendix 3**).
- 2.3. The CFO has to confirm that the audit undertaken by Grant Thornton had no adverse statements. There were no adverse statements. The report can be accessed here:

<http://www2.walsall.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12060>

- 2.4. The rest of the report focuses on the Schools Financial Value Standard

## 3. 2012-13 DSG

- 3.1. The note to be signed by the CFO with respect to the 2012-13 budgeted DSG contains the following paragraph: "I James Walsh confirm that Walsall local authority's 2012-13 DSG allocation announced by the Department on 26 June 2012, and modified by any positive or negative DSG balance brought forward from 2011-12, will be fully allocated in support of the Schools Budget."
- 3.2. The announcement on 26 June has not impacted Walsall's plans. The variance was less than 0.01% on initial plans. The budgeted amounts were discussed in depth in March 2012
- 3.3. Walsall Council is proposing that **9 October 2012** should be the applicable date.

## 4. Recommendations.

- 4.1. Schools Forum is asked to note the Outturn 2011/12 DSG CFO Statement
- 4.2. Schools Forum is asked to approve the use of 9 October 2012 for the 2012/13 DSG budget statement.
- 4.3. Schools Forum is asked to note that Grant Thornton have made no adverse statements regarding the 2011/12 DSG expenditure
- 4.4. Schools Forum is asked to note that very high level of accuracy in forecasting pupil numbers.

## Department for Education

### **BUDGET 2012-13 DSG CFO STATEMENT**

James Walsh

335 Walsall

#### **Chief Finance Officer's Statement confirming the budgeted allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant 2012-13 in support of the Schools Budget (grant condition B)**

I James Walsh confirm that Walsall local authority's 2012-13 DSG allocation announced by the Department on 26 June 2012, and modified by any positive or negative DSG balance brought forward from 2011-12, will be fully allocated in support of the Schools Budget.

The budgeted allocation of the DSG was discussed with the Schools Forum on 9 October 2012.

**\*This date refers to the Schools Forum discussion following the announcement of your L DSG allocation and should be after 26 June 2012.**

Signed.....

James Walsh

Chief Finance Officer

Date.....

The signed statement should be returned by **Friday 28th September 2012** to:

Marcia Richards

Education Funding Agency

Department for Education (4th Floor)

Sanctuary Buildings

Great Smith Street

London SW1P 3BT



## OUTTURN 2011-12 DSG CFO STATEMENT

James Walsh

335 Walsall

### **Chief Finance Officer's Statement confirming the actual deployment of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) in support of the Schools Budget**

I James Walsh confirm that the DSG received by this Authority in 2011-12 was fully deployed in support of the Schools Budget in accordance with the conditions of grant and the School Finance Regulations 2011.

I confirm that the audited Note to the Accounts concerning the DSG gives a correct statement of how the DSG was deployed. I attach a copy of this Note which has been completed in line with CIPFA's Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom.

**I also confirm that there were no adverse statements in the Authority's audited 2011-12 Statement of Accounts regarding regularity or propriety.**

I confirm that I have in place a system of audit for schools which gives me adequate assurance over their standards of financial management and the regularity and propriety of their spending. During the financial year 2011-12 there was no requirement for schools maintained by the Authority to carry out the assessment of the Schools Financial Value Standard because all schools had attained the Financial Management Standard in Schools (FMSiS) by 31 March 2010.

Signed .....

James Walsh

Chief Finance Officer

Date.....

**The signed statement should be returned by Wednesday, 31 October 2012 to:**

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Education Funding Agency (4th Floor)  
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Great Smith Street  
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## Walsall Council Financial Report 2011/12

### 44. Dedicated schools grant

The council's expenditure on schools is funded by grant monies provided by Department for Education, the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). DSG is ring-fenced and can only be applied to meet expenditure properly included in the schools budget. The schools budget includes elements for a restricted range of services provided on a council wide basis and for the individual schools budget (ISB), which is divided into budget shares for each school. Over and under spends on the two elements are required to be accounted for separately. The council has not supplemented the schools budget from its own resources this year.

Details of the deployment of DSG receivable for 2011/12 which has been deployed in accordance with the Schools Standard and Framework Act (1998 14) are shown in the following table:

2010/11			Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	2011/12		
Central Expenditure £m	ISB £m	Total £m		Central Expenditure £m	ISB £m	Total £m
(17.467)	(157.541)	(175.008)	Final DSG for year	(17.801)	(166.052)	(183.853)
(1.103)	0.000	(1.103)	Plus brought forward from previous year	(0.476)	0.000	(0.476)
0.000	0.000	0.000	Less carry forward to next year agreed in advance	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>(18.570)</b>	<b>(157.541)</b>	<b>(176.111)</b>	<b>Agreed budgeted distribution in year</b>	<b>(18.277)</b>	<b>(166.052)</b>	<b>(184.329)</b>
18.094	0.000	18.094	Less actual central expenditure	14.190	0.000	14.190
0.000	157.541	157.541	Less actual ISB deployed to schools	0.000	166.052	166.052
0.000	0.000	0.000	Plus local authority contribution in year	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>(0.476)</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>(0.476)</b>	<b>Carry forward to next year</b>	<b>(4.087)</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>(4.087)</b>