

## Update for Matters Arising December 2019

1. **De-delegated contingency underspend**  
For 2020/21 budget setting it is proposed that £50k be realigned from de-delegated contingency to the staff cover budget, reflecting the increased costs incurred in this area. Please see *2020/21 Proposed De-delegated Budget* report on agenda.
2. **Funding for Foundry College**  
Please see *High Needs Block update* report on agenda.
3. **2018/19 Central Block 'miscodings'**  
A review of the transactions involved has identified that the 'miscoded' spend is all DSG related, and is in part a result of business rates adjustments. Further investigative work is underway to establish options for resolution in-year.
4. **Early Years Block & Provider Reserve**  
The schools finance team are working on the presentation of a termly reconciliation report that would provide Schools Forum with greater visibility on the Provider Reserve Fund held within the Early Years (EY) Block. This will be included in future reports.

As discussed with Forum previously, any balance on this fund is passed back to providers as part of the final allocation for the year, however it is recognised that enhanced reporting during the year is informative for EY representatives.

The reserve fund set for 2019/20 is £203k, against the £229k held in previous years.

In response to the question on what happens to final allocations for providers who have closed during the year, it has been established that during 2018/19 2 providers closed, with a total sum of £4k held in the EY block as a result. This will form part of the overall reconciliation for 2019/20.

The local authority will continue to work with the Forum's EY representatives to ensure reporting and communications are informative and proportional.

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