



Report to Schools Forum

Date: 27th June 2023

Title: Report from the Schools Specific Contingency Panel

Author: Liz Williams, Head of Finance (Children's Services)

Recommendations:

Schools Forum is asked to:

- 1. Note the outcomes of the Schools Specific Contingency Panel meeting held in May 2023 to review applications for support with energy costs.**

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. This report updates members of Schools Form on the decisions of the Schools Specific Contingency Panel at its meeting on 15th May 2023 for support with energy costs in the financial year 2022-23.

2. Contingency Fund Applications

- 2.1. The available budget to meet any claims for energy costs in 2022-23 was agreed as £83,933.
- 2.2. The group considered applications from 13 schools totalling £157,605, one claim was considered to not meet the criteria.
- 2.3. In view of the inconsistency of calculated amounts requested, the panel agreed all eligible bids would be paid 50% of the difference between 2021-22 and 2022-23 actual energy costs, subject to affordability. As the 50% value for successful claims exceeded the budget available all amounts paid were agreed at 84% of the maximum eligible value.
- 2.4. Appendix 1 shows details of anonymised applications and payments agreed for this financial year.

3. Review and Next Steps

3.1. Schools have received the allocated funding.

3.2. It was confirmed at the meeting that energy costs will not be eligible for contingency funding in 2023-24 as they will not meet the criteria for unforeseen in year costs



Appendix 1

Table 1: Energy Contingency Decisions 2022-23		
Energy Cost Contingency bids for Financial Year 2022-23		
Anonymised list of 14 schools		
	Requested	Agreed 15/05/2023
1	£10,686	£6,464
2	£25,927	£13,959
3	£6,559	£2,945
4	£2,794	£2,578
5	£24,196	£11,529
6	£10,118	£11,233
7	£9,347	£5,129
8	£8,457	£7,381
9	£18,701	£7,552
10	£4,706	£2,964
11	£8,914	£3,423
12	£3,756	£4,503
13	£8,444	£4,273
14	£15,000	£0
	£157,605	£83,933
	Budget for Energy costs 2022-23	£83,933
	C/f from 2021-22	£0
	Total Available	£83,933
	Balance 2023-24	£0