

Schools Forum Funding Group Actions – 4 January 2022

General points – overall report

Actions:

- Clarity to be provided on whether the supplementary grants are ringfenced. Action EW to include comment in the report
- Clarity to be provided on whether this funding will be taken away later and schools would be expected to budget for it. This information may not be provided from the Government till the Spring. Action EW to include a sentence in the report

Section A: Schools Block

Actions:

- Table 2 – typo as say December 2022 Action EW to amend report
- Paragraph 4.3 of the table to be changed to further options will be brought to the Schools Forum. Action EW to update para 4.3
- Growth Funding: A sentence should be added to the report saying that this would be kept under review and discussed with the DfE to make sure schools are financially viable in their pre-set up period. Action EW to amend section 5
- Reference was made to Birtton School and numbers of pupils for 22/23. Action JC to check agreed pupil numbers prior to Schools Forum

Section B: Central Schools Services Block (decision required by Schools Forum on details)

Actions:

- EW and SJ to review the wording in the report on proposed savings and to update
- Appendix 5 – remove the notes column. Action EW

Section C: High Needs Block

Actions:

- Report to be updated to include Period 9 (Q3) budget monitoring. EW to update report
- It was agreed that the paper on High Needs should be a supplementary paper to be submitted on 14 Jan after the DSG Spending Review Group meeting. Report to include proposals to meet demand, address cost pressures of Health and Social Care Levy and priorities for investment to support savings. Action EW/HS to finalise proposals to present to DSG Spending Review Group.

Section D: Early Years Block

- Further clarity was needed in the report regarding there not being a separate grant for private providers to cover Health & Social Care. Action EW to update report.

Agenda for Schools Forum

- Update from Simon and Gareth to be taken off the agenda.
- Budget Monitoring – still required as provided information for the budget report
- Budget report
- Update from DSG – could be verbal report.