

SCHOOLS FORUM – 18th November 2021

Budget Statement 27th October 2021

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise School Forum Members of the main items coming out of the Chancellors budget Statement on the 27th October as they impact on Education Finance.

2. HEADLINES

Education

Schools to get an extra **£4.7 billion** by 2024-25, **£2.6 billion** will be spent on creating 30,000 new school places for children with special educational needs and disabilities. Funding for each pupil will be returned to 2010 levels, in an increase worth £1,500 in pupil led funding. **£3.8 billion** skills funding including £560m “Multiply” maths fund for all.

Early Years

New funding of **£208 million** by 2024-25, including, **£170 million** by 2024-25 to increase the hourly rate to be paid to early years providers to deliver the government’s free hours offers. **£18 million** in 2024-25 to create a network of family hubs to improve access to services for families, and **£20 million** in 2024-25 for parenting support. Confirmation of the **£150 million** already announced for training of early years staff to support children’s learning and development.

Children's Social Care

£200 million a year for the continuation of the holiday activities and food programme, providing enriching activities and healthy meals for disadvantaged children during school holidays. A new funding package of **£104 million** by 2024-25 to take forward reforms to unregulated provisions in children’s social care, improving safeguarding standards for the most vulnerable children and young people, **£7 million** in 2024-25 to implement DfE’s Adoption Strategy ‘Achieving Excellence Everywhere’ and **£259 million** over the SR21 period to maintain capacity and expand provision in secure and open residential children’s homes.

3. RECOMMENDATION

There are no specific recommendations arising from the report and Schools Forum are asked to note the report.

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