

Durham County Council Schools Forum Meeting, 10 July 2024, Item No 4, Executive Summary

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To list action points from previous meetings, including outstanding and recently completed actions.
- 2 Action points are shown below, including a reference to the minutes where the action was identified. Completed actions will be included in the report, for information, for six months after completion.

Background

- 3 This report has been prepared in accordance with recommended practice in the ESFA guidance on Schools Forums and is a standard item on all Agendas.

Item No 3, Outstanding Action Points

- 4 This is a standing item that lists actions requested by the Forum during meetings. It includes both outstanding items and those that have been completed in the past six months.

Item No 5, Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Outturn 2023-24

- 5 This report outlines the outturn position for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the last financial year.

Item No 6, HNB funding and SEND and Inclusion Update

- 6 This report sets out the financial position of the High Needs Block (HNB) for County Durham based upon the latest forecast information.
- 7 The report also provides an update on the progress of projects within Phase Two of the High Needs Block Sustainability Programme which is aligned with the DfE's Delivering Better Value Programme and Regional SEND and Alternative Provision (AP) Change Programme.

Item No 7, Options for Transfer to High Needs Block

- 8 This report is an initial report detailing the council's considerations around requesting a transfer of funding from the Schools Block to

the High Needs Block in 2025/26 and follows informal focus groups in the week before this meeting.

- 9 The council anticipates formally asking the Forum to give its support to a transfer at its meeting in September. This report sets out the context of the request and gives indicative figures showing how this would have affected mainstream primary and secondary funding, had there been a transfer for the 2024/25 formula.
- 10 The report also notes that the council is considering making a transfer from the retained element of the Early Years Block

Item No 8, Future Meeting Dates

- 11 This report recommends that members approve Forum revised meeting dates for the calendar year 2024, and dates for the calendar year 2025

Item No 9, Forum Membership

- 12 This report provides an overview of changes to the membership of the Forum and to present to members with an updated schedule of Schools Forum members.

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