

Schools Forum Decision Statement

Meeting: Friday 6th November 2020

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1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Sasha Howard substituted by Tony Davies
And Joe Mc Crossan

No declarations of interest were made.

2. Schools Forum Minutes - 17th July 2020

It was resolved:

to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2020 as a correct record.

3. Minutes Action Log October 2020

It was resolved:

to note the action log.

4. Schools Funding Update Covering Report - November 2020

2021/22 School Funding Arrangements

It was resolved:

1. to note and comment on the national funding announcements.

Consultation Process and Responses

It was resolved:

2. to comment on the responses received to the consultation and the proposed Local Authority (LA) approach.

Schools Block and High Needs Block

It was resolved:

3. Not to approve a block transfer between the Schools Block and the High Needs Block

De-Delegations

It was resolved:

5. to approve the continuation of de-delegations in respect of:

- i) Contingency
- ii) Free School Meals Eligibility
- iii) Maternity
- iv) Trade Union Facilities Time

Central Schools Services Block

It was resolved:

6. to approve:

- v) the reduction in Contribution to Children's Services from £1.5m to £1m for 2021/22.
- vi) the continuation of the £733k to support early intervention family workers.
- vii) the transfer of £1,085k from the Central Schools Service Block (CSSB) to the High Needs Block.
- viii) the continued use of the retained duties funding within the CSSB to support ongoing functions.
- ix) the continued retention of £10 per pupil from maintained schools for services specifically provided to maintained schools.

It was resolved:

7. to comment on the proposal for Schools to be charged for 40% of the current Broadband costs following the further reduction in funding.

Growth Fund and New School Funding

It was resolved:

8. to approve:

- x) the continuation of the current growth fund criteria and funding rates for 2021/22
- xi) the continuation of the centrally retained growth fund to £2m.
- xii) the variation to pupil numbers for new schools.
- xiii) the underwriting of pupil numbers for new schools in the future – subject to changes in national policy

5. Schools Forum Agenda Plan Update October 2020

It was resolved to:

note the agenda plan.

Notes:

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

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