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2023/24 Advanced notice of planned carry forwards

Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value and Interim Chief Officer of Children's Services

Recommendations

It is recommended that Schools Forum:

a) Agree in principle the surplus budget carry forwards to 2023/24 as set out in Table 1. All to vote

1. Surplus Carry Forward Requests

1.1. The table below sets out all current known (estimated) carry forward requests, these will be confirmed and finalised during the closedown process. The total DSG overspend as at month 10 is £41.1 million after allowing for the requested carry forwards as detailed below:

Table 1: Surplus budget carry forward requests

Budget Line	Amount £'000	Notes
Growth Fund	2,709	Rolled forward 2022/23 underspend to fund ongoing growth fund
Total Central Provision	2,709	
Schools and DSG Contingency	550	Rolled forward to fund contingency agreements in 2023/24 onwards
	640	Rolled to fund School Effectiveness team in 2023/24
Maternity	150	Rolled forward 2022/23 underspend to fund ongoing maternity fund
Total De-delegated budgets	1,436	
Hospital Education	16	Rolled forward 2022/23 underspend
SEND 100	22	Rolled forward to fund Support of Projects
SEN 100 Projects	877	Rolled forward balance of SEND 100 Projects budgets to 2023/24
Total High Needs	915	
Early Years Pupil Premium	100	Project proposal currently being produced
Total Early Years budget	100	
Total Carry forward requested	5,074	

- 1.2. Maintained School balances and Special School balances will automatically carry forward to 2023/24 in individual budgets. The values of these will not be known until year end accruals have been undertaken.
- 1.3. We are asking schools to explain both surplus and deficit balances as part of the year end accruals process in 2022/23 to remove the chasing of such data during May and June as in previous years.

2. Recommendations

1. Schools Formula to agree in principle surplus budget carry forwards to 2023/24 as set out in Table 1.

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