

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the
West Northamptonshire Schools Forum held on
Wednesday 14 February 2024**

Agenda Item and Recommendations	Decision
Agenda Item 3 Minutes	RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2023 were agreed as an accurate record.
Agenda Item 4 Election of Vice-Chair for 2023-24	RESOLVED: that Peter French be elected as Vice-Chair of West Northamptonshire Schools Forum for 2023-24.
Agenda Item 5 Early Years Funding 2024-25	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Schools Forum agreed that 95% of 3-and-4-year-old funding would be paid to providers and 5% retained centrally. • That Schools Forum recommended to West Northamptonshire Council that any underspend on the Early Years block be re-distributed to providers. • That Schools Forum agreed in an indicative vote that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The proposed Early years rates for 2024-25 as outlined in Appendix A be approved. ○ 100% of the under 2-year-old funding would be paid to providers. ○ 100% of the 2-year-old funding would be paid to providers. ○ The targeted SEND funding (EY SENIF) hourly rate would be increased by 25%.
Agenda Item 6 2023-24 DSG Monitoring	RESOLVED: that Schools Forum noted the forecast outturn position for 2023-24.

<p>Agenda Item 7 DSG Funding Update 2024-25</p>	<p>RESOLVED: that Schools Forum noted the final funding settlement and high needs budgets for 2024-25.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 8 WNC Budget Proposals 2024-25</p>	<p>RESOLVED: that Schools Forum noted the overview of the Budget Proposals 2024-25.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 9 High Needs Project update</p>	<p>RESOLVED: that Schools Forum supported the proposed changes to West Northamptonshire Council's SEND funding processes for top up (element 3) as set out in the report but asked that further consideration be given to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extending the two-year limit on targeted SEND funding, • that Targeted SEND funding for SEND Range 3 be included for top up funding, and • payment protection (similar to a minimum funding guarantee) for providers with payment reductions due to starters and leavers having different RAS scores.
<p>Agenda Item 10 Forward Plan</p>	<p>RESOLVED: that Schools Forum noted the latest version of the Forum Plan including the proposed meeting dates for 2024-25.</p>