Financial Year 2020/21: Childrens Services Committee – Log of Schools’ Forum Recommendations and Committee Decisions

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| Committee Date | Report | Recommendation and Decision Details |
| 19 Nov 2020 | Dedicated Schools Grant (former Education Services Grant rate per pupil) – Disapplication request | The maintained schools members of Schools’ Forum at the meeting on 22 October 2020 did not agree to the transfer of £60 per pupil/place to the local authority for the provision of statutory duties.  C&JC approved that the Council submit a disapplication request to the Secretary of State to enable the charges to be made. |
| 27 Jan 2021 | DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT – HIGH NEEDS BLOCK 2021/22 | Approved the recommendation from Schools’ Forum to increase the SEND top-up ranges in 2021/22 at an estimated cost of £0.135m;  Approved the recommendation from Schools’ Forum to apply an additional 3% protection to special schools MFG budget in 2021/22 at an estimated cost of £0.178m;  Approved the 2021/22 budget. |
| 27 Jan 2021 | DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT – SCHOOL BUDGET SHARES 2021/22 AND CENTRAL SCHOOL SERVICES BLOCK 2021/22 | Noted the agreement by Schools’ Forum to centrally retain funding of £0.570m, with the residual £0.199m being transferred to the schools block;    Agreed the MFG to be used for 2021/22 and noting the recommendation from Schools’ Forum of applying an MFG of 2%;  Approved the individual school budget share for 2021/22. |
| 3 Mar 2021 | DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT – EARLY YEARS BLOCK 2021/22 | Noted the contents of the report and the outcomes from the consultation with providers and Schools’ Forum;  Noted the recommendation by Schools’ Forum to centrally retain funding of 5%;  Approved the hourly rate funding formula for three to four year old provision for 2021/22 as shown in the table at paragraph 5.3, passing the increase of 8p on to providers through the formula;  Noted the Schools Forum request to adopt option 2 - Local Authority to keep the original 8p but pass the new 8p to providers in April 2021  Approved the local authority preferred Option 1 – Local Authority to keep the original 8p and the new 8p increase - as this provides the most financially sustainable option. |