**School Forum Decisions – 27th November 2024**

**Agenda Item 2 – School & High Needs Funding 2025/26**

**Recommendations**

2.1 Schools Forum noted the funding information for 2025/26.

2.2 Schools Forum noted the updated financial position of DSG for 2024/25.

2.3 The secondary maintained member agreed the recommendation of the Finance Review Group (FRG) and the High Needs Review Group (HNRG) to approve de-delegation for 2025/26 at 6.1.

2.4 Schools Forum agreed the recommendation of FRG and HNRG to approve the plans set out in the DSG Management Plan and at 7.7 to 7.11.

2.5 Schools Forum agreed the recommendation of FRG / HNRG that the Authority uses the funding mechanisms highlighted at 9.1 to meet the requirements of the NFF in 2025/26.

2.6 Schools Forum agreed a 0.5% transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2025/26.

2.7 Schools Forum agreed the recommendation of the FRG / HNRG that Schools Forum agrees a total 1% transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2025/26, subject to the final decision of the Secretary of State.

**Agenda Item 3 – Inclusion Framework Evaluation and Next Steps**

**Recommendations**

2.1 Schools Forum agreed the recommendation of FRG / HNRG to the continuation of the Inclusion Framework approach as-is, and to receive a further impact report at the end of the academic year 2024-25.

2.2 Schools Forum noted that the funding allocated for 2025/26 is **£2m** which is within the **£3.5m** funding for early intervention notified to Schools Forum in September.

**Agenda Item 4 – Falling Rolls Fund 2024/25**

**Recommendations**

2.1 Schools Forum agreed the recommendation of FRG that; Stourview Mistley Norman Primary and Dr Walkers Primary are funded through the falling rolls fund for 2024/25.

2.2 Schools Forum agreed the recommendation of FRG that Holt Farm Infant are not added back to the falling rolls fund.

2.3 Schools Forum agreed the recommendation of FRG that the applications from Hilltop Infant and Chigwell Primary are reviewed by FRG and brought back to the January meeting.

2.4 Schools Forum agreed the recommendation of FRG that a review of the criteria of the falling rolls fund is undertaken.

2.5 Schools Forum approved the recommendation of FRG to approve the funding shown in Table 2 at 5.2.

**Agenda Item 5 – Early Years Funding 2024/25**

**Recommendations**

* 1. Schools Forum noted the forecast outturn for 2024/25 at 5.1.

2.2 Schools Forum noted the spend to-date on the agreed funding projects set out in 7.1.

2.3 Schools Forum endorsed the proposal to extend the four Early Years Early Intervention Partner roles until August 2026.