**Narrative for cashflow report to end March 2017**

Overall, cashflow is still looking good for the year with March\April still looking to be our lowest months as predicted, but still within tolerance.

Since the last report the biggest variances between forecast figures and actuals have been in the “Capitation curriculum” expenditure group. This is due to the forecasting of the majority of exam entry costs coming out in June but they were actually paid out in March.

The “Other supplies and services” expenditure group has also varied bit from forecast. This is due mainly to catering maintenance costs and the timings of some subscription and license payments being different from expected.

The “School budget share” (EFA income) was lower in March as it is reduced for the Salix loan repayment. It will be back to normal in April.

The “Misc income\Bank interest” is much higher than expected in March as we received the bursary funding for the Combined Cadet Force.

“Pupil premium” income was higher than expected in March as we received an additional £5,000 for the Year 7 catch-up funding over what we had budgeted for.

All of these factors will be taken into account for future forecasts and having a full years’ cashflow data will also help when forecasting for next year.

For next year I am still planning on breaking down some categories such as “Misc income & Bank interest”, “Capitation curriculum”, and “Trip income/expenditure”, to match categories on the budget more closely. This will also make comparisons between expected and actual income/expenditure more accurate and meaningful.

The cashflow position will be re-forecast at the end of April to take us up to the end of the year.