

Schools Forum -Decision Sheet

Meeting Date

20/01/2022

Report Reference	Page Reference	Report Title	Purpose of Document	Recommendation	Schools Forum Decision
Item 1		Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies/Welcome New Members	Apologies from Asfa Sohail (Lewisham Southwark College), Peter Fidel (Primary Governor), Ann Butcher (Academies), Jacqueline Noakes (Primary Head), Michael Sullivan (Secondary Head) - resignation. New appointments Daniel Meyer (Primary Governor), Julie Loffstadt (Primary Head), Jane Hadlow representing Secondary Head - interim.		Apologies accepted & noted. Resignation noted. Noted new appointments and an interim appointment.
Item 2		Declaration of interests		Head of a red RAG secondary school and supported by Lewisham learning - Jane Hadlow	Accepted.
Item 3	1-5	Minutes of the Meeting - 16 December 2021	To agree on minutes of previous meeting	Noted and agreed as accurate	Agreed as accurate.
Item 4		Matters Arising			
Item 5	6-14	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2022/23 - Summary Overview - Part 1 of 3	To provide Schools Forum with a technical update on the 2022/23 DSG funding settlement for Lewisham. Also an update on the supplementary grant funding supporting the increase in National Insurance for 2022/23.	Supplementary Grant to support National Insurance – base information has been received for the supplementary grant, with more detailed information to be provided in the spring period. However, with regards High Needs Block (special school/provision), it appears the grant distribution will need to be a local decision. Schools forum was asked to delegate this decision to the High Needs Working Group.	Agreed
Item 6	15-22	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - De-delegation Request for School Improvement and Brokerage Grant - Part 2 of 3	This report notes the cessation of the School Improvement and Brokerage Grant in 2023/24, with partial (50% reduction in 2022/23) which affects the deliverability of School Improvement functions via Lewisham learning. The report seeks funding support from Schools forum as part of the de-delegation process.	Schools Forum is asked to consider increased de-delegation to support the fallout which will require £5.25 per pupil from maintained primary and secondary phase schools. Forum were asked to support either a 1 year agreement of 2 year agreement via de-delegation.	Schools Forum agreed additional support for 1 year (subject to officers coming back with a strategy put together for 2023/24).
Item 7	23-33	Dedicated Schools Grant Mandate (DSG) 2022/23 - Authority Proforma Tool (APT) (Schools Funding Formula) 2022/23 - Part 3 of 3	Report details options for Schools Forum to consider with regards submission of the Schools Funding Formula to the DfE on the 21st January 2022.	Two options proposed for consideration:- Option 1 – Provides schools with a maximised Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) of 2% and leaving a residual £709,742 (0.3%) to support pressures in the High Needs Block. Option 2 – Provides schools with 1.75% MFG and enables the maximum £1.057m transfer to High Needs Block to support the pressures. Schools forum is asked to consider the content of this report and recommend either Option 1 or 2 for approval. As part of the consideration Schools forum is asked to note the difference between the two options is £347k representing a de-minimis of 0.16% of the overall budget. – All primary and secondary age schools voting. Discussion also held seeking Forum permission should the need arise to support PFI schools who may face additional hardship as a consequence of large increases in energy prices. A proportion of the funding to be targeted to the PFI schools on a case by case basis.	Agreed - Option 1 Additional request to allow some of the funding to support PFI schools with respect to energy price increase for 2022/23 - not supported by Schools Forum.
Item 8		Any Other Business	Update on Term Time Only. Inform Schools Forum of proposed meeting dates 2022/23.	TTO - Forum informed there is a spreadsheet available on Services for Schools listing those eligible for TTO monies on a school by school basis, and who have had their position approved online by ACAS. Approx. 25% have agreed theirs and should be paid by end of Jan. 2022. Also informed that there are circa 400 leaver applications to date; claim deadline is end February 2022. Forum advised to exercise caution in not misunderstanding the definition of a 'leaver'. Reminder that TTO funding likely to be 30% contribution from the school and remainder from LA Corporate Resources balance b/f and the balance of the DSG. Schools Forum calendar dates 2022/23 as follows:- 30th June 2022 20th Oct 2022 15th Dec 2022 19th Jan 2023 (subject to DfE timelines) NB! HNSG meeting dates not yet set but they will run concurrently with SF dates.	TTO noted. Schools Forum calendar dates 2022/23 - noted.

Agreed by
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