

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
SCHOOLS FORUM**

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<p><b>AGENDA ITEM</b></p> <p><b>6</b></p>
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**Schools Budget Monitor Report 2019-20 End of Autumn Term (Q3)**

Report of the Director of Children’s Services

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**1. Purpose**

1.1. To inform Schools Forum of the monitor position for the Schools budget for 2019-20 at the end of the Autumn term 2019.

**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 2019-20 is as follows:

Description	Amount £m
Net Schools Budget including use of carry forward	611.646
Academies Recoupment	372.085
Gross Schools Budget including Academies Recoupment	983.731

**3. Schools Budget Variances**

3.1. The forecast underspend on the Schools Budget for 2019-20 is £679k underspend.

3.2. The table below shows the variance by block. Variances in grant attributed to relevant blocks are included in the table below. Annex A provides a more detailed breakdown of the variances, with the variances and explanations set out in a table.

	Latest Approved Budget £'000	Forecast Outturn £'000	Total excluding Retrospective Adjustments to DSG £'000	2018-19 Retrospective Adjustments to DSG £'000	Projected Over/ (Under)spend £'000
Schools	405,289	405,063	-226	0	-226
Early Years	90,529	86,683	-1,346	-2,500	-3,846
High Needs	108,932	112,395	3,767	-304	3,463
Central Schools Services	6,896	6,826	-70	0	-70
<b>Total</b>	<b>611,646</b>	<b>610,967</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>-2,804</b>	<b>-679</b>

#### 4. Conclusion

4.1. The Forum is asked to note and comment on the end of Autumn term 2019 monitor position.