

SCHOOLS FORUM MINUTES ACTION LOG

The Action Log updated as at 9th December 2019 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.	<p>This was ongoing work and would be the subject of reports back to Forum.</p> <p>A briefing on progress was provided following the close of the Formal Forum meeting in July.</p> <p>A High Needs Proposal and Consultations Report is scheduled to be included on the 17th January Forum meeting.</p>	Action Ongoing

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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 as at 9 th December is now included 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 brought to Schools Forum when appropriate.	Action Ongoing
2.	121. Maintained Schools and Dedicated Schools Grant Financial Health (School Balances)	Jon Lewis / Martin Wade	Clarification was sought on how academy reserves would be broken down, given that they were pooled. The Service Director of Education advised that a letter would be circulated to Forum regarding the issue in August.	An appendix with a breakdown of the academy school balances was sent out separately to Forum the day before the November meeting. Balances for maintained schools and academies had previously been circulated.	Completed

MINUTES 8 TH NOVEMBER 2019					
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3A.	129. Schools Funding Update – November 2019 2020/21 School Funding Arrangements	Jon Lewis / Martin Wade	Consultation should include information on the changes the 2020/21 National Funding formula would have on nursery provision.	This was included in the budget briefing presentations delivered to governors and head teachers.	Completed
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. Will therefore be shared with Forum on completion.	Action Ongoing
3C.	129. Schools Funding Update – November 2019 2020/21 School Funding Arrangements	Jon Lewis / Martin Wade	Look at a Council in Dorset to see how they had proposed taking balances from schools.	Dorset has recently gone through a reorganisation to form Dorset Council and Dorset County Council. Papers on the Dorset Councils Schools Forum pages state: <i>“if the surplus balance is a sum greater than whichever is the greater of 5% of the previous year's budget share (secondary schools) or 8% (primary and special schools, and pupil referral units), or £30,000 (where that is greater than either percentage threshold) then the Authority may deduct from the current year's budget share an amount equal to the excess.”</i>	Completed

3D.	129. Schools Funding Update – November 2019 Growth Funding and New Schools	Jon Lewis	Consultation Events should help new schools understand how the Growth Funding changes would affect them over the next three years.	This was included in the budget briefing presentations delivered to governors and head teachers.	Completed
3E.	129. Schools Funding Update – November 2019 Centrally Retained Funding and De-Delegations – Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) Funding.	Jon Lewis	Update the Broadband presentation with the updated Broadband funding model and bring back to the Forum.	2020-21 Pricing: Primary 100Mb - £1,050 Secondary 1000Mb - £1,650 For the 20-21 financial year, any schools considering upgrading beyond the base offer, for example a primary requiring 200Mb, will be charged the 20% of the 100Mb circuit, plus the full difference between a 100Mb and 200Mb circuit.	Completed
3F.	129. Schools Funding Update – November 2019 Centrally Retained Funding and De-Delegations – Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) Funding.	Martin Wade	Find out more information regarding the 32% increase in the cost of insurance.	The catch-up and increase in per pupil cost for 20/21 are due to higher than anticipated increases in premiums, most notably in respect of material damage.	Completed
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 4 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	Action Ongoing

				presented at the next meeting of Forum.	
3H.	129. Schools Funding Update – November 2019 Centrally Retained Funding and De-Delegations – Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) Funding.	Jon Lewis	Could put a question in the Consultation regarding whether to de-delegate insurance or suggest that schools buy their own insurance	See above. Not enough information available in respect of the proposed risk protection arrangements to include.	Completed
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. An update will be brought to School Forum following that meeting.	Action ongoing