

SCHOOLS FORUM MINUTES ACTION LOG

The Action Log updated as at 9th January 2020 captures the actions from meetings of the Cambridgeshire Schools Forum requiring a response / or the response undertaken and completed since the last Action Log update.

MINUTES 14TH DECEMBER 2018

ITEM	MINUTE NUMBER AND REPORT TITLE	LEAD OFFICER	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSE	STATUS
1.	87. High Needs Block Funding – The Challenges for Cambridgeshire	Service Director of Education Jon Lewis	Work on looking at what efficiencies could be found and demand for high need services reduced would be undertaken by the Schools Forum Working Group. It was suggested that it would be helpful to see the alternatives devised by other authorities.	This was ongoing work and would be the subject of reports back to Forum. A High Needs Proposal and Consultations update Report is scheduled to be included on the 17th January Forum meeting agenda.	Action Ongoing

MINUTES 12TH JULY 2019

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1.	120. Review of Maintained Nurseries	Jon Lewis Service Director of Education / Hazel Belchamber	Agreed an update report on the review would be presented to Forum and that no decision would be made before the beginning of 2020. An update provide to December Forum is included as set out in the next column.	Following the agreement by the Department for Education (DfE) to continue funding to Nursery Schools for a further year, officers continue to work with Nursery Heads and governors over the longer term future of the Nursery Schools. A report will be	Action Ongoing

				brought to Schools Forum when appropriate. An update on any progress will be brought back to the February Forum meeting.	
MINUTES 8TH NOVEMBER 2019					
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3B.	129. Schools Funding Update – November 2019 2020/21 School Funding Arrangements	Martin Wade	Provide more detail on the breakdown of the 19-25 education £5m deficit.	Analysis is ongoing and will be updated prior to meeting with the DfE in January. It will be shared with Forum on completion.	Action Ongoing
3G.	129. Schools Funding Update – November 2019 Centrally Retained Funding and De-Delegations – Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) Funding.	Martin Wade	Officers to bring back proposals on risk protection	The consultation ended on 4th November and the DfE had planned to publish the response in the first week of December. However, as a result of purdah, the publication of the Government's response is expected to be in January 2020 and as such will be presented at the next meeting of Forum.	Action Ongoing
3I.	129. Schools Funding Update – November 2019 High Needs Block	Jon Lewis	Share the SEND review at a future meeting and in the SEND Working Group.	This is due to be published in the new year including the finalised Social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs review.	Action ongoing

3J.	129. Schools Funding Update – November 2019 High Needs Block	Jon Lewis	Explore the option of borrowing money to help fund the High Needs Block to stop children going out of County.	Officers will be seeking guidance from the DfE in their meeting with them in January when they are due to discuss the Local Authority's recovery plan. A full update report will be brought to School Forum in February following that meeting which is not being held until 13 th January. A brief update will be provided at the current meeting.	Action ongoing
MINUTES 18TH DECEMBER 2019					
136.	SCHOOLS FUNDING UPDATE			.	
	a) Suffolk County Council approach to tackling their budget deficit	John Lewis	It was highlighted that Suffolk County Council were forecasting a deficit of £21m, cumulative of £47m and were consulting on a 0.5% transfer. A member sought clarification as to how they had a greater deficit but were proposing a lower transfer. Action required: The Director of Education confirmed he would contact Suffolk County Council to find out more information regarding how they were managing their budget.	Oral update to be provided at the meeting	

	b) Consultation proposal to apply for disapplication to the minimum per pupil levels - Spreadsheet showing the effect on schools on different reduction scenarios on Minimum Per Pupil Levels (MPPLs)	Martin Made	Action: Officers to look to add another column to show the real impact of the decrease in the funding allocation. Officers agreed to make this change and would go for a 0% figure, and lose the 100 and 150 columns and refine them down.	The intention was to provide updated figures based on the latest pupil numbers.	ACTION ONGOING
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