

Item No 3, Outstanding Action Points

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To list action points from previous meetings, including outstanding and recently completed actions.
- 2 Action points are shown below, including a reference to the minutes where the action was identified. Completed actions will be included in the report, for information, for six months after completion.

Outstanding actions

SEND appeals process

- 3 26 March 2024, agenda item No. 2, paragraph 17.
- 4 Responsibility of Martyn Stenton.
- 5 Request for further clarity about procedure for SEND appeals.
- 6 Response from Paul Shadforth:

“It is not possible to quantify the time and cost associated with Dispute Resolution as the work is spread throughout the team with Caseworkers being the first point in trying to find a resolution, then Casework Managers. If a case is lodged at tribunal then the coordination of the appeal response is performed by our Specialist Dispute Resolution Managers. Each case requires a bespoke response so working back through the costs associated would be a challenge.”
- 7 Paul also advised that more work is being undertaken about developing a shared expectation on positive communication.

High Needs capital allocations

- 8 26 March 2024, agenda item No. 2, paragraph 46.
- 9 Responsibility of Martyn Stenton.
- 10 Request for further information about progress with allocating capital funding.
- 11 Response from Paul Shadforth is that work has been undertaken to provide additional space at Durham Trinity and Croft special

schools. A more comprehensive update will be provided to a future meeting.

Completed actions

Special School Funding 2024-25

- 12 26 March 2024, agenda item No. 2, paragraph 68.
- 13 Responsibility of David Watchman.
- 14 Ensure the views of Schools Forum, along with responses from special schools, are shared with the SEND and Inclusion Resources Board when making the final decision on the level of increase to special school funding for 2024/25.
- 15 The views of the special schools and the Forum were reported to the SEND and Inclusion Resources Board.
- 16 To remain on action point list until after the September 2024 meeting.

Scheme of delegation

- 17 23 November 2023, agenda item No. 2, paragraph 19.
- 18 Responsibility of David Shirer.
- 19 Request for the scheme of delegation to be updated to clarify where the Council will pay for redundancy and early retirement costs.
- 20 Revised scheme approved by Forum on 23 November 2023.
- 21 To remain on action point list until after June 2024 meeting.

HNB funding and SEND and Inclusion Update

- 22 23 November 2023, agenda item No. 2, paragraph 46.
- 23 Responsibility of Martyn Stenton.
- 24 Request for an analysis on the cost analysis of tribunals for EHCP refusals where the outcome has been overturned.
- 25 Response provided under item no 3 at Forum on 23 November 2023.
- 26 To remain in action point list until after June 2024 meeting.

Update on review of the banding for special schools

- 27 27 September 2023, agenda item No. 2, paragraph 84.
- 28 Responsibility of Martyn Stenton.
- 29 Request for update on review of the banding for special schools.
- 30 Verbal update provided in the September 2023 meeting.
- 31 To remain on action point list until after March 2024 meeting.

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