

Thurrock Schools Forum meeting 17 January 2023

Key decisions made

Item 4 - Election of Vice Chair

	Outcome of Vote			Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	Disagreed	
a) Schools Forum Vice Chair Election - Mrs V Reid was put forward for members agreement	14	0	0	Agreed

Item 5 - Dedicated Schools Grant 2022/23 and 2023/24, Finance Report

DSG Projected Outturn 2022/23	Outcome of Vote			Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	Disagreed	
Note the outturn position and offer support and challenge.	14	0	0	Agreed
Agree to receive regular updates on the 2022/23 projected outturn position.	14	0	0	Agreed

Schools Block	Outcome of Vote			Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	Disagreed	
To confirm agreement to the transfer of 0.47%, £0.742m from the Schools Block to High Need Block to support increase demand for Specialist placements and EHCP's in 2023/24.	14	0	0	Agreed
To confirm agreement to the retention of £1.390m to fund in year growth in 2023/24.	13	0	0	Agreed

Central Schools Services Block	Outcome of Vote			Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	Disagreed	
To agree the use of the Central School Services Block budget of £1.633m in 2023/24.	14	0	0	Agreed

High Needs Block	Outcome of Vote			Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	Disagreed	
To agree the increase in band values for 2023/24 to be applied from September 2023 - Top Up values and the hourly rate to be increased by 5%	14	0	0	Agreed
To agree the High Needs Block Budget of £37.456m in 2023/24.	14	0	0	Agreed

Early Years Block	Outcome of Vote			Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	Disagreed	
a) Option 2: No quality factor to be introduced. All providers to be paid an hourly rate of £4.79, an increase of 31p per hour.	14	0	0	Agreed
b) Agree to increase deprivation rates in 2023/24.	14	0	0	Agreed
c) Agree to the increase in SEN Budget in 2023/24	13	0	0	Agreed
d) Agree the Early Years Central Team budget of £0.490m, for 2023/24.	14	0	0	Agreed

Item 6 - Growth Fund

	Outcome of Vote			Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	Disagreed	
2.1 To agree the proposed criteria for schools and academies accessing funding allocated for growth for the academic year 2023/24.	14	0	0	Agreed
2.2 To agree to the change to age weighted pupil unit value for the academic year 2023/24.	13	0	0	Agreed
2.3 To agree a Growth Fund budget for the financial year 2023/24 of £1,390,076.	13	0	0	Agreed
2.4 To keep under review the need to establish a Falling Rolls Policy	13	0	0	Agreed

Item 7 - Childcare Sufficiency

	Outcome of Vote			Decision
	Agreed	Abstained	Disagreed	
2.3 The draft version of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2022 is adopted.	14	0	0	Agreed