

Southend Education Board (EB), Resources Sub Group (RSG)

4th October 2022, 4.15-5.45, (held virtually on-line through MS teams)

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting

Membership of the sub group for Resources	(nominations received) representation
3 nominations from the Education Board (Headteacher/Governor)	Robin Bevan (secondary) CHAIR Jane Ladner (secondary, governor) Stuart Reynolds (secondary)
4 other members nominated from the four associations	Andy Douglas (primary) Vicky Wright (early years) Jackie Mullan (special) Anthony McGarel (post 16)
1 school business manager nominated from the RSG	Simon Oxenham (SHSB)
Council Officer representation as required for the papers	Paul Grout (Senior Finance Business Partner) cc. Gary Bloom (Head of SEND) Cathy Braun (Head of Access and Inclusion) Elaine Hammans (Head of Early Years) Michael Marks (Executive Director of Children and Public Health)

Time	Agenda item	Decision? Action
4.15	Membership Apologies And council officer representation as required for papers Officers present: Paul Grout	Apologies from Vicky Wright (post meeting)
	Membership Vacancies	No vacancies – and welcome to Andy for his first RSG meeting.
4.20	Minutes of the last meeting 07.06.22	No amendments. Minutes agreed, all actions complete and now Final.
4.25	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2023/24 Indicative budget allocations including	Discussion / Debate:

<p>2023/24 Individual School Block (ISB) allocations.</p> <p>(DRAFT Paper supplied)</p> <p>Officer Lead: Paul Grout</p>	<p>A discussion was held on what options / flexibilities does Southend now have when setting Per Pupil rates in Mainstream Schools.</p> <p>Paul re-confirmed these options are now very limited and would require disapplication request, when going outside of NFF Minimum Funding Guarantee factors, and would also be highly unlikely to be approved as it would also involve reducing funding for other schools attracting their Core NFF allocations to remain affordable within overall funding allocation.</p> <p>A post action note (by Paul) – has also confirmed the DfE have made an error in their indicative 23/24 Authority Proforma Tool (APT) suggesting Minimum Funding Guarantees can be set between 0.5 – 2 %. This is not true, the guidance published only allows MFG to be set between 0 – 0.5% (without disapplication request). Whilst, this makes no difference to the indicative rates modelled through the NFF (and appendix 2 shared) it does highlight the further restrictions to be able to flex the model.</p> <p>Paper amendments agreed:</p> <p>5.2.5 – For ISB, now highlight the MFG restrictions between 0.0% – 0.5%</p> <p>9.6 – For High Needs 23 24, amend wording to reflect “encouraging increase” of funding.</p> <p>In both - Conclusions and Recommendations, re-highlight the fact that a MFG uplift per pupil of 0.5%, is very low, considering the inflationary pressures on all Schools.</p>
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5.30	<p data-bbox="256 208 331 239">AOB</p> <p data-bbox="256 280 387 315">FYI only:</p> <p data-bbox="256 351 746 425">Date of next meetings and current forward plan</p> <p data-bbox="256 463 834 609">Future RSG meeting dates – MS Teams or Southend High School for boys 4:15 pm to 5.30/6.00 pm current planned papers ahead of Education Board (EB):</p> <p data-bbox="256 645 807 719">6th December 2022 (Ahead of EB date 20th Dec)</p> <ul data-bbox="309 757 834 866" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="309 757 834 866">• DSG 2023/24 Final Budget planning including ISB allocations and Forecast Outturn 2022/23 <p data-bbox="256 904 813 978">June 2023 (Date tbc ahead of EB date 20th June)</p> <ul data-bbox="309 1016 818 1126" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="309 1016 746 1048">• DSG Final Outturn 2022/23 <li data-bbox="309 1055 818 1126">• DSG High Need detailed budget allocations 2023/24 <p data-bbox="256 1164 459 1200">Meeting close</p>	5 mins