

Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the West Northamptonshire Schools Forum held on Tuesday 7 February 2023

Agenda Item and Recommendations	Decision
Agenda Item 3 Minutes To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2022.	RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.
Agenda Item 4 Early Years Budgets 2023-24 Outcome of consultation and consideration of proposals.	 RESOLVED: that Schools Forum members voted unanimously in favour of the proposal to set the central budget at the maximum 5% of the 3&4 year old funding. That Schools Forum: Agreed unanimously with the proposal to remove the notional SEND budget; Agreed unanimously with moving £220k from the notional SEND budget into the SENIF budget (equivalent to 4p on the base rate); Agreed unanimously with passing all of the increase on 3&4 year old funding through the base rate for universal and additional hours; Agreed unanimously that the "contingency budget" for 3&4 year olds is the expected funding WNC will need to pay as base rate for 3&4 year olds above the number of hours that WNC is funded for by the DfE; Agreed unanimously with passing all of the increase on two year old funding through the 2 year old provider rate; Agreed unanimously with the proposal that any unspent central budget be used to offset any overspends in other areas of the early years budget;

	 the remainder on January census hours; Agreed unanimously with the proposed distribution of early years reserve funding as a one-off distribution to support providers with the increased cost of living.
Agenda Item 5 2022-23 DSG Monitoring	RESOLVED: that Schools Forum noted the forecast outturn position for the year ending 31 March 2023.
Agenda Item 6 DSG Funding Update 2023-24	RESOLVED: that Schools Forum noted the final funding settlement and schools budgets for 2023-24.
Agenda Item 7 WNC Final Budget Proposals 2023-24	RESOLVED: That Schools Forum members noted the WNC Final Budget proposals 2023-24 and Medium Term Financial Plan. That Schools Forum agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting to consider matters relating to the Schools PFI.
Agenda Item 8 SEND Improvement Update	RESOLVED: That Schools Forum noted the report.
Agenda Item 9 Forward Plan	RESOLVED: That Schools Forum noted the latest version of the Forward Plan and the proposed meeting dates for 2023-24.