

Thurrock Schools Forum meeting 18 January 2022

Key decisions made

Item 4 - Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2021/22 and 2022/23 Presentation

DSG Outturn 2021/22	Outcome of vote		Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	
a) Note the improved position and offer support and challenge	14	1	Agreed
b) Agree the financial position for 2021/22.	14	1	Agreed
c) Agree to receive regular updates on the 2021/22 projected outturn position	14	1	Agreed

Schools Block	Outcome of vote		Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	
To confirm agreement to the transfer of 0.5% £0.700m from the Schools Block to High Need Block to support increase demand for Specialist placements and EHCP's in 2022/23.	18	0	Agreed
To confirm agreement to the retention of £0.887m to fund in year growth in 2022/23	15	0	Agreed

Central Schools Services Block	Outcome of vote		Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	
To agree the use of the Central School Services Block budget of £1.688m in 2022/23.	18	0	Agreed

High Needs Block	Outcome of vote		Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	
To agree the High Needs Block Budget of £33.390m in 2022/23.	17	0	Agreed
To agree to a one-off Payments to providers to contribute to increase costs from the National Insurance / Health and Social Care Levy for the period April 2022 to August 2022 - Deferred until next meeting	Deferred	Deferred	Deferred

Early Years Block	Outcome of vote		Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	
To agree to the increase in hourly rates in 2022/23 of £5.44 for 2 year olds and £4.48 for 3 and 4 year olds	16	0	Agreed
To agree increase in deprivation rates in 2022/23, equal to a 3p per hour increase.	16	0	Agreed
To agree the Early Years Central Team budget of £0.436m, a reduction of £0.082m from 2021/22.	15	0	Agreed

Item 5 - Growth Fund

	Outcome of vote		Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	
a) All Forum members agreed the proposed criteria for schools and academies accessing funding allocated for growth for the academic year 2022/23	15	0	Agreed
b) All Forum members agreed a Growth Fund budget for the financial year 2022/23 of £887,139.	15	0	Agreed
c) All Forum members agreed to keep under review the need to establish a Falling Rolls Policy.	15	0	Agreed

Item 6 - Outcomes of Disadvantaged Children

a) All Forum members noted contents of the presentation

Item 7 - School's Forum Forward Plan

a) All Forum members notes the content of the report and offered support and challenge.

Item 8 - Minutes of previous meeting held on 18 November 2021