

SCHOOLS FORUM MINUTE ACTION LOG

The Action Log captures the actions arising from meetings of the Cambridgeshire Schools Forum. This is the updated action log as at 21st March 2019

MINUTES 5TH OCTOBER 2018

Minute Number	Title of Report	Lead Officer	Action	Update	Status
76.	HIGH NEEDS BLOCK a) More detail on Main Areas of overspend	Jon Lewis	That for the next meeting the main areas of overspend highlighted in the table under para 1.4 needed to be broken down further to show age profile and location in the County.	At the January Forum meeting it was indicated that the aim was to provide this information at the February workshop. Oral update to be provided at the meeting	Action ongoing
	b) Home Tuition	Jon Lewis	There was a request for information on how many of them had an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP)	At the January Forum meeting it was indicated that the aim was to provide this information at the February workshop. Oral update to be provided at the meeting	Action ongoing

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82.	ACTION LOG	Rob Sanderson/ Nick Mills	Agreeing to terminate an appointment after a member failed to attend three consecutive meetings.	Democratic Services from the January Forum meeting had started monitoring attendance	Action ongoing

85.	CAMBRIDGESHIRE 2019/20 SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA	Jon Lee	Suggested that it would be useful to have data on the carryforwards for schools in neighbouring authorities, as well as information on why the money had been put aside. Approaching other schools to share such information would also serve to open dialogue on the issue. Action: Head of Integrated Finance Services	This information will be included in the Schools Balances Report going to Forum meeting in July.	Action Ongoing
87.	HIGH NEEDS BLOCK FUNDING – THE CHALLENGES FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE	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 to be held on 1st February 2020. 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 in due course.	Action Ongoing.

JANUARY FORUM MEETING

<u>95.</u>	2019-20 SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA a) Growth Fund Query	Martin Wade	<p>Clarification was sought over the difference in funding and how much was spent, noting that the Growth Fund requirement from the authority was £5m, with Government giving only £3.3m</p> <p>Forum was told that an initial analysis on this situation would be carried out and presented to the Forum in March, in order to consider presenting the evidence to Government later in the year</p>	<p>The National changes were set out in the reports to the October and December meetings. The cost of the guaranteed numbers for new schools within the formula is a direct cost to all schools. The cost of pre-opening /diseconomies funding for 2019/20 is taken from the £2.5m Growth Fund. The remaining growth fund allocations will not be agreed until May/June, based on requests from schools. As a result, the information would be included as part of the growth allocations report to at the July Forum meeting</p>	Action ongoing
	b) Indicative Budget Figures	Jon Lewis	<p>At the January Committee meeting It was indicated that e draft figures would be put together as soon as possible after the meeting to send to schools in order for them to be able carry out their own calculations to estimate any potential loss</p>	Oral update to be provided	
96.	Proposed Future Schools Forum Dates After July 2019	Democratic Services	<p>Democratic Services would set up the meetings agreed by the Forum and circulate information to all members.</p>	Undertaken following the meeting	Action completed

97.	AGENDA PLAN	Sam Surtees	The lead officer indicated that she would seek to obtain and provide information on the number of cases that went to tribunals in discussion with colleagues in Special Education Needs (SEN) services.	This data had been requested and reminders sent.	Action Ongoing
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