

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

28th November 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) Nicki Kelly (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 Nicki Recognition of new member Nicki (College Principal Post 16) to RSG , appointed from the Education Board replacing previous Anthony (Post 16). And RSG thank Anthony for his previous contributions to RSG.
	Membership Vacancies	No vacancies
4.20	Minutes of the last meeting 04.10.22	No amendments. Minutes agreed, all actions complete and now Final.
4.25	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2023/24 budget planning and 2022/23 Forecast Outturn.	Discussion / Debate: Additional funding announcements by the government on the 17 th November

(DRAFT Paper attached)

Officer Lead: Paul Grout

2022, although welcome providing nationally £2.3bn for each year 23/24 and 24/25. The detail at this time is still awaited on the actual allocations for all schools, although expected this will now be paid by the way of a supplementary grant (and not now pass through the DSG 2324 National Funding Formulae for Individual Schools).

However, although the detail is awaited, RSG does remain very concerned whether this additional grant will be enough to cover :-

- the full cost of recent support and teaching staff salary increases,
- the realistic prospect of further wage pressures and the escalating cost of energy (also given the current energy relief schemes finish the end of March 23).
- funding concerns remain and continue for the Early Years sector (particularly given the National Living Wage increases of 9.7% from 1st April 23)
- and Post 16 provision which is a sector that has also been financially struggling for many years .

(Action – Robin will raise these points specifically at the EB)

Paper amendments agreed (for recommendations):

Section 5.3 (Public duties) Now on the basis the number of academy schools buy in does not increase by the 1st April 2023 to allow sufficient balances in the Public Duties fund, individual claims will

		<p>need to be capped at a maximum 15 days per year from the 1st September 2023 (changed from the 1st April 2023). And agreements will need to be updated with the respective trade unions, if this occurs.</p> <p>Section 11.2 – will be updated to a recommended minimum reserve balance of 10% (from 8%) of in year funds on High Need reserves balances. To support long term sustainability and security of high need funded provision and wider available High Need funds remain targeted to increase required services for Alternative Provision and Inclusion, as both of those initiatives progress.</p>
5.30	<p>AOB</p> <p>FYI only:</p> <p>Date of next meetings and current forward plan</p> <p>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>June 2023 (Date tbc ahead of EB date 20th June)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSG Final Outturn 2022/23 • DSG High Need detailed budget allocations 2023/24 <p>And possible March 2023 (Date tbc ahead of EB date 21st March)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • And paper items, depending on any further announcements from the DfE or specific matters that require RSG attention. <p>Meeting close</p>	5 mins