

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Education Board

Date: Wednesday, 15th December, 2021

Place: MS Teams

Present: Jane Ladner (Chair) – Southend High School for Girls (Governor)

Dr Robin Bevan (Vice-Chair) – Southend High School for Boys (Headteacher)

Jim Johnson – Edwards Hall Primary (Headteacher)

Stuart Reynolds - Southchurch High School (Headteacher)

Darren Woollard - Blenheim Primary School (Headteacher)

Lisa Clark - Hamstel Infant (Headteacher)

Stephen Tollworthy - Shoeburyness High School (Governor)

Anthony McGarel - South Essex College

Jackie Mullan - St Christophers (SEN Trust)

Vicky Wright - Professional Association for Childcare & Early Years

Lesley Yelland - Essex Pre-School Learning Alliance (Early Years)

Shireeb Harub – Trade Unions

Bev Williams – CEO MAT Group representative (non-voting)

In Attendance: M Marks, C Braun, P Grout, E Hammans and R Harris

Start/End Time: 8.15 am - 8.55 am

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from L Clark, D Allen, J Jones and B Martin.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

3 Matters arising (not covered elsewhere on the Agenda)

There were no matters arising from the minutes at this meeting.

4 Dedicated Schools Grant 2022/23 Budget planning and 2021/22 Forecast Outturn Report

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

- Final indicative 2022/23 DSG budget allocations for any de-delegated maintained school block allocations and central block funded services; and
- Updated forecast outturn for 2021/22.

The Board discussed the report and asked a number of questions which were responded to by officers.

Resolved:

1. That the amounts and services that will continue to be funded centrally from the Central Block. where the local authority holds a statutory responsibility for all schools (As referenced in paragraph 9.2 of the submitted report), be agreed.
2. That the de-delegation of funding to be centrally retained from the Schools block for the following services, be agreed:

7 Staff Costs (Public duties)

3. That, on the basis of the decisions undertaken through both this and the previous October 2021 DSG report, this DSG paper and the following January 2022 DSG report be recommended to Council for final approval in February 2022.

5 Inclusion Panel Funding

The Board considered a report from the Head of Access and Inclusion requesting agreement for the use of reserve DSG balances to provide additional resources to secondary schools through the Secondary Inclusion Panel to promote effective inclusive strategies

Resolved:

That the use of reserve DSG balances to provide additional resources to secondary schools through the Secondary Inclusion Panel to promote effective inclusive strategies to the sum of £60,000 for financial year 2021/22; and 2.2 To consider and agree a continued budget of £150,000 for the financial year 2022/23 for secondary school inclusion panel resources, be agreed.

6 Report back from Sub-Groups

The Board received and noted the minutes of the Sub-Groups, as listed below:

- (i) Resources Sub-Group held on 30th November 2021;
- (ii) Vulnerable Learners Sub Group held on 2nd December 2021.

The Board also noted that the School Performance Sub-Group meeting scheduled for December was cancelled.

The Board noted that there was one vacancy for a Primary representative on the Resources Sub-Group and a number of vacancies on the School Performance Sub-Group and Vulnerable Learners Sub Group.

Any Other Business

City Status

The Board noted that Southend-on-Sea will shortly receive City Status and a number of activities were being explored.

8 Date and time of future meetings

Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 8.15am

Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 8.15am

Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 8.15am

Chair: _____