



Sheffield Schools Forum 28 June 2022 Executive Summary of Decisions

Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) and Central Services Schools Block (CSSB) - update

- An update was given about the work of the MAST team in relation to the £3.03m CSSB historic funding provided to MAST and support for Prevention and Early Intervention.
- Members reviewed and discussed the 'Early Help offer for schools' leaflet produced by MAST on behalf of MAST, parenting, schools advice teams, early years and SEND; and considered the process and criteria for referrals to early help services in Sheffield.
- The Forum noted the update and requested that consideration be given to how the team communicates with governors and parents about what MAST does to give thought about how they engage with the wider school community.

Locality SEND Funding Review Update

- Further to the investment of £1.5m into locality funding, as previously agreed by the Forum. The Forum was updated on the review which looks at how Element 3 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) funding is allocated to schools and is intended to improve provision in mainstream and ensures that statutory duties are met.
- Paper 4 provides an update on progress including of a banded resource allocation system (RAS) for Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans and locality systems to support children with SEN support needs.
- The RAS will ensure consistency at the child level and the locality will receive an allocation for strategic work which can be spent at their discretion to ensure we balance consistency with innovation.
- The proposal for the next academic year is that all schools will receive an initial SEND high needs funding allocation based on the Sheffield Support Grid at the beginning of the year. Where provision is not covered by the notional and initial high needs funding allocation, schools can request additional funding via panels. The aim being to balance speed with targeting funding. There will also be emergency funding set aside.
- The Forum acknowledged the progress and emphasised the need to communicate effectively to governors/trustees and parents as well.

Falling Rolls Policy Update

The Forum noted:

- that no changes are proposed to the Policy for 2022/23 (see Paper 5 Appendix 1 or download from the [School Budgets](#) web page);
- that only three claims were made by schools and all were unsuccessful due to surplus balances; and
- the outturn position of £250k.

Growth Funding

- The available growth funding for planned basic need growth and new schools has reduced to £1.61m in 2022/23.
- The Forum:
 - Noted the updated [Growth Policy for 2022/23](#), which has been aligned with the Falling Rolls Policy.
 - Agreed the planned growth/post opening funding payments of £811k as per Appendix 2.
 - Agreed that school balances be considered prior to funding Growth claims, in line with the Falling Rolls policy.

Catering Contract: School Meal Pricing

- The Forum was updated on pricing and provided with options to consider - paper 8 highlights the options for meeting the price increase:
- The primary contract meal price has risen by 15p and 14p in secondary for 2022/23.
- The cost to KS2 parents has been fixed at £2 since 2016.
- Forum members requested that a wider consultation be carried out with all heads and governors prior to the summer break.

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