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Meeting: North Northamptonshire Schools Forum

Date: Thursday 10th February 2022

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Remote Meeting via Zoom

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- b) amendments to the school funding formula, for which the voting is restricted by the exclusion of non-schools members, except for PVI representatives; and
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MINUTES OF THE NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM MEETING THURSDAY 20TH JANUARY 2022, 1.00PM

Present:

Members:

Paul Wheeler (Chair)	Sandra Appleby
Peter French	Rob Hardcastle
Nikki Lamond	Sharon Pinson
Angela Prodger	Jo Sanchez-Thompson

NCC Officers:

Imtiaz Bhatti	EIP/SSS North Northants Manager
Ann Marie Dodds	Interim Director of Children's Services
Councillor Scott Edwards	Executive Member for Education
Neil Goddard	Interim Assistant Director for Education
Pat Harvey	Finance Business Partner – Children's Services
Nichola Jones	Head of SEND
Yoke O'Brien	Strategic Finance Business Partner – Children's Services
Raj Sohal	Democratic Services Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE, FORUM MEMBERSHIP CHANGES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Apologies were received from James Birkett and Siobhan Hearne.
- Ron Whittaker had resigned from the Forum, as a mainstream academy representative.
- Sharon Pinson had joined the Forum, as a primary maintained representative.

2. MINUTES OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM MEETING HELD 16 DECEMBER 2021

RESOLVED that: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December were agreed as an accurate record.

Action: Raj Sohal

3. HIGH NEEDS BUDGETS 2022/23

The Forum considered a report by the Interim Assistant Director for Education, which outlined high needs pressures and the budget for 2022/23. Copies of the report had been circulated to Forum members prior to the meeting.

During discussion, the principal points were noted:

- The Forum noted that of the £2.4M projected overspend concerning high needs, 86% of this came from out of county placements. Members queried whether these placements related to cases where the local authority did not have specific expertise to meet children's needs, or if there were issues of capacity within the county for these placements.

- Members queried whether the local authority had planned for an overall increase in capacity for high needs places.
- One member expressed concern that since the High Needs Panel had stopped meeting, issues were building up and heavier reliance was being placed upon EHCPs, to meet children's needs. The member posited that this would be detrimental long-term, as these children would not be sufficiently funded.
- Regarding timescales of work, members requested an indication of when the task and finish group would be established to look at high needs issues.

In response, the Interim Assistant Director for Education clarified that:

- The local authority would need to utilise out of county placements, due to issues of placement capacity in North Northamptonshire. Although this was not ideal, due to the incurred travel costs and inconvenience, it was necessary as local provision was full.
- Substantial work regarding the sufficiency of high needs placements within North Northamptonshire would be required. Officers would seek to plan future additional provision and establish a task and finish group, to look at funding and investigate how additional places may be created.
- Officers had proposed that High Needs Panel meetings should reconvene as soon as possible, since due to the significant overspend, a targeted and effective response would be required. The authority would seek to form a rounded approach, by looking at how high needs funding could link with other areas.
- High needs issues formed a high-profile piece of work and officers would endeavour to propose long-term solutions. The task and finish group would be established as soon as possible, to begin discussing its remit, and proposals from this group were intended to be acted upon by September 2022.

The Chairman suggested that it would be useful for Forum members to see the proposed terms of reference for the task and finish group in the imminent future, to identify and establish early priorities of the group.

RESOLVED that: The Forum noted the report.

Action: Neil Goddard

4. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT SETTLEMENT

The Forum considered a report by the Strategic Finance Business Partner for Children's Services, which provided an overview of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) settlement, received by the local authority in December 2021. There had been an overall increase of £14M to the total DSG allocation. The authority had also received additional one-off high needs funding, amounting to around £1.89M.

The Strategic Finance Business Partner clarified that the report set out the indicative settlement North Northamptonshire Council had received from the Department for Education (DfE). This was not how the local authority would allocate funding to service providers but rather what was received from central government on the whole. The settlement demonstrated how the DfE had calculated the maintained nursery supplement. Further information on how the authority would calculate allocation to service providers would come to future meetings of the Schools Forum.

RESOLVED that: The Forum

- a) Noted the report.**
- b) Approved the amendment to the proposed DSG CSSB expenditure, to align budgets with the confirmed 2022/23 DSG budget settlement.**

Action: Yoke O'Brien

5. 2022/23 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL BUDGET OPTIONS

The Forum considered a report by the Strategic Finance Business Partner for Children's Services, which outlined that the Schools Forum had agreed to transfer 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs block of the DSG and set a minimum funding guarantee of 2%. There was a £30K overspend of the approved Growth Fund. Therefore, officers requested the Forum to approve an increase to the Growth Fund.

There would be a projected shortfall to the Schools Block of £303k, after applying the national funding formula, with a minimum funding guarantee of 2%. Therefore, the Strategic Finance Business Partner set out three options for addressing this shortfall, by capping the minimum funding guarantee and scaling as appropriate.

During discussion, the principal points were noted:

- Members queried whether under the proposed changes schools that had previously lost gains under similar arrangements would again experience this. One member of the Forum expressed concern that these schools would again miss out on additional gains, due to the cap in their budgets.
- Members queried whether schools had ever challenged a 'sliding scale and cap' since this could be interpreted as unfair, as it would disproportionately affect some schools more than others. One member expressed concern that if

such a challenge was put to the authority and questions of fairness were to arise, this could be costly long-term.

In response, the Strategic Finance Business Partner clarified that:

- In her personal view, the first option would be most appropriate as the financial burden would be shared by schools - since it was closer to the national funding formula and they would only lose 10% of their additional gains.
- It was possible that concerns regarding fairness could arise however, officers were following government guidance therefore, such challenges would be unlikely. It was the local authority's intention to not allow schools to lose more than 2%, to cap losses as well as gains.

The Schools Forum voted in favour of the second option, proposed in the report, to address the projected Schools Block shortfall – a 4.57% cap and 50% scale.

RESOLVED that: The Forum

- a) **Approved the increase to the Growth Fund.**
- b) **Approved the second option to address the Schools Block shortfall.**

Action: Yoke O'Brien

6. REVISED PROPOSALS FOR THE DE-DELEGATION FOR SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS

The Forum considered a report by the Interim Assistant Director for Education, which outlined revised proposals for de-delegation for school effectiveness.

Forum representatives from the maintained primary school sector voted to accept the local authority's proposal, for a £12 de-delegated cost for school effectiveness.

RESOLVED that: The Forum agreed the proposed rate for school effectiveness.

Action: Neil Goddard

7. SCHOOLS FORUM PLAN

The Democratic Services Officer introduced the item and highlighted the following points:

- The next meeting of the North Northamptonshire Schools Forum would be held on 10th February 2022 - scheduled as an extraordinary meeting, to look at Early Years funding.

RESOLVED that: The Forum noted the report.

Action: Raj Sohal

8. URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

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North Northamptonshire Schools Forum: 10th February 2022

Agenda Item 3

Early Years Funding 2022-2023 Proposal Report

1. Introduction

North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) is required to consult with Schools Forum on the proposed arrangements for the Early Years Funding Formula for PVI, Childminders and Maintained Nursery Sector funded providers.

NNC is committed to supporting and enabling the funded and non-funded Early Years sector to deliver sustainable and high quality provision within North Northamptonshire. The proposal available within this report has been based on a safe and sound balance of our commitment to passport as much DSG funding to providers, as well as being able to meet our statutory duties as a council in delivering a high quality service to the Early Years Sector.

2. Schools Forum requirements

This report is being presented to Schools Forum for the following:

- Comment on the proposed budgets for the below funding streams. **Table 1**
- Approve the 5% retention for central costs from the 3 and 4 year budget only. **Point 2.1**
- Approve the consultation questions to go out to the sector. **Table 3**

Table 1 - Proposed rates to providers for 2022-23

Funded Entitlements	2021-22 rates	Change	2022-23 proposed*
2 year old funding	£5.23 per hour	19p increase	£5.42 per hour
Universal and Extended Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds	£3.97 per hour	16p increase	£4.13 per hour
Notional SEND which is SEN Inclusion Fund (SENIF)	£0.08	Frozen	£0.08 per hour
Deprivation for 3 and 4 year olds 30% SOA	£0.28 per hour	2p increase	£0.30 per hour
Inclusion Fund	£8.00 per hour	Targeted at highest levels of need and budget capped	£160k
Centrally retained budget	5% - £896k	£30k	5% - £926k
Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)	£0.53 per hour	7p increase	£0.60p per hour
Disability Access Fund (DAF)	£615 per child per year	£185 per child per year increase	£800 per child per year

There is no intention to change the current formula funding structure for 2022-23. As per the DfE/ESFA guidance the following are and will be included in the local funding formula for early years settings for 2022-2023:

- 2 year old base rate
- 3 and 4 year-old Universal and Extended base rate
- Notional SEND (must be spent on SEND before requesting additional SEND support)
- Deprivation payments on IDACI bands under 30%;
- Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)
- Disability Inclusion fund; and
- Disability Access fund (DAF)

2.1 Centrally Retained Budget 5%

The DSG funding for 3 and 4 year olds includes an allocation for centrally retained services. The centrally retained services include the following:

- Statutory Back office function – analysing claim data, resolving duplicate claims, eligibility checks, payment data and payments
- Statutory Families Information Service and Sufficiency Duty
- Inclusion and SEND services
- *Census Contingency Fund – children claiming outside of Census
- Statutory Audits of Childcare Providers claiming public funds
- Statutory Support Service
- Training and Advisory Service

This represents 5% of the expected 3 and 4-year-old grant which is **£925,741**. The amount of funding that must pass through to providers for 3- and 4-year-olds is called the “High Pass-Through Rate”.

** The contingency for 2022/23 has been set at **£307,489** and forms part of the high pass-through rate. This provides a small amount of funding to accommodate any variance in the actual take up of places that are not fully accounted for in the overall final grant allocation.*

3. Rates to be received by Local Authorities

The increased hourly rates for the Early Years Entitlements for 2-year-olds and 3 and 4-year-olds were announced 25 November 2021 as set out in the [2022 to 2023 early years technical note](#). Funding for the early years entitlements includes:

- Universal Free Entitlement for 3 and 4-year-olds
- Extended Entitlement (30 hours) for 3 and 4-year-olds
- 2 Year old Funding

The indicative allocations for each local authority for the above funding streams is calculated as follows:

- the number of part-time equivalents (PTEs) taking up the entitlements as recorded on the January 2021 schools, Early Years and AP Census
- multiplied by 15 hours × 38 weeks × local authority's hourly funding rate
- Education Skills and Funding Agency (ESFA) will update these initial allocations in July 2022 based on January 2022 PTE census numbers
- July 2023, based on five-twelfths of the January 2022 PTE census numbers (to cover the April 2022 to August 2023 period), and seven-twelfths of the January 2023 PTE census numbers (to cover the September 2022 to March 2023 period)

This report proposes the hourly rates allocation of funding for *Early Years places for 2, 3 and 4 years olds received via the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) as set by the Department for Education (DfE) through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

**Report does not include maintained Nursery Funded Places*

Expected Funded Entitlement	2021-2022	2022-2023
2 Year old base rate	£5.41	£5.62
*Universal and Extended Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds	£4.49	£4.66

*It is the expectation of the DfE that the minimum funding floor increase will be £4.61 per hour for the universal and extended funding for 3 and 4 year olds.

Expected Increases to also be received are:

Expected Funding	2021-2022	2022-2023
Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)	£0.53p	£0.60p
Disability Access Fund (DAF)	£615*	£800

**per eligible child, per year*

As per the DfE/ESFA guidance the following will be included in the funding formula calculation for 2022-2023

- ⇒ 2-year-old base rate
- ⇒ 3 and 4-year-old Universal and Extended base rate
- ⇒ Deprivation payments on IDACI bands under 30%
- ⇒ DSG Contingency for any unexpected decrease through the year
- ⇒ *Notional SEND in addition to the base rate

4. Proposed Funding Rates 2022/23

4.1 3 and 4 year olds

In previous years, the base rate quoted for 3 and 4 year old provision has included an element for notional SEND, £0.08 of the £4.05 in 2021/22. In order to provide greater clarity, for 2022/23 it is proposed to more clearly separate these amounts. The expectation of all Early Years Providers is that the Notional SEND should be retained by the setting and used to support children with additional needs. In future, the effective use of the Notional SEND funding will form part of the Early Years Audit

process where, upon request, evidence on how the funds have been spent and the impact on the child will be requested. The Notional SEND element is therefore the primary support for children with additional needs in Early Years.

It is proposed the base rate itself is increased from £3.97 per hour to £4.13 per, an increase of slightly over 4%. For clarity, this is separate to the Notional SEND funding set out above. As such, the comparative hourly rate from 2021/22 is an increase from £4.05 per hour to £4.21 per hour.

The Deprivation factor, paid based on postcode, will be increased by £0.02 per hour from £0.28 per hour to £0.30 per hour, an increase of over 7%.

The Inclusion Fund (IF) has previously been used to provide additional, non statutory, support to settings in meeting identified Special Educational Needs and supporting inclusion. Due to increasing demand, it is projected that the IF will overspend in 2021/22, leading to a deficit being carried forward in the Early Years Block (EYB)

The IF has to date been funded in part through a transfer from the High Needs Block (HNB) element of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The HNB as a whole is also under increasing pressure and as a consequence is also projecting an overspend, and consequent deficit to be carried forward, for 2021/22.

In order to create a resilient and sustainable budget that looks to balance all expenditure within the DSG, whilst still ensuring statutory requirements are met, the Schools Forum agreed at its January 2022 meeting to restrict the non statutory SEND resources that are available to schools. In addition, a Task and Finish group was established to review the wider issues around High Needs Funding, including in the Early Years Sector. Appropriate representation from the sector will be included in the membership of the group.

For 2022/23 it is clear there will be no resources available to transfer from HNB to EYB and so the IF has reduced funding available. In line with the Forum decision in relation to schools, it is proposed to take a more focussed approach to the delivery of additional, non statutory, SEND funding. This will look to provide one off resources that support inclusion and allow settings to take action that allows them better meet needs. Applications for this funding will need to demonstrate a lasting impact on the investment of these resources.

In line with the forum decision in relation to schools, these arrangements will be in place until September 2022. Any continuation will be subject to the work of the Task and Finish Group.

4.2 2 Year old Funding (2YO)

The national rate for 2 year old funding is flat rate per hour for all eligible 2 year olds in North Northamptonshire. Families check their eligibility using an Online system which provides an instant response from the Department for Work and Pensions. There is no change to this process for 2022/2023

4.3 Early years pupil premium (EYPP)

The national rate for EYPP is 60 pence per hour per eligible child, up to a maximum 570 hours per year, as set out in the [2022 to 2023 early years technical note](#). The indicative allocation for each local authority is calculated as follows:

- the number of PTEs taking up the EYPP as recorded on the January 2021 schools, early years and AP censuses.
- Multiplied by 15 hours x 38 weeks x £0.60

4.4 Disability Access Fund (DAF)

The national rate for DAF is £800 per eligible child per year. Allocations are calculated based on Disability Living Allowance (DLA) data from February 2021. These allocations will not change and are final for 2022 to 2023. For each local authority, the total February 2021 DLA claimant count of 3 and 4-year-old children, using data from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), is adjusted to remove an estimated number of children in reception. This gives an estimate of the number of 3 and 4-year-olds eligible to take up DAF in the local authority, which is multiplied by £800 to arrive at the final allocation. On receipt of the 3 and 4 allocations, the LA does the following:

- Allocates 5% for retained items (the maximum that can be retained is 5%)
- Allocates 95% of the budget (called pass through) to the required base rate and supplements (not be greater than 10% of the total allocation within the formula), SENDIF and contingency.

**All rates for MNS will be consulted on separately*

The proposed questions for the survey are as follows:

	questions
1	Do you support the LAs proposal to add: 4p to the base rate for 3 and 4 year olds for Universal and extended provision and 2p to the deprivation rate for 3 and 4 year olds for Universal and extended provision
	Yes / no Comments:
2	If you do not agree with the proposals for 3 and 4 year olds, what would your proposal be?
	Yes / no Comments:
3	Do you support the LAs proposal to add 19p to the 2 year old hourly funding rate?
	Yes / no Comments:
4	If you do not agree with the proposals for 2 year olds, what would your proposal be?
	Yes / no Comments:
5	Do you agree with the proposals regards increasing Notional SEND from 8p to 12p.
	Yes / no Comments:
6	If you do not agree with the proposal regards Notional SEND what would your proposal be?
	Yes / no Comments:

Next Steps

Forum to vote on the following points:

1. Comment on the proposed budgets for the below funding streams. **Table 1**
2. Approve the 5% retention for central costs from the 3 and 4 year budget only. **Point 2.1**
3. Approve the consultation questions to go out to the sector. **Table 3**

North Northamptonshire Council Early Years Funding Proposal Report 2022-2023

24th January 2022

Neil Goddard – Head of SEND

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North Northamptonshire Schools Forum

Options for the distribution of the Maintained Nursery Supplement 2022/23

10 February 2022

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Introduction

1. This report covers the funding of the maintained nursery supplement for North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) maintained nursery schools (MNS). There are four maintained nursery schools in North Northamptonshire those being
 - Croyland
 - Highfield
 - Pen Green
 - Ronald Tree
2. The 2021/22 NNC distribution of funds to the MNS exceeds the budget and is not in line with the Department for Education guidance. (Agreed by NCC Schools Forum March 2021). As such measures must be taken to bring the distribution of funds in line the indicative budget and in line with the guidance to achieve parity for all 4 maintained nursery schools.
3. The indicative award of the maintained nursery supplement for 2022/23 is £933,309
4. There are 3 options provided for consideration by members of the Schools Forum which will be consulted upon by maintained nurseries and school forum members.

Background

5. The Department for Education guidance on early years entitlements provides guidance in relation to the distribution additional funding for maintained nurseries (Maintained Nursery Supplement). The guidance can be found [Early years entitlements: local authority funding of providers operational guide 2022 to 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/84444/early_years_entitlements_local_authority_funding_of_providers_operational_guide_2022_to_2023_-_gov.uk.pdf). The purpose of the maintained nursery supplement is to enable local authorities to protect the universal offer of 15 hours entitlement (15 hours) for maintained nurseries. The maintained nursery supplement is not for any other purpose. It is therefore appropriate to distribute funds against pupil participation in the 15-hour entitlement. Participation of funding in 15-hour entitlement for 2021/22 is captured in the table below.

Maintained nursery participation 2021/22

Maintained Nursery School	Participation	% of total
Croyland	4117.33	16
Highfield	5972.00	23
Pen Green	9652.00	36
Ronald Tree	6514.33	25

6. Should a local authority seek/gain the support of the Schools Forum to distribute maintained nursery funding in a way that is inequitable across maintained nurseries approval should be sought via a disapplication request from the Department for Education.
7. NNC submitted an initial disapplication request to the Department for Education in line with the published deadline (28/01/21) to ensure that the schools forum had opportunity to make an informed decision regarding the 2022/23 distribution of the maintained nursery supplement. The full detail of the request for disapplication and any relevant equalities impact assessment will be submitted to DfE following the School Forum meeting in March 2022 (as advised to the DfE). It is clear from the 2021/22 funding arrangement that the current distribution of funding for the maintain nursery supplement is not in line with the guidance from the Department for Education.

Distribution of participation – vs – distribution of funding

Maintained Nursery School	Participation	%	Funding award	%
Croyland	4117.33	16	£52,079	4
Highfield	5972.00	23	£64,200	6
Pen Green	9652.00	36	£1,027,620	85
Ronald Tree	6514.33	25	£60,112	5

8. Adding a further financial challenge for 2022/23 is a deficit position created throughout 2021/22. The deficit position is a total of -£310,816 against the maintained Nursery Supplement. The distribution of funds in 2021/2022 (as agreed at the NCC Schools Forum in March 2021) was greater than the funds available through the final settlement.

Maintained Nursery Supplement 2021/22

Expenditure	£1,204,011
Income	£893,195
Out-turn	-£310,186

9. The allocation of maintained nursery supplement to the local authority is determined by the twice-yearly submission of census data from maintained nursery schools. During the financial year 2021/22 the DfE have 'clawed back' funds from NNC. NNC did not reduce the payments scheduled to maintained nurseries in line with a reduction in pupil numbers and therefore find themselves in a deficit position for 2022/23.
10. Historically Northamptonshire County Council provided funding for a range of additional activities delivered by Maintained Nursery Schools across the County Council area. This activity was monitored by means of a Service Level Agreement. The Service Level Agreement is supplementary to the activity funded by the Maintained Nursery Supplement. As a result, that activity will not be included in the consideration of the maintained nursery supplement.

Proposals

11. To assist in decision-making for 2022/23 numerous factors have been considered they include
 - The uncommitted revenue balances on the 1st of April 2021 for each of the four maintained nurseries. (Forecast outturn positions for March 2022 for all 4 nurseries are not available at the time of writing this report)
 - The DfE guidance on the allocation of funding.
 - The current inequity of funding across the four maintained nursery schools.
 - Action to recover the financial deficit.
12. It is necessary in addressing the challenge for 2022/23 that NNC take mitigating actions to manage the deficit. It is proposed that the deficit will be recovered in the current financial year from the maintained nursery supplement.
13. The uncommitted balances can be seen below

Maintained Nursery School	Uncommitted Revenue Balance 04/21
Croyland	-£4,888
Highfield	-£58,004
Pen Green	£314,362
Ronald Tree	£0

14. The DfE guidance has been explained above (para 5)
15. There are 3 proposals for action to address the maintained nursery supplement for the 4 MNS. All are based on the following 2 guiding principles

- Restore the deficit
- Protect a minimum funding guarantee for the nurseries that receive lower levels of funding than their participation dictates.

16. Proposal One - If the DfE reject the disapplication request and indicative funding is distributed in line with participation.

Maintained Nursery School	Participation (01/2021)	%	Indicative Funding 2022/23	%
Croyland	4117.33	16	£97,617	16
Highfield	5972.00	23	£141,589	23
Pen Green	9652.00	37	£228,838	37
Ronald Tree	6514.33	25	£154,447	25

17. Proposal Two - If the DfE accept the disapplication request and the consultation/School Forum support the distribution of funds at a level that provides a minimum guarantee and begins to close the gap between actual funding and the appropriate level determined by participation.

Maintained Nursery School	Participation (01/2021)	%	Indicative Funding 2022/23	%
Croyland	4117.33	16	£74,699	12
Highfield	5972.00	23	£102,711	17
Pen Green	9652.00	36	£336,146	54
Ronald Tree	6514.33	25	£108,936	18

18. Proposal Three - If the DfE accept the disapplication request and the consultation/School Forum support the current distribution of funds with a minimum funding guarantee for those nurseries receiving less than their participation rates.

Maintained Nursery School	Participation (01/2021)	%	Indicative Funding 2022/23	%
Croyland	4117.33	16	£52,079	8
Highfield	5972.00	23	£64,200	10.5
Pen Green	9652.00	36	£446,102	72
Ronald Tree	6514.33	25	£60,112	9.5

Next Steps

19. All 4 Maintained Nurseries will be consulted on the proposals. They will be asked to provide feedback by 3rd March.
20. Feedback on the proposals will be considered by the Schools Forum on 17th March.
21. Dependent on the result of the consultation and School Forum meeting the detailed disapplication request with Equalities impact assessment will be submitted to the DfE.

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Item 5: Forum Forward Plan



Background

- ▶ This plan sets out an outline for Forum meetings over the next 12 months.
- ▶ Some items will be covered at the majority of meetings so these are listed separately.
- ▶ In some areas discussions and votes are required so these are included against the relevant meetings although there may be discussions at previous meetings.
- ▶ The listing will not be exhaustive but hopefully provides a useful planning tool for Forum.



Standing Forum Agenda items (if required)

- ▶ DSG Monitoring
- ▶ DfE/ESFA Funding announcements
- ▶ School Budgets
- ▶ High Needs
- ▶ Early Years
- ▶ National Funding formula



2021

Meeting date	Agenda items
22 July 2021	Scheme for Financing Schools Schools Outturn Grant and DSG Funding Update Schools Apprentice Levy Update Hospital Outreach in North Northamptonshire Remote Meetings
Note - * - Forum vote	



2021

Meeting date	Agenda items
04 November 2021	<p>Schools block Combined Services Reports</p> <p>Schools block 2022-23 central expenditure *</p> <p>Primary and Secondary maintained schools de-delegation 2022-23* (SIG, Trade union and school redundancies)</p> <p>School budgets 2022-23 - weighted numbers for new schools/year groups</p> <p>School budgets 2022-23 - PFI utility subsidy</p> <p>Early Years Update</p> <p>Pupil Growth 2022-23 - projections and 2022-23 rates</p> <p>Schools funding formula 2022-23 - consultation feedback</p>
Note - * - Forum vote	



2021

Meeting date	Agenda items
16 December 2021	<p>DSG Finance Update</p> <p>School Budgets 2022-23 - outcome of consultation and final proposals *</p> <p>High Needs update including HN panel, SEN Units RAS, special schools - split site, and draft 21-22 HN budgets, HN place numbers 22-23 academic year</p>
Note - * - Forum vote	



2022

Meeting date	Agenda items
20 January 2022	High Needs budgets 2022-23 DSG Settlement 2022/23 Primary and Secondary School budget options* Revised proposals for the de-delegation for school effectiveness*
10 February 2022	Early Years Funding 2022-23 Maintained Nursery Supplement
Note - * - Forum vote	



2022

Meeting date	Agenda items
17 March 2022	DSG Monitoring High Needs Update and 2022-23 Planning Scheme for Financing Schools Schools Forum Plan 2022-23
Note - * - Forum vote	