

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION**

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education held on Thursday, 18 January 2024 at 5.00 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

### **Present**

Councillor Suzy Horton (in the Chair)

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Ryan Brent and Chris Dike.

#### **2. Declarations of Members' Interests**

None. For transparency, Councillor Suzy Horton declared a non-prejudicial interest in that she is Vice-Chair of Governors at Craneswater Junior School.

#### **3. School Funding Arrangements 2024/25**

Angela Mann, Finance Manager, introduced the report and informed the Cabinet Member that the report follows a previous report (considered at the Cabinet Member decision meeting held on 14 December 2023) and includes information for submission to the Education and Skills Funding Agency by 22 January 2024, values for Growth funding in line with decisions made by Schools Forum and notes the progress towards determining individual schools budgets. She explained that the budget for High Needs provision will be considered at the next Children Families and Education Decision meeting.

The Cabinet Member thanked officers for all the work on the report including as a result of late information coming from the government following changes to the funding available.

#### **DECISIONS - the Cabinet Member:**

- 1) Approved the proposed changes to the mainstream schools revenue funding arrangements as set out in Section 5 and Appendix 2 of the report.**
- 2) Approved the school revenue funding pro-forma at Appendix 3 of the report for submission to the ESFA on 22 January 2024.**

- 3) **Approved the use of the carry forward on the Schools Specific Contingency for the same purpose in 2024-25 as set out in Section 6 of the report.**
- 4) **Endorsed the de-delegated unit values in relation to the School Improvement, Monitoring and Brokerage Grant of £10.42 for each Primary pupil.**
- 5) **Approved the budget to be held centrally for the payment of central licences negotiated nationally for all schools by the Secretary of State.**
- 6) **Endorsed the use of the 2023-24 underspend on the Growth Fund for use for the same purpose in 2024-25.**
- 7) **Endorsed the Growth Fund and the proposed increase to the Lump Sum payments for primary and secondary schools, specifically:**
  - a. **Primary - £138,300**
  - b. **Secondary - £173,130.**
- 8) **Endorsed the budgets to be held centrally specifically as set out in Appendix 1 of the report:**
  - a. **Schools Forum**
  - b. **Admissions**
  - c. **Duties retained by the local authority for all schools**
  - d. **Centrally employed Teachers' pay and pensions grants.**
- 9) **Approved the place numbers for Special Schools, Inclusion Centres and Alternative Provision Settings as set out in Section 9 and Appendix 4 of the report.**

The meeting concluded at 5.08 pm.

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Councillor Suzy Horton  
Chair