

Schools Forum Decision Statement

Meeting: Friday 4 November 2022

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1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Clare Clark, Simon Bainbridge, Mark Vickers (substituted by Jo Gilman, Ryan Kelsall, Councillor Simone Taylor, Lesley Birch, Jon Duveen and Richard Spencer.

No declarations of interest received.

2. Schools Forum Minutes – 25 July

It was resolved:

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2022 as a correct record.

The action log was noted.

3. Update on Appointments

It was resolved to:

Note the new appointments outlined in Section 3.1 of the report.

4. Schools Budget Setting

It was resolved to:

Funding Formula

- a) Comment on the proposed LA approach for the Cambridgeshire Schools Funding Formula for 23/24.

High Needs Block Transfer

- b) Following previous discussions in respect of the Safety Valve Intervention Programmed Schools Forum, approve a block transfer between the Schools Block and High Needs Block of 1% - (circa £4.4m – actual amount to be

confirmed on receipt of final DSG allocations and subject to Secretary of State approval).

Notional SEN / High Needs Contingency

- c) Comment on the options for allocating the available £450k high needs contingency fund.
- d) Comment on the proposal to increase the percentage of delegated budget identified as notional SEN to align with regional and statistical neighbours

Central School Services Block

- e) Approve the continuation of the £733k contribution to Combined Budgets to support early intervention family workers.
- f) Approve the continuation of the £467k to support the Admissions Service.
- g) Approve the continuation of the £3k to support the servicing of Schools Forum.
- h) Note the proposed budgets for the national copyright licence arrangements, retained duties funding and the residual balance. Final figures will be presented at the January meeting of Schools Forum.

Education Functions and De-Delegations – Maintained Primary only

- i) Maintained Primary School representatives on Schools Forum are asked to note the proposed retained funding and de-delegations to be approved at the December meeting.

Growth Funding and New Schools

- j) Note and comment on the proposed changes to the Growth Funding to apply to 2023/24 only.
- k) Note the proposed variation to pupil numbers. Final numbers will be presented to Schools Forum in January.

5. Agenda Plan

It was resolved to:

Note the agenda plan.

6. Any Other Business

None

Notes:

- (a) Statements in larger type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.

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