

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the
West Northamptonshire Schools Forum held on
Tuesday 13 December 2022**

Agenda Item and Recommendations	Decision
Agenda Item 3 Minutes	RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.
Agenda Item 4 2022-23 DSG Monitoring	RESOLVED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Schools Forum noted the forecast outturn position for 2022-23. • That Schools Forum requested confirmation of whether there had been a carry-forward into the 2022-23 DSG budget. • That Schools Forum agreed to have a standing agenda item at future meetings updating on action to address pressures on the High Needs block.
Agenda Item 5 DfE/ESFA Funding Announcements	RESOLVED: that Schools Forum noted the update.
Agenda Item 6 High Needs Budgets	RESOLVED: that Schools Forum noted the update and welcomed further updates to future meetings.
Agenda Item 7 2023-24 WNC Schools Funding - outcome of consultation and final proposals	RESOLVED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Schools Forum agreed the approach to funding specialist services in 2023-24 set out in option 2 in the report: 0.5% schools block top slice, SEN service funded centrally but sensory impairment service charged at the point of delivery. • That Schools Forum agreed to roll forward the Split Site Policy from 2022-23 and to use the same rates as the 2022-23 split site rates.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Schools Forum agreed to roll forward the Growth Fund Policy from 2022-23, increasing the rates and adding a clause to allow extraordinary growth events to be funded. • That Schools Forum agreed the Growth Fund weighted numbers as set out in the West Northamptonshire Schools Budget Consultation 2023-24 consultation document. • That Schools Forum agreed to set the Growth Fund budget at £1.6m for 2023-24. • That Schools Forum agreed the central budgets from the Central Schools Services Block of the DSG for 2023-24 as set out in the report. • That Schools Forum agreed the approach to the de-delegation for Trade Union Facility Time in 2023-24 set out in option 2 in the report: Continuation of the de-delegation but with 10% less facility time. • That Schools Forum agreed the proposed continuation of the de-delegation for School Improvement Grant and the rate of £5.50. • That Schools Forum agreed the proposed continuation of the de-delegation for Redundancy Support and the rate of £4.00.
<p>Agenda Item 8 Early Years Funding Formula for 2023-24</p>	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Schools Forum requested to receive further information on how the central 5% retained budget is used. • That Schools Forum endorsed the draft consultation proposals subject to the following additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inclusion in the consultation document of more information on how the central 5% retained budget is used. - Inclusion in the consultation document of a single version of the proposals to reflect the Early Years National Funding Formula rates that are confirmed in the DSG settlement for 2023-24.

Agenda Item 9 Schools PFI Update	RESOLVED: that Schools Forum requested to receive regular updates in future on the situation concerning charges under the Schools PFI contract.
Agenda Item 10 Schools Forum Forward Plan	RESOLVED: that Schools Forum noted the Forward Plan.