

Cambridgeshire Schools Forum Decision Statement

Meeting: Friday 3 November 2023

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1. Appointment of Chair

Jon Culpin was reappointed as Chair of the forum for the academic year. ` 2023/24

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Richard Spencer was appointed as Vice Chair for the academic year 2023/24.

3. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Mark Vickers, Nadine Gooding-Hébert, Karen Scott, Carin Taylor and Duncan Ramsey.

Jon Culpin, Suzanne Connell and Richard Scott declared an interest in item 7 as their trusts had schools that received growth funding.

4. Schools Forum Minutes – 14 July 2023

It was resolved unanimously:

to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July as a correct record.

5. Schools Forum - Update on Appointments

It was resolved unanimously to:

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

6. Schools Forum - Update to Constitution

It was resolved unanimously to:

note the updates to the Schools Forum Constitution in section 2.1 of the report.

7. Schools Budget Setting 2024-25

It was resolved unanimously to:

Funding Formula

- a) comment on the proposed LA approach for the Cambridgeshire Schools Funding Formula for 2024/25.

High Needs Block Transfer

- b) vote on the approval of a block transfer between the Schools Block and High Needs Block of 1% - (circa £4.78m – actual amount to be confirmed on receipt of final DSG allocations and subject to SoS approval).

Central School Services Block

- c) approve the continuation of the £467k to support the Admissions Service.
- d) approve the continuation of the £3k to support the servicing of Schools Forum.
- e) note the proposed budgets for the national copyright licence arrangements and retained duties funding. Final figures will be presented at the January meeting of Schools Forum.

Education Functions and De-Delegations – Maintained Primary Representatives only

- f) note the proposed retained funding and de-delegations to be approved at the December meeting.

Growth Funding and New Schools

- g) note and comment on the proposed changes to the Growth Funding amounts to apply to 2024/25.
- h) note the proposed variation to pupil numbers. Final numbers will be presented to Schools Forum in January.
- i) note and comments on the potential implementation of a Falling Rolls Fund for 2024/25.

8. Agenda Plan

The agenda plan was noted.