**School Forum Decisions – 30th November 2022**

**Agenda Item 2 – Early Years Funding**

**Recommendations:**

2.1Forum noted the forecast outturn for 2022/23 at 5.1;

2.2 Forum approved the recommendation of the Early Years Sub Group to agrees the proposal to allocate **£550,000** of the Early Years Block surplus balance at 5.3. Forum suggested and agreed that the effectiveness of the posts is reviewed and if determined to be successful that the posts should be extended for a further year, noting this should be earmarked out of the available surplus balance.

**Agenda Item 3 - Pupil Place Funding for SEMH Enhanced Provisions**

**Recommendation**

2.1 Forum approved to uplift top-up funding for the SEMH enhanced provisions to £25,000 to reflect the increased costs to host schools.

**Agenda Item 4 - SEN Shortfall Funding**

**Recommendation**

2.1 Schools Forum approved the proposal to increase the value per pupil of the SEN Shortfall funding from £105 to £150 at 4.12

**Agenda Item 5 – De-Delegation & Education Functions 2023/24**

**Recommendations**

* 1. Maintained primary school members agreed the recommendation of the Finance Review Group (FRG) to approve the proposal for de-delegation for public duties at £1 per pupil at 4.4;  
       
     **For 5, Against 0, Abstained 0**
  2. The maintained secondary member agreed the recommendation of FRG to approve the proposal for de-delegation for public duties at £1 per pupil at 4.5;

**For 1, Against 0, Abstained 0**

* 1. School members agreed the recommendation of FRG to top-slice **£1.3m** for premature retirement costs at 4.8;

**For 17, Against 0, Abstained 5**

* 1. Forum agreed the recommendation of FRG to approve the education functions funded by the ongoing responsibilities element of the Central School Services Block (£3.08 million) at 5.3; and

**For 19, Against 0, Abstained 6**

* 1. Maintained members agree the recommendation of FRG to approve the education functions to be funded by maintained schools at £48.10 per pupil at 5.4.  
        
     **For 8, Against 0, Abstained 0**

**Agenda Item 6 - Funding for Schools Admitting a Significant Number of Afghan Refugee and Asylum Children**

**Recommendation**

2.1 Forum approved the Authority’s proposal at paragraph 4.6 to extend the Growth Fund to provide additional funding for schools admitting a significant number of Afghan Refugee or Asylum children from one postcode.

**Agenda Item 7 - School Funding 2023/24**

**Recommendations**

* 1. Forum agreed the recommendation of the Finance Review Group (FRG) that School members approves that the Authority adjusts the KS3/KS4 basic entitlement weighting as necessary to meet the DfE’s minimum / maximum funding requirement, at 4.6; and
  2. Forum agreed the recommendation of FRG that schools members approves that the Essex Local Formula should use the 2023/24 NFF values increased by the non-fringe area cost adjustment at 4.7.
  3. Forum agreed the Authority continues to use the Exceptional Premises Factor for Joint Use arrangements at 4.11; and

**Agenda Item 8 – Scheme for Financing Schools**

**Recommendations**

* 1. Forum agreed the recommendation of FRG to approves the proposed change to section 3.6 Borrowing by Schools at 4.6; and

2.3 Forum agreed the recommendation of FRG to approve the proposed change to Annex C Responsibility for Redundancy Costs at 4.8.

**Agenda Item 9 – Terms of Reference**

**Recommendation**

2.1 Forum agreed the revised Terms of Reference

**Agenda Item 10 – Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Forum approved Ruth Bird as Chair and Jeff Fair as Vice-Chair from 1st April 2023.