

DSG Outturn 2012/13.

1. Overall, DSG was under spent by £44,497 in 2012/13. In addition £256k of additional grant was received in 2012/13 and used to help fund the provision for sponsored academies. An explanation of the budget variances in excess of £50k are shown in the table below

Over spends	Amount	Reason
Additional in year allocations to special schools	£98k	Due to pupil number increases – including out county pupils for which additional income is received.
Business rates	£102k	Mainly due to additional business rates due to delayed academy conversions.
Underspends		
Complex Needs	£329k	Block payments and fee reductions reduced costs

2. Schools Forum agreed in January 2012 that “in principle the future policy should be that any underspend should be allocated to schools and early years settings based on pupil numbers”. Given the expected cost pressure on the high needs budget it is proposed that the DSG 2012/13 underspend of £44,496 is retained and used to support the high needs budget.
3. School Balances of £5,536k at 31st March 2013 have been carried forward to the new financial year compared with balances of £5,789 at 31st March 2012. This is a net reduction of £253k however after adjusting for £501k paid to academies on conversion during 2012/13 the true comparison is an increase in balances of £248k.
4. At the end of 2012/13 seven schools and one PRU were in deficit and the total deficit was £684k compared previously with 5 schools and two PRUs and a total deficit of £537k. Most of these were predicted and recovery actions have already been discussed if not yet agreed. Recovery plans will be formalised during the summer term and autumn terms.
5. School deficits were
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| Aylestone | £350k |
| Broadlands | £234k |
| Weston-u-Penyard | £37k |
| Lea | £24k |
| Withington | £24k |
| Aconbury PRU | £6k |
| Madley | £5k |
6. Llangrove converted to an academy in February 2013 with a £4k deficit which will be re-imbursed by the DfE.