Schools Forum 26th May 2017

Agenda Item: 2016/17 Closing DSG Balances

1 DSG Balance – Delegated Budgets

1.1 Over the last 5 years, the balances of maintained school balances at the end of the year has been as follows:

School Balances	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
General revenue	£5.915m	£5.276m	£6.273m	£6.079m	£3.950m
Single status	£3.002m	£3.193m	£3.210m	£3.824m	£3.426m
Total	£8.917m	£8.469m	£9.483m	£9.903m	£7.376m
No. of Schools	67	63	63	64	62

1.2 Thus after a modestly upward trend for several years, there has been a sharp decrease in 2016/17 in the level of revenue balances held by T&W schools. Between 2015/16 and 2016/17 the movements by sector were as follows:

School Balances	2015/16	2016/17	
Primary	£6.835m	£5.718m	
Secondary	£1.361m	£0.211m	
Special/PRU	£1.067m	£0.806m	
Central single status	£0.639m	£0.641m	
Total	£9.903m	£7.376m	

2 DSG Balance – Non Delegated Budgets

2.1 Over the last 5 years the non delegated (or 'central') DSG balance at the end of the year has been as follows:

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Central DSG	£0.593m	£0.458m	£0.852m	£0.351m	£0.271m

2.2 Whilst remaining a positive balance, the amount remaining in 2016/17 was lower than at any point in the last few years. It will be used to support the 2017/18 budget.

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