

Item No 4, Executive Summary

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.

Background

- 3 This report has been prepared in accordance with recommended practice in the ESFA guidance on Schools Forums and is a standard item on all Agendas.

Item No 3, Outstanding Action Points

- 4 This is a standing item that lists actions requested by the Forum during meetings. It includes both outstanding items and those that have been completed in the past six months.

Item No 5, School Funding 2024/25

- 5 This report outlines the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations for the Schools and Central School Services Blocks for the financial year 2024/25 as per the latest update received from the Department of Education (DfE) in December 2023.

Item No 6, Early Years Funding 2024/25

- 6 To provide details of indicative Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Early Years Block (EYB) funding for 2024/25, including the new entitlement to funded childcare for working parents of children under three.
- 7 To outline the details of the proposed formula for distribution of funding to EY Providers in Durham in 2024/25.

Item No 7, HNB Funding and SEND and Inclusion Update

- 8 This report sets out the financial position of the High Needs Block (HNB) for County Durham based upon the latest forecast information.
- 9 The report considers options for closing the gap between forecast HNB expenditure and forecast HNB funding levels for the period 2025/26 to 2027/28.
- 10 The report also provides an update on progress of projects within Phase Two of the High Needs Block Sustainability Programme which is aligned with the DfE's Delivering Better Value Programme.

Item No 8, Forum Membership

- 11 To provide an overview of changes to the membership of the Forum and to present to members with an updated schedule of Schools Forum members.

Item No 9, Schools Forum Constitution

- 12 To recommend that members approve an update to the Constitution of the Schools Forum in respect of the number of Academy and School Members and a minor amendment.

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