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**SCHOOLS BUDGET MONITOR 2018-19 QUARTER 1**

*Report of the Director of Children's Services*

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**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To inform Schools Forum of the quarter 1 position for the Schools Budget for 2018-19 at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 Government funding for schools by way of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) means that any variances in the Schools Budget are “ring fenced” and cannot be used elsewhere. This paper gives details of the forecast variances in the revenue outturn against the Schools Budget.
- 2.2 The Schools Budget for 2018-19 was as follows:

Description	Amount £m
Net Schools Budget including use of carry forward	613.035
Academies Recoupment	343.590
Gross Schools Budget including Academies Recoupment	956.624

**3 Schools Budget Variances**

The forecast overspend on the Schools Budget for 2018-19 is £0.134m

Annex A provides a more detailed breakdown of the variances. This presents the information in a different format to previous monitoring reports, with the variances and explanations set out in a table.

The forecast expenditure shown includes the items which have slipped from 2017-18 (special schools capital, the disapplication and the allocation of primary contingency funding).

**4 Conclusion**

- 4.1 The Forum is asked to note and comment on the quarter 1 monitor position.