



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2023 AT 5.00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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Group Spokespersons

Councillor Ryan Brent, Conservative
Councillor Chris Dike, Portsmouth Independents Party
Councillor George Fielding, Labour

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AGENDA

1 School Funding Arrangements 2024/25 (Pages 5 - 34)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Cabinet Member with an update on the latest developments in respect of the future schools' revenue funding arrangements for the financial year 2024-25.

RECOMMENDED that Cabinet Member:

- i) Notes the Department for Education's proposed changes to school revenue funding arrangements for 2024-25, as set out in this report.
- ii) Approves the proposals for implementing the local funding formula arrangements as set out in this report in particular to:
 - Implement the National Funding Formula rates for both primary and secondary schools in 2024-25 as set out in Appendix 1
 - Implement a minimum funding guarantee (MFG) of at least 0.0% and up to +0.5% subject to affordability, for 2024-25 as set out in paragraph 5.22 of the report.
 - The methods of managing affordability as set out in paragraphs 5.23 to 5.27 of the report.
- iii) Endorses the proposal not to set up a Falling Rolls Fund for 2024-25.
- iv) Endorses the Growth Fund Criteria as set out in Appendix 2, with the primary and secondary values being brought to the January 2024 meeting for approval.
- v) Notes the recommendation that maintained Primary Schools approve the de-delegation of funding to support the Education Functions as set out in Section 7 of the report.
- vi) Notes the recommendation that maintained Secondary Schools approve the de-delegation of funding to support the Education Functions as set out in paragraph Section 7 of the report.

**2 Dedicated Schools Grant Quarter 2 Monitoring and Revised Budget
(Pages 35 - 44)**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the Cabinet Member of the projected revenue expenditure of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the current financial year 2023-24 as at the end of September 2023, along with proposed budget revisions.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member:

- i) Notes the forecast year end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at 30 September 2023, together with the associated explanations contained within this report.
- ii) Approves the revisions to the 2023-24 budget as set out in Appendix 1 and section 8 of the report.

3 PSCP Annual Report (Pages 45 - 76)

Purpose

To introduce the Annual Report 2022-23 of the Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (PSCP) on the effectiveness of multi-agency early help and safeguarding arrangements for children in Portsmouth.

4 Fostering Annual Report (Pages 77 - 104)

Purpose

The report provides a summary of the work undertaken by the Fostering Service for the period 01/04/22-31/03/23.

5 Adoption Agency Annual Report (Pages 105 - 116)

Purpose

- This report will update the Lead Member on the activity of the Portsmouth Adoption Service for the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, as required by the Adoption regulations.
- The Portsmouth Adoption Service is provided directly by the Adoption Team within the Council. The team is responsible for the work with children who have a plan of adoption and works with Adopt South our Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) who find, assess, and support adopters.
- This report will describe the work of the in-house adoption team and Adopt South and provide data to support the outcomes achieved in the previous year 2022/23.
- Lastly it will provide an update on the progress on the priorities set out in the previous report and the priorities for the year ahead.

6 SACRE Annual Report 2022-23 (Pages 117 - 132)

Purpose

This report provides the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education with the opportunity to note the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) Annual Report for the academic year 2022-23.

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