

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

22 December 2022

Our ref: 8781280

Thank you for your request received on 6 December 2022, for the following information:

- 1. Please provide the council's response to the DLUHC consultation/survey on the removal of the current statutory override on Dedicated School Grant deficits (i.e. removing the ringfence of DSG deficits that means they do not have to be funded from available reserves)**
- 2. What is the current forecast in-year underspend/overspend outturn on the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2022/23 (i.e. the forecast outturn for the end of the financial year, applying only to 2022/23 budgets)?**
- 3. What is the current forecast cumulative position on the Dedicated Schools Grant by the end of 2022/23 (i.e. the forecast cumulative surplus or deficit by the end of the financial year)?**
- 4. What is the forecast level of reserves by the end of 2022/23 for those reserves that have the capacity to be used to cover any Dedicated Schools Grant deficit?**
- 5. Please state if the council's Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision is covered by a safety valve agreement, a Delivering Best Value arrangement, or any other agreement with the national government**
- 6. Please provide a list of the council's Key Performance Indicators (or similar targets) in 2022/23 concerning SEND, including the 2021/22 benchmark for those KPIs, any annual or quarterly targets/benchmarks in 2022/23 and the performance against those targets/benchmarks to date**
- 7. Please list the staff roles within the council's SEND team (those staff employed by the council to manage and deliver SEND eligibility and provision)**
- 8. Is performance against these KPIs (as referred to in question 6) considered in the pay, bonuses or performance management of any SEND staff/management? Please provide details.**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are

below

**1. Please provide the council's response to the DLUHC consultation/survey on the removal of the current statutory override on Dedicated School Grant deficits (i.e. removing the ringfence of DSG deficits that means they do not have to be funded from available reserves)**

Please note the response has not been made public yet, so we are unable to provide this data at present.

**2. What is the current forecast in-year underspend/overspend outturn on the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2022/23 (i.e. the forecast outturn for the end of the financial year, applying only to 2022/23 budgets)?**

£1.830m underspend

**3. What is the current forecast cumulative position on the Dedicated Schools Grant by the end of 2022/23 (i.e. the forecast cumulative surplus or deficit by the end of the financial year)?**

£6.7m

**4. What is the forecast level of reserves by the end of 2022/23 for those reserves that have the capacity to be used to cover any Dedicated Schools Grant deficit?**

£4.3m

**5. Please state if the council's Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision is covered by a safety valve agreement, a Delivering Best Value arrangement, or any other agreement with the national government**

No

**6. Please provide a list of the council's Key Performance Indicators (or similar targets) in 2022/23 concerning SEND, including the 2021/22 benchmark for those KPIs, any annual or quarterly targets/benchmarks in 2022/23 and the performance against those targets/benchmarks to date**

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

**7. Please list the staff roles within the council's SEND team (those staff employed by the council to manage and deliver SEND eligibility and provision)**

- Director of SEND & Inclusion
- Head of SEN Assessments & Placements Team
- Deputy Head of SEN Assessments & Placements Team

**8. Is performance against these KPIs (as referred to in question 6) considered in the pay, bonuses or performance management of any SEND staff/management? Please provide details.**

No

**Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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