




**Meeting held at 1pm on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021,  
Assembly Room, Grimsby Town Hall**

**Minutes**

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|                     | <p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>George Krawiec (GK) (Chair), Mark Wood (MW), Carol Shaw (CS), Jane Aukett (JA), Phil Hutchinson (PH), Sally Jack (SJ) (NELC), Dave Kirven (DK) (NELC), Alex Allenby (NELC), Kim Stevens (KS) (NELC) Minutes</p>   |
| <p><b>22/21</b></p> | <p><b>Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>GK welcomed all to the Forum</p> <p>Apologies received from: Lorna Pendred (LP), Kim Leach (KL), Allie Majer (AM), Jo North (JN), Helen Hussey (HH), Carrienne Robson (CR), Andy Zielinski (AZ), Cllr Lindley (Cllr L), Lisa Arthey (LA), Gill Alton (GA)</p> <p>Although the meeting was not quorate it was agreed that it should go ahead and that voting on Item 26/21 will be undertaken by email following the meeting.</p>  |
| <p><b>23/21</b></p> | <p><b>Minutes and matters arising of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b></p> <p>Minutes agreed as an accurate record</p> <p><b>13/21</b> NJC pay award – DK updated that nothing has changed since the meeting in March, he believed unions were balloting for strike action</p> <p><b>19/21</b> An Agency Placement Report had been requested to come back to today’s meeting, SJ gave the following verbal update:</p> <p>SJ/RT are meeting with the Regional Advisory Board in January and will discuss potential SEMH provision options for secondary aged pupils, as there is a capacity gap in secondary settings for those placed out of borough.</p> <p>The spending review identified money for SEND, we are currently working on a primary resource plan with primary settings.</p> |

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|                     | <p><b>Action: working party to be set up once outcomes are known, and information brought back for further discussion around the any potential free school window for SEND – SJ</b></p>   |
| <p><b>24/21</b></p> | <p><b>Budget Statement 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to advise School Forum Members on the main items coming out of the Chancellors budget Statement on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October as they impact on Education Finance.</p> <p>Points to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is nothing in the statement around Maintained Nursery Schools</li> <li>• All references to dates read ‘by 2024-25’ so no clear indication of when funding will be live</li> </ul> <p>MW commented there will be an additional pressure next year when the starting pay level for teachers increases to £30k. DK reported that the settlement in December may make things clearer, a debate is needed at a later meeting around the deficit of £1m this year and £750k last year as need to start to demonstrate how this can be reduced in a planned and phased way.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>There are no specific recommendations arising from the report and Schools Forum are asked to note the report</p> |
| <p><b>25/21</b></p> | <p><b>Schools Funding Formula – 2022-23</b></p> <p><br/> Schools Consultation briefing presentation</p> <p>The attached Power Point Presentation was discussed which led to the following comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Funding formula element values will increase by approximately 3% on the 2021-22 amounts – this will not apply to all schools; it is dependent on pupil cohort. MFG etc.</i></li> <li>• <i>Data on pupil eligible for FSM6 to now be taken from the October 2020 census, not the January 2021 census – DK to check the October date shouldn’t be October 2021</i></li> <li>• <i>As a result of the high needs spending position the DSG Contingency Account went into deficit and as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2021 the deficit was £762k - GK queried how we compare to other</i></li> </ul>   |

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|       | <p>LAs? MW updated that we are lower than other areas some of which had deficits approaching 30m</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Proposed Approach</i> – Top slicing may need to be considered next year 2023-24, if allowed, from the Schools block in respect of High Needs pressures. GK commented that schools need to be made aware of this point to avoid them relying on this money</li> <li>• <i>Caveats – modelling based on October 2020 school census data so the financial position will change, and the allocation includes as assumed amount for growth factor of £829k</i> – MW commented that this is clearly beneficial for maintained schools but asked if Special Schools and Alternative Provision will see a consistent increase to ensure all children are getting the same deal. DK responded that when the final allocation is known in mid-December then allocations will be looked at</li> <li>• <i>Growth Fund – The potential impact for 2022-23 is an increase of 95 children across the borough. The criteria of the first 5 children the schools funds remain</i> – GK commented that if it is agreed the first 5 children get absorbed and the 95 spread equally across the piece then the 95 figure will be lower. Need to make the distinction between Growth Fund and increasing numbers out of choice. If a school has high reserves, would they be entitled to access the Growth Fund? - this will be built into the proposal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Presentation to be sent out to schools</b></p> |
| 26/21 | <p><b>Schools Funding Formula – Centrally Retained and De-Delegated Expenditure decisions for 2022-23</b></p> <p>The purpose of this paper is to provide information to enable those members eligible to vote and to assist in the voting process.</p> <p>Due to the number of last-minute apologies the voting could not take place, therefore DK agreed to send out an email with details to every member of the Board to seek their agreement. The EY rep had raised a question as to whether the full 5% retention was needed and whether 3% could be retained to free up funding for the provider. Forum members present requested a report for discussion at the next meeting. As a result, voting on this item was deferred.</p> <p><b>Action: Email to be sent out information to all Board members to seek their agreement – DK</b></p> <p><b>Action: SJ to present a report to highlight how the 5% EY centrally retained approx. £494,000 is used.</b></p>   |
| 27/21 | <p><b>High Needs Place Return</b></p>   |

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|  | <p>The purpose of this report is to advise School Forum Members of the total number of places commissioned by the council for specialist provision for the 2022-23 academic year.</p> <p>The only increase is Post 16 which has increased by 12 to 294.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <p>There are no specific recommendations arising from the report and Schools Forum are asked to note the report.</p> |
| <b>28/21</b>   | <p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>There was no further business</p>  |
| <p><b>Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 2.00 – 3.30, Assembly Room, Grimsby Town Hall</b></p> |  |