

**School Funding Working Group and SEN working Group****11<sup>th</sup> June 2018****Minutes**

**Present:** Grant Davis, Marie Taylor, Judith Westcott, Alan Stubbersfield, Lisa Percy, Neil Baker, Catriona Williamson, Sam Churchill, John Hawkins, and Phil Cook

**Apologies:** Jonathon Curtis, Tracey Cornelius

1	<p><b><i>Minutes from previous meeting</i></b></p> <p>Liz Williams had been asked to prepare details of the Behaviour Support budgets and expenditure. It was agreed that this would be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>There were no matters arising that had not already been considered by Schools Forum at the March 2018 meeting.</p>	MT
2	<p><b><i>DSG Out-turn</i></b></p> <p>MT presented a paper outlining the financial out-turn position for the DSG for the 2017-18 financial year.</p> <p>The overall position was an underspend of £0.509m which was an improvement from the position reported in January 2018. The main variances were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overspend on SEN of £1.722m</li> <li>- Underspend on Early Years of £0.617m</li> </ul> <p>There is still an Early Years adjustment to be made in respect of take-up levels. The notification of the adjustment will be made in July.</p> <p>The impact of the underspend is to increase the level of the DSG Reserve to £0.846m.</p>	
3	<p><b><i>Trade Union Facility Budget</i></b></p> <p>GD presented a paper to the group showing a projected overspend for the 2018-19 year. The paper suggested reviewing the budget again for the 2019-20 year to reflect the claims being made against this budget.</p> <p>The group discussed the issue and agreed that it would be more appropriate to consider the budget at the Autumn meeting, when considering the overall DSG budget.</p>	MT/GD
4	<p><b><i>ELP Guidance</i></b></p> <p>JW (Lead Commissioner for SEN) introduced a paper regarding the SEND Provision in Secondary Schools.</p>	

	<p>Following consultation with schools through Wisenet and workshops The Guidance had been drawn up by a working group including SENCOs from the secondary sector.</p> <p>Following some discussion around the parity and equality across the sector, it was requested that additional detail be provided to Schools Forum.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to all contributors to the Guidance which was well received.</p>	
5	<p><b><i>Special Schools Update</i></b></p> <p>AS provided a verbal update to the group regarding the consultation on options for the future of Special Schools in the North and West of the County to increase the capacity by 220 places by 2026. The report had been taken to Cabinet on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Three options were contained in the consultation, which had gone live on the Wiltshire Council website.</p>	
6	<p><b><i>AOB</i></b></p> <p>GD confirmed that he was attending a National Funding Formula meeting hosted by the DfE on the 18<sup>th</sup> June and would be in a position to provide feedback at Schools Forum.</p> <p>NB had received a request from the Headteacher at Exeter House Special School to re-consider an application for additional funding for their second site.</p> <p>MT had received a request from Lucy Townsend (Director – Family and Children’s Services) for Nick Breakwell (Head of Service – SEND) to attend future Schools Forum meetings and SEN Working Group meetings – this was welcomed by the group.</p>	
7	<p><b><i>Date and Time of Next Meeting</i></b></p> <p>Next meeting to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 8:30am in the Bowood Room at County Hall, Trowbridge</p>	