

MINUTES OF CABINET MEMBER SIGNING MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 2022, 9.00 - 9.05 AM

PRESENT: Councillor Zena Brabazon, Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children, and Families.

In attendance: Muhammad Ali, Principal Accountant; Carlo Kodsi, Head of Admissions and School Organisation; Josephine Lyseight, Head of Finance (People); and Fiona Rae, Acting Committees Manager.

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

93. SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA 2022-23

The Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children, and Families considered the report which sought approval for changes to the Council's local schools funding formula for the 2022-23 financial year in line with the Schools National Funding Formula set out by the Department for Education (DfE).

It was noted that, following consultation by the council with all maintained and academy schools in the borough, the Schools Forum asked the Council to adjust the existing local school funding formula. These were set out in the recommendations in the report.

The Schools Forum met to decide the 2022-23 funding formula on 13 January 2022. Cabinet Member approval was required following the Schools Forum and Council agreed grant allocations.

The funding allocation for the year 2022-23 was then required to be submitted to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) via the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) by 21 January 2022.

The Cabinet Member RESOLVED

Following approval by the Schools Forum on 13 January 2022, to agree the following changes to the local schools funding formula for the 2022-23 financial year:

- (a) To adopt **Model 2B** with a 10% increase in AWPU for Primary schools.

- (b) Transfer 0.25% of the Schools Block allocation (£525,732) from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.
- (c) The Growth fund to be set at £1.1m.
- (d) The Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) remains between +0.5% and +2.0% per pupil and is set at +1.58%.
- (e) Block transfer of £122k from the Schools Block to the Central Block for Education Welfare Services.
- (f) Provide £60K funding to a Haringey Nursery School on a split site.
- (g) De-delegation of £165K for Trade Union Representation (for maintained schools only).
- (h) Agree a second year lumpsum payment of £68k to Tiverton Primary School (subject to Secretary of State approval via disapplication request).

Reasons for decision

The Council is legally required to set the local schools funding formula and must submit this to the ESFA by 21 January 2022. These changes require approval by the Council in line with its local scheme of delegation to complete the Authority Proforma Tool, as required by the ESFA. Such approval can be given on behalf of the Council by the Lead Member.

Alternative options considered

Following agreement by the Schools Forum, all schools in Haringey were consulted on the proposed changes for 2022-23 to the Council's Schools Funding Formula via e-survey. The consultation started on 29 November, with a deadline of 10 December 2021 for responses from Head teachers and Chairs of Governors.

Table A shows options available and total responses received for all options.

Schools were consulted on local factors of the school funding formula for 2022-23 in November/December 2021, the results of the consultation are detailed in the Table A, below. This details the most supported local factors:

Table A Consultation Results:

Haringey Schools Consultation Authority Proforma Tool (APT) Survey Results	Total responses Received
Question 1: Select your single preferred funding model	
· Model 1A: No Change in DSG formula factors	4
· Model 1B: No Change in DSG formula factors + HNB transfer of 0.25%	6

· Model 2A: Change in AWPU by 10%	9
· Model 2A: Model 2B: Change in AWPU by 10% with HNB transfer of 0.25%	22
Question 2: To set Growth Funding budget to £1.1m	
· Yes	40
· No	1
Question 3: Block Transfer of £122,000 for Education Welfare	
· Yes	37
· No	4
Question 4: Early Years Block Transfer for Nursery Split Site funding of £60K	
· Yes	34
· No	7
Question 5: Do you agree with 2nd year Lump Sum payment of £68K for Tiverton Primary School having amalgamated with Stamford Hill Primary School in 2020-21	
· Yes	29
· No	12
Question 6: ONLY For Maintained Sector Schools: To increase the total amount de-delegated from maintained sector for Trade Union Facilities time from £132K to £165K	
· Yes	20
· No	10

Following the consultation results and confirmations of the published allocations of the APT on 16 December 2021, see **Appendix A** of the report for individual school allocations for 2022-23 in comparison with 2021-22.

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny has agreed that the call-in procedure shall not apply to this decision as the action being taken is urgent and time critical and any delay in implementation caused by the call-in procedure would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests as the Council is legally required to submit the Authority Proforma Tool to the Department for Education by 21 January 2022, following consultation with the School's Forum on 13 January 2022. This is in accordance with Part 4, Section H, Paragraph 18 (a) and (b) of the Council Constitution.

CABINET MEMBER: Cllr Zena Brabazon

Signed by Cabinet Member

Date ...21 January 2022.....