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Southend-on-Sea Education Board
Tuesday 26th March 2019

I confirm that a meeting of the Schools Forum/Education Board will be held on **Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 8.15am**. The meeting will be held at the Tickfield Centre.

Robert Harris
Clerk to the Forum

A G E N D A

Agenda	Item	Lead	Time
1.	Apologies for absence	Chair	5mins
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2018 – Minutes attached	Chair	5mins
3.	Matters arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)	Chair	5mins
	<u>Schools Forum Matters</u>		
4.	Dedicated School Grant (DSG) Growth Fund Application 2019/20 and Future Years Report attached	PG	25mins
5.	High Need Block 2019 Detailed Budget Allocation and 2018/19 Outturn Verbal report (no papers)	PG/GB	10mins
6.	Public Duties Report to follow	BM	10mins

	<u>Education Board Matters</u>		
7.	Feedback from Operational Review Task and Finish Group (including recommendations) Report to follow	Chair / RH	10mins
8.	School Matters (a) Additional support for vulnerable secondary schools (no papers) (b) Data sharing, statutory, non-statutory, LSCB (no papers) (c) Schools Update (no papers)	BM	15mins
9.	Report back from Sub Groups (a) SPSG – to follow (b) VLSG – to follow (c) RSG – draft minutes attached	SG Chairs	15mins
10.	Consideration of Annual Plan for Education Board Agenda	ALL	10mins
11.	Any other business (to be notified to the Chair/Clerk prior to the meeting)	ALL	10mins
12.	Date and time of future meetings 4 th June 2019 at 08.15am 22 nd October 2019 at 08.15am 17 th December 2019 at 08.15am 21 st January 2020 at 08.15am 17 th March 2020 at 08.15am	RH	5mins

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Education Board

Date: Tuesday, 18th December, 2018

Place: Darwin Room - Tickfield

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Present: Mr M Sweeting (Chair)
Dr R Bevan (Vice-Chair), Mrs N Banister, Mrs L Yelland,
Mrs Julia Jones, Ms M Palles-Clark, Mr J Glazier, Dr P Hayman,
Mr J Johnson, Ms J Mullan, Mr L Pryor, Mr S Reynolds and
Ms V Wright

In Attendance: Councillor H Boyd
Ms C Hickey, P Grout, E Hammans, R Harris and B Martin, G Bloom
and C Braun.

Start/End Time: 8.15 - 9.50 am

1 Apologies, Substitutions and Introductions

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D. Woollard, Ms L. Clark, Mr N. Houchen, Mr T. Barrett, Mr A. McGarel, Mr M. Jordan, Ms K. Willis, Ms S Baldwin and Mr S Leftley.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 30th October 2018

Resolved:

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th October 2018, subject to a minor amendment to Item 4, bullet point 4 to remove the words 'as they currently do', were agreed.

Matters arising: The Task and Finish Group to review operational and good practice would be set-up in the New Year.

3 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Budget Planning 2019/20 and Forecast Outturn 2018/19 Update

The Board considered a report from the Senior Finance Officer presenting the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), covering the following areas:

- Proposed funding methodology for distribution of the 2019/20 Individual School Block (ISB) allocations;
- 2019/20 draft budget; and
- Updated forecast outturn for 2018/19.

In addition to the report the Board was also informed of the recent announcement from the Department of Education (DoE) of an additional £409,000 for 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years. It was suggested that the additional resource should immediately be allocated to the DSG reserves.

The Board discussed the report in detail and commended the officers and all those involved in preparing the budget reports which provide a clear picture of the funding and resources.

The Board reiterated its concerns regarding the DfE cap on funding gains and that this was a real terms reduction in schools funding. It must be clear that schools was being disadvantaged by Government which was not conducive to their wellbeing. It also did not help that cannot plan resources beyond 2020/21 due to the uncertainty around the Governments spending review.

The Chair stressed the good position but it was still a real terms reduction in funding which has been debated a number of times by the Board and has taken a number of difficult decisions recognising the work to get into the current position.

In respect to the recent announcement from the DoE the Board agreed that it made sense to allocate the additional resource to the DSG reserves. However, this resource needs to be looked at as a two-year package, allowing for the fact that the per pupil income is not likely to rise. The allocation of this resource also needs sensible and evidence based planning – the funds need to be focused on getting maximum benefit. The Resources Sub Group would consider and make recommendations to the Board in March 2019.

Resolved:

1. That it be agreed that the 2019/20 individual School Block allocations are distributed in accordance with the principles of the National Funding Formulae in full (as reference in paragraph 3.7, and Appendix 1 of the report).

2. That it be noted that the final DSG individual school budgets for mainstream schools will be set in January 2019, based on the decisions and principles made in this report and updated according to the Numbers on Roll as at the October 2018 census.

3. That for Maintained Schools only the de-delegation of funding to be centrally retained from the schools block for the following services (as reference in paragraph 3.17 of the report), be agreed:

- Governor subscriptions;
- Staff Costs (Trade union duties)

4. That it be agreed that the growth fund to support schools be held centrally within the Schools block and distributed to provide the extra required places within the authority (as reference in 3.20 of the report) and it be noted, as per the last DSG report, the revised funding methodology for award of growth fund will be presented back to the Education Board in March 2019.

5. That the indicative 2019/20 early years budget, as referenced in 3.23 of the report, be agreed.

6. That the commitments held with the central school blocks remain the same, as reference in 3.37 of the report, be agreed.

4 Secondary School Places update

The Board received a verbal update on the position regarding the provision of secondary school places across the Borough for 2018/19 and 2019/20. The Board was also informed that a letter had been sent to all secondary Headteachers advising that an expression of interest has been submitted to the DoE for a new free school. The need for a free school is not likely required until 2024 onwards and a dialogue with the DoE and Headteachers would take place.

5 SEND Inspection

The Board considered a tabled paper setting out a brief overview and summary of the findings from the recent SEN Inspection Inspectors' report.

The full report was available from the Ofsted website at the following link: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/80559>.

The Board discussed the report and asked a number of questions which the officers responded to. The Board noted that work had started on addressing those areas identified for improvement, ahead of March 2019, when the joint Written Statement of Action (WSOA) needs to be submitted.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

6 Schools Update

The Board received a verbal update on a number of schools matters, covering recent Ofsted inspections which were in the public domain.

The Board was also informed that the formal handover of Cecil Jones to the new Trust would take place on 1st March 2019. New senior leaders and Headteacher will be in place from January 2019.

The Board expressed concerns regarding the apparent lack of urgency and the slowness of the process for the new Trust and governance, etc being put in place at Cecil Jones. The Board sought details of evidence to show if pupils have benefited from three different forms of oversight/governance and felt that two generations of pupils have been failed due to the slow pace of change.

Officers advised that the Regional Schools Commissioner has been written to on a number of occasions and in the New Year a collective package of support for the three vulnerable schools will be put in place.

The Board also referred to the damaged reputation/perception of the school and the impact this has on falling roll numbers at the school.

Resolved:

That the update on matters relating to schools be noted.

7 Violence and Vulnerability Progress Update

The Board received a report presenting a six month progress report on how the Council and partners are organising and resourcing local services to tackle serious violence and exploitation in the Borough.

The Board asked a number of questions which were responded to by officers in relation to homelessness and the education and awareness campaigns in schools.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

8 Southend 2050

The Board received a verbal update covering the Southend 2050 Ambition, Themes and Outcomes and Five Year Road Map to 2023 document, which had been approved at Full Council on 13th December 2018, with particular reference to the Ready for School; Ready for Work initiative.

Resolved:

That the update be noted.

9 Feedback from Sub Group Chairs

The Board received the minutes of the Sub Groups relating to Resources, Vulnerable Learners and School Performance. The Board noted that a Skills Sub Group had been established and the minutes of this meeting will be included in future feedback.

The Board discussed the minutes in general and asked for more detail to be included in the minutes of the School Performance Sub Group, subject to the restrictions concerning confidentiality.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the various Sub Groups, be noted.

10 Any Other Business

School Files: Joint LSCB Letter

The Board was thanked for their response to the joint LSCB letter relating to the transfer of school files. The purpose of the letter was to ensure that all school files relating to pupils were transferred and to check filing systems to ensure there were no residual files left.

The Board noted that it was essential that the process around the transfer of files were robustly adhered to. There were several schools to finalise their information.

Resolved:

That the information be noted.

11 Date and time of future meetings

22nd January 2019 at 08.15am – Tickfield Centre

26th March 2019 at 08.15am – Tickfield Centre

Chairman: _____

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Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

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Report of Deputy Chief Executive – People
and Director of Finance and Resources

To
Education Board

On
26th March 2019

Report prepared by:
Paul Grout, Senior Finance Business Partner

Dedicated School Grant (DSG) Growth Fund application 2019/20 and future years

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To recommend to the Education Board (EB) the proposed and revised funding methodology for the application of growth fund to be awarded to the applicable Schools from September 2019 (the start of the 2019/20 academic year).
- 1.2 And remind, the EB and Schools (explained further in the background of this report), that the change in funding methodology for award of growth funding to our required local schools has been driven by the Department for Education (DfE) DSG future years growth fund announcement in July 2018, updating the basis for growth funding allocations awarded to DSG funding allocations from 2019/20 onwards as part of the National Funding Formulae.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Education Board (EB) are asked to agree:
- 2.2 That to remain affordable within Southend's DSG funding allocation, the growth funding awarded to Schools from September 2019 will be distributed on the basis of £1,866 per primary place and £2,213 per secondary place for a class size of 30 places, awarding total equivalent funding for a full year of £55,979 per primary class and £66,397 per secondary class. (As referenced in 7.5)
- 2.3 To approve delegated power to the local authority and therefore the 'Director of Learning' and 'Senior Finance Business Partner' – DSG Financial lead, that from September 2020, given the volatility in nature of predicting growth funding allocations to future years DSG resources (As referenced in 7.7), and therefore to also remain affordable within local DSG allocations, that the local growth rates can be reduced by a maximum 10% from the rates shown in 2.2 if required, but, also with no upper limit for increased funding to those rates.

- 2.4 And note, in relation to both recommendations 2.2 and 2.3, these applied growth funding rates for the following financial year are proposed to be made available in the annual “January DSG EB budget setting report” which is then timed with the final DSG school block - mainstream school funding allocations. (As referenced in 7.8)

3 Key reminder – what is the growth fund?

- 3.1 The DSG growth fund is centrally retained within the School block allocations, with the core purpose to support a growing school with the revenue resources required of running a new intake class from the September of that applicable academic year.
- 3.2 The growth fund is therefore administered to cover the delayed gap in DSG funding within that applicable School’s own Individual core DSG School Block (ISB) budget share, which is based on the preceding October school pupil census which would therefore not capture the additional intake class’s pupil numbers.
- 3.3 And it must remain minded, it remains a statutory duty of the Local Authorities and therefore School Admission team to determine and approve any required new local intake class.

4 Recent background in relation to DfE’s announcement on future funding for Growth

- 4.1 As a remaining item of changes imposed as a result of the DfE’s National Funding Formulae in 2018/19, the DfE announced in July 2018 their new funding distribution methodology for DSG resources in relation to growth funding from 2019/20. And this was first shared to the EB in the “Oct 2018 DSG EB 2018-19 forecast outturn and 2019-20 budget planning” paper, including the following EB approved recommendation 2.7 in that paper:

“That an additional options paper and recommendation on the application of growth fund awarded to Schools from 2019/20, is presented to the EB for approval in March 2019, and once considered through the Resources Sub Group.”

- 4.2 The actual guidance, on the calculation for DSG growth has been published in the DfE’s “National funding formula policy document for 2019 to 2020”, but to summarise:

4.2.1 The growth funding distributed to DSG resources from 2019/20 will now be based on any pupil growth between annual October school census’s, and only using positive growth within middle layer super output area’s (MSOA) will be counted. Note – MSOAs are defined, as small enough geographical areas to detect pockets of growth by the National Office for Statistics; and these are, therefore based on post codes, grouped within a particular geographical area.

4.2.2 Multiplied by annual funding rates of £1,370 for each per primary ‘growth pupil’ and £2,050 for each per secondary ‘growth pupil’,

adjusted slightly by a local area cost adjustment to formulate a final funding allocation to DSG resources.

- 4.3 The following table demonstrates the actual DfE – 2019/ 20 DSG growth fund calculation for our local schools, and as shown in the “Jan 2019 EB DSG budget 201920” paper:

A	B	C	$D = A * \text{£}1,370 * C$	$E = B * \text{£}2,050 * C$	D + E
Primary growth no.s	Secondary growth no.s	Local Area cost adjustment	Primary growth allocation	Secondary growth allocation	Total growth allocation
172.0	344.5	1.003	£236,456	£708,677	£945,135

- 4.4 It must also be noted, that this funding methodology as with the Individual School Block allocation themselves is now also a lagged funding approach. i.e. the funding awarded for that financial year, will be based on the previous year’s growth. But, in theory, this therefore does also mean that on a longer term funding basis, once growth has reached its peak across a certain period of financial years, any in year depleted DSG resources, should be recovered within the following years DSG funding awarded. However, what does this also mean of course is that the DSG itself would require cash flow support from the local authority should a total DSG reserve deficit occur in any given financial year.

5 Why does our current methodology of growth funding awarded to schools need to change?

- 5.1 As first shared in the “Oct 2018 DSG EB 2018-19 forecast outturn and 2019-20 budget planning” paper, whilst the principle of the new DfE growth funding formulae seems justifiable, i.e. in terms of measuring actual positive growth within an authority on MSOA’s, it was flagged that with regard to the funded unit rates the DfE have applied to this approach are considerably lower than the unit rates Southend has historically awarded for Growth.

- 5.2 The DfE, are also clear that, it is still a local decision on how the growth fund is actually applied to Schools so they continue to place the duty on Local Authorities and School Forums / Education Boards to ensure the distribution of growth is affordable within their own DSG funding allocations.

6 Reminder of current Growth Fund application for 2018/19 and previous years

- 6.1 Under Southend’s School Forum approval in 2013, as required in accordance with statutory policy, growth funding is awarded to schools who have a planned and confirmed additional intake class (And as agreed with the Local Authorities school admissions service) from the start of that respective academic year.
- 6.2 And growth funding applicable to those schools, is received on the basis of 30 pupils multiplied by the latest local basic entitlement average weighted pupil unit (AWPU) rate per pupil for both primary and secondary schools. (And current local growth funding rates for both primary and secondary key C1 and D1, are as illustrated in the accompanying Appendix)

- 6.3 The funding was also agreed to be physically passed over to those schools twice a year, 5/12ths paid in the month April (covering the period April through to August) and the remaining 7/12ths paid in July (covering the period September through to March).
- 6.4 It must also remain noted, the growth fund for a maintained school would only be applicable for 7/12's of a financial year, as their DSG ISB core budget share is updated from the following April. Where, as an Academy School which does not receive their updated ISB share until the following September therefore requires a full funded years allocation of growth fund.

7 Growth Fund application for 2019/20 and future years

- 7.1 As illustrated in the accompanying "Appendix - Growth fund forecast model 2019/20 and future years", the appendix, presents a revised and recommended local growth funding rate per primary and secondary pupil to be applied from Sept-19, and this is also to ensure the application of the Growth fund remains affordable within our local and estimated DSG allocation for futures years. The model also allows in year deficits to occur that will then be recovered in subsequent years funding. This then also ensures a school is not unfairly penalized for an expected deficit balance in that year alone.
- 7.2 The recommended new local rates are therefore by statutory requirement, seeking to balance both the consideration of a school running a new intake class (based on a class size of 30) to meet basic need, whilst also remaining affordable within the local DSG growth fund allocation. Therefore, it is envisaged that the revised growth fund applied should be sufficient to fund a moderate to experienced teacher (incl. oncosts costed at £45,000 per annum), whilst also allowing a further minimum funding of £10,000 per annum to support the class with required revenue purchases for materials, fixture and fittings that are not deemed capital purchases, energy costs and any other applicable low level revenue purchases.
- 7.3 As stated in 3.3, it is the statutory duty of the Local Authority school admission team to determine and approve the number of new intake classes required each year for Schools. And note this can change up until the previous summer term as final admission numbers are confirmed. As shown in the Appendix, the current number of new intakes classes expected from Sept-19 for primary schools are 6 (and reducing for each year after), and 6 for secondary schools (increasing for the following 2 years and then reducing).
- 7.4 It is of course also recognised that any additional new intake class required requires further financial support than the direct cost related to the running of that new class (i.e. wider and indirect overhead costs), but it must remain minded that the purpose of the growth fund as defined by the DfE (referenced in 3.2), is simply used to cover the annual gap in funding and meet basic need until the School receives the full expected funding for those pupils in their core DSG budget in the following financial year.
- 7.5 The appendix, does also model three potential different options to apply the required saving reductions to existing local growth rates for both primary and secondary schools. However, the recommended option, as fully illustrated in the

Appendix is Scenario 2. Scenario 2, is the favoured option as given known growth will now be experienced in our local secondary schools for the next 7 years, it applies a level of protection to primary schools for 2019/20, to ensure they do not receive less than £55,000 per class. You can also see as demonstrated in the other scenarios, that any further equivalent funded % reduction applied to both a primary and secondary school disproportionately disadvantages a primary school compared to a secondary school. Scenario 2 also ensures a Secondary School in 2019/20 will receive a circa £66,000 per annum for growth. And in terms of equivalent, funded rates per pupil this amounts to £1,866 per primary pupil and £2,213 per secondary pupil.

- 7.6 It must also remain heavily caveated, that the funded model shown in the Appendix is attempting to forecast (and minded to the key purpose of determining local growth funding rates to be applied) anticipated MSOA measured growth for future years that the DfE will statistically recognise and register in determining future years DSG allocations for growth. Therefore, by its nature this is incredibly difficult to predict and forecast and therefore the model itself will need to be updated annually and refined.
- 7.7 Therefore, in recognition of the risk associated with future forecast modelling as referenced in 7.6, it is further recommended that the Education Board approve delegated authority to both the “Director of Learning” and “Senior Finance Business Partner – DSG financial lead” to allow annual changes to the local growth fund rates, with an unlimited maximum increase tolerance, but also a maximum reduction amount of 10% to the rates shown in 7.5. (uplifted by 2% each year from 2019/20 to cover basic inflationary rises). And the applied minimum amounts will only be acted upon, if required to remain affordable within the DSG allocation over future years. In the event, the annual class amount was needed to reduce further than this (and it is hoped this will be very unlikely), the decision would need to be brought back to the attention of Education Board for agreement as a separate report.
- 7.8 And therefore on the basis 7.7 is agreed, it would also enable future years growth fund rates to be set and shared in the annual January EB DSG budget report, once the applicable growth fund allocation having been determined by the DfE for the following financial year.
- 7.9 And finally, in review of the physical current payment process (referenced in 6.3), which does cause both an in year cash flow issue for the Local Authority (LA), as the growth fund is physically distributed before the DSG fund is physically paid into the LA, and the fact, that the lion share of the growth fund is used to support a teacher salary paid monthly. The local authority from Sept-19 will be physically distributing the cash funding applied to growth on a monthly basis, timed with the current monthly school cash payment process, which is also sensibly paid a few days in advance of the monthly salary cost of a school. This will then also further support the stream lining of DSG related monthly cash payments administered by the local authority.

8 Conclusion

- 8.1 An updated 2019/20 Growth fund financial allocation model has been presented in this report alongside a starting point for now revised funding rates.
- 8.2 As highlighted in this report, to determine what will actually become the final DSG allocation for that year is incredibly complex to forecast and predict. However to help mitigate this risk, it is proposed that this model is updated and revised each year with the flexibility to increase or reduce funded rates as needed within the suggested and advised tolerance levels.

9 Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix – Growth Fund forecast model 201920 and future years

Appendix - Growth fund model applicable from Sept-19

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				DSG Financial Year								
				FYI only	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6	Yr7	
				2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21*	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Key	School census date:	Start of Academic year		Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23	Oct-24
				Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-20	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24	Sep-25
A A1	Primary Pupil no.s		actual census count	14,786	15,044	15,075						
			estimated census count				15,165	15,210	15,210	15,210	15,210	15,210
			census growth from previous year		258	31	90	45	45	-	-	-
			% of previous years local growth applied to MSOA growth for the following year		145%	82%	75%	75%	75%	-	-	-
			*MSOA growth from previous year		349	172	135	68	45	-	-	-
B B1	Secondary Pupil no.s		actual census count	10,553	10,655	10,899						
			estimated census count				11,079	11,289	11,529	11,769	11,889	11,949
			census growth from previous year		102	245	90	105	240	240	120	60
			% of previous years local growth applied to MSOA growth for the following year			287%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
			*MSOA growth from previous year		134	345	180	210	240	240	120	60
C D	DfE unit funding rate		ACA adjustment applied		1.003	1.003	1.003	1.003	1.003	1.003	1.003	1.003
			Primary per pupil		£1,375	£1,375	£1,375	£1,375	£1,375	£1,375	£1,375	£1,375
			Secondary per pupil		£2,057	£2,057	£2,057	£2,057	£2,057	£2,057	£2,057	£2,057
E = A * C F = B * D	DfE Calculated Growth fund		Secondary compared to primary ratio		49.6%	49.6%	49.6%	49.6%	49.6%	49.6%	49.6%	
			Primary		£480,766	£236,458	£185,000	£95,000	£60,000	-	-	-
G H = E + F + G	Growth fund awarded		Secondary		£276,611	£708,677	£370,000	£430,000	£495,000	£495,000	£245,000	£125,000
			total		£757,376	£945,135	£555,000	£525,000	£555,000	£495,000	£245,000	£125,000
G H = E + F + G	Final budgetted growth fund		Any local movement within DSG allocations		£1,190,000	£1,190,000	£945,135	£555,000	£525,000	£555,000	£495,000	£245,000
					(£500,000)	(£470,000)	£45,869	-	-	-	-	-
Current Growth funding methodology	C1 D1 E1 = C1 * A1 F1 = D1 * B1 H1 = E1 + F1 i1 = H1 - H i1 cumulative	Local growth funding rates*	Primary per pupil	£3,023	£3,039	£3,039	£3,039	£3,039	£3,039	£3,039	£3,039	£3,039
			Secondary per pupil	£3,900	£3,959	£3,959	£3,959	£3,959	£3,959	£3,959	£3,959	£3,959
			Secondary compared to primary ratio		30.3%	30.3%	30.3%	30.3%	30.3%	30.3%	30.3%	30.3%
			Primary *		£553,659	£509,036	£349,487	£220,329	£75,976	-	-	-
			Secondary *		£277,148	£613,684	£781,952	£900,729	£950,220	£673,073	£336,536	£168,268
			Total Growth forecast £		£830,806	£1,122,720	£1,131,439	£1,121,058	£1,026,196	£673,073	£336,536	£168,268
			overspend / (underspend)		£110,806	£131,716	£576,439	£596,058	£471,196	£178,073	£91,536	£43,268
Revised growth funding methodology to be affordable to the DfE DSG allocation*	J K M = E1 - (E1 * J) + F1 - (F1 * K) N = M - H N cumulative C2 = C1 - (C1 * J) D2 = D1 - (D1 * K) C2 * 30 D2 * 30	*Required % saving applied	Primary			38.6%	38.6%	38.6%	38.6%	38.6%	38.6%	38.6%
			Secondary			44.1%	44.1%	44.1%	44.1%	44.1%	44.1%	44.1%
			Revised growth fund forecast (based on % reduction)		£850,232	£651,696	£638,790	£577,822	£376,248	£188,124	£94,062	
			Revised overspend / (underspend)		£110,806	(£140,772)	£96,696	£113,790	£22,822	(£118,752)	(£56,876)	(£30,938)
			Revised Cumulative overspend / (underspend)		£110,806	(£29,966)	£66,730	£180,520	£203,342	£84,589	£27,713	(£3,225)
			Primary per pupil			£1,866	£1,866	£1,866	£1,866	£1,866	£1,866	£1,866
			Secondary per pupil			£2,213	£2,213	£2,213	£2,213	£2,213	£2,213	£2,213
Equivalent annual funding to support a new class	Primary			£55,979	£55,979	£55,979	£55,979	£55,979	£55,979	£55,979		
	Secondary			£66,397	£66,397	£66,397	£66,397	£66,397	£66,397	£66,397		
FYI only	NFF local AWPU Rate		Primary (Years R - 6)			£2,757	£2,757	£2,757	£2,757	£2,757	£2,757	£2,757
			Secondary (KS3 - Year 7 - 9)			£3,876	£3,876	£3,876	£3,876	£3,876	£3,876	£3,876
			Secondary compared to primary ratio			40.6%	40.6%	40.6%	40.6%	40.6%	40.6%	40.6%

Model scenarios *		
1	2	3
43.1%	38.6%	46.4%
43.1%	44.1%	42.4%
£1,729	£1,866	£1,629
£2,253	£2,213	£2,281
30.3%	18.5%	40.0%
£51,876	£55,979	£48,867
£67,584	£66,397	£68,416

* MSOA "Middle Super Output area" - defined by office for the national statistics and school postcode information. Schools are categorised into MSOA population area's and only positive growth within that area is counted

* Local growth (new classes required for this no. of pupils) - as agreed by the School Admissions team and please note this can only ever be best estimate up until the Sept intakes are confirmed

* Current local growth funded rates - are according to the 17/18 local funding formulae AWPU base line rate for primary and secondary, simply uplifted with the applied MFG protection under the NFF for 2018/19 continuing into 2019/20

* Note therefore - 2020/21 and onwards are forecast estimates for planning purposes only.

* MSOA growth from previous year - is heavily caveated that this is again, best estimates for forecasting purposes for future years. Final Oct census no.s of each year, and what would fall into MSOA growth is subject to a number of variations outside of the planned school class growth alone. This Model will therefore be updated each year, once the DfE have supplied the actual growth fund for the following financial year. To maintain and review level of accuracy with the forecasts.

* Growth funding forecast applicable for maintains schools is 7/12's of the year only, as there core funding is applied and updated from April. Academies funding is applies from Sept, so hence why a full years growth is applied.

* Required % reduction saving on current growth distribution to be affordable to the DfE DSG allocation - which would be applicable from Sept-19. The appendix has been modelled on scenario 2 (the recommended option)

* Revised growth funding methodology - allows in year overspends on growth that will be recovered in the following year, as the funding is lagged

* Model scenarios, the Education Board, could choose to apply the required saving reductions to existing rates on alternative % reductions for both primary and secondary, but this is provided the model itself is still affordable over the 7 years. However, it should remain noted that given the growth for futures years is now in the secondary years. Any greater weighted ratio saving applied to the primary provision has a greater impact on the funding to be applied per class in a primary school, than the corresponding increase in funding for a secondary class. Therefore scenario 2 is the recommended option, as this ensure a primary school will receive at least £55,000 to support the DSG revenue funding for a new class. And a secondary school £65,000.

** Please also note - it is recognised no inflation has been applied to the local funded rates at this time. This will therefore be linked to any inflation the DfE apply to their funded unit rates. And at this time - no assumptions can be made for inflation.

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Southend Education Board, Resources Sub Group (RSG)

5rd March 2019, 4.00-5.15, Southend High School for Boys

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Membership of the sub group for Resources	(Draft, nominations received) representation
3 nominations from the Education Board (Headteacher/governor)	Robin Bevan (secondary) CHAIR Maurice Sweeting (SECAT, governor) Niki Bannister (primary, governor)
4 other members nominated from the four associations	Will Hill (primary) Paul Hayman (secondary) Jackie Mullan (special) Anthony McGarel (governor)
1 school business manager nominated from Board	Simon Oxenham (SHSB)
Council Officer representation as required for the papers	Paul Grout (Senior Finance Business Partner) Gary Bloom (Head of SEND) cc. Brin Martin (Director of Learning)

Time	Agenda item	Decision? Action
4.00	Membership Apologies Council officer representation as required for papers Officers present: Paul Grout Gary Bloom	Niki Bannister (given at the last meeting)
	Membership Vacancies	None
4.05	Minutes of the last meeting 03.12.18	No amendments. However, Maurice will bring to the attention of Brin prior to the next EB board, the item of "public duties" support, in relation to current academy buy in, and refresher of what they are buying in to.
4.10	EB Paper - DSG 2019/20 and future years application of Growth Fund DRAFT paper presented by Paul Grout	Paper amendments agreed: Paul G to action: Amend recommendation 2.3, to a minimum tolerance of 10% for

		<p>primary and secondary schools compared to revised growth funding allocations, as opposed to a single amount for both.</p> <p>And bring out within the body of the paper the no. of new classes this is expected to apply for from Sept-19 to primary and secondary.</p>
4.30	<p>Detailed High Need Budget 2019/20 allocation - discussion item.</p> <p>RSG paper only - including latest 2018/19 forecast position & updated DSG forecast balances</p> <p>(Paul Grout / Gary Bloom officer leads)</p> <p>The EB DSG High Need Detailed 2019/20 budget paper will now be presented at the Jun-19 EB board (following the RSG 20/05 meeting)</p>	<p>Discussion item, on the principle funding approaches for 2019/20 High Need allocations.</p> <p>RSG group recognition, in relation to the needs of balancing a number of funding items for High Needs, and therefore by allowing this delay will provide a more informed final detailed budget allocation paper to be presented at the June EB board. (This also then times the paper with the previous 2 years presentations, and special schools are aware and accepted this delay for their own budget planning from Sept-19).</p> <p>Note – Gary/Jackie specific update provided. “The paper has also been delayed due to responses required for the SEND inspection, and the high need placement panel taking place later than previous years.”</p> <p>It also needs to be recognised, that the final DfE final place fund allocation for any special free school is not announced by the DfE until March. Therefore an unhelpful delay, to cast final and available budget allocations.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Robin asked that the Education Board receive a verbal update for the reasoning of delay to the paper, with recognition of the valid and helpful reasons for delay. Maurice to request Brin places an item on the next EB board agenda for a verbal update by Paul G and Gary.</p>

		<p>Maurice – will also request, a separate paper update to the Education Board, for progress in relation to the revised top up banding descriptors.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the banding descriptors will be ready early in the Autumn, so that a complete re-assessment of all pupils will be possible for the 2020/21 funding allocations.</p> <p>Officer’s Paul G and Gary will also look to present at the next RSG group (as required) proposed options for balancing and recovering the high need deficit budget reserve by the end of March 2019, as previously agreed by the Education Board.</p>
5.00	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>20th May 2019 (ahead of June EB date) – Southend High School for boys 4:00 pm to 5.30 pm.</p> <p>Next set of RSG 2019 Papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintained and Academy end of year balance tables only - Christine Hickey (Officer Lead) 2. DSG Final Outturn 2018/19 - Paul Grout (Officer Lead) 3. DSG High Need budget allocation 2019/20 – Paul Grout / Gary Bloom (Officer leads) -30mins <p>Future RSG meeting dates – Southend High School for boys 4:00 pm to 5.30 pm: 7th October 2019 2nd December 2019 6th January 2020 (if needed) 2nd March 2020</p>	
	Meeting close	

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