

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA



Thursday 19 November 2020

at 4.00 pm

in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

PLEASE NOTE: this will be a 'remote meeting', a web-link to the public stream will be available on the Hartlepool Borough Council website at least 24 hours before the meeting.

MEMBERS: CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillors Hamilton, Harrison, Lauderdale, Lindridge, Little, Moore, Smith.

Co-opted Members: Jo Heaton, C of E Diocese and Joanne Wilson, RC Diocese representatives.

School Heads Representatives: Mark Tilling (Secondary), David Turner (Primary), Zoe Westley (Special).

Six Young Peoples Representatives

Observer: Councillor Little, Chair of Adult and Community Based Services Committee

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

3. **MINUTES**

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2020 (*previously circulated and published*).

4. **BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK ITEMS**

No items.



5. KEY DECISIONS

- 5.1 Dedicated Schools Grant (Former Education Services Grant per Pupil) – Disapplication Request – *Director of Children’s and Joint Commissioning Services and Director of Resources and Development*

6. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 6.1 To Nominate a Local Authority Representative to Serve on the Governing Body of High Tunstall College of Science – *Director of Children’s and Joint Commissioning Services*

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

No items.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 4.00 pm



CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

19 November 2020



Report of: Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services
and Director of Resources and Development

Subject: Dedicated Schools Grant (former Education Services
Grant rate per pupil) – Disapplication request

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Key tests (i) and (ii) applies. The Forward Plan reference is CJCS103/20.

2. PURPOSES OF REPORT

2.1 To inform members of the outcome of Schools' Forum held on the 22 October 2020 and their decision in relation to the 2021/22 Education Services General Duties Rates.

2.2 To agree that the local authority should present a disapplication request to the Secretary of State in order to ensure that the local authority can discharge its statutory responsibilities.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

3.1 New national funding arrangements introduced in 2017/18 shifted responsibility for funding statutory duties from a specific grant to the Dedicated Schools Grant. The government provided no additional funding to schools to cover this cost shift. Members will recall that since 2017/18 the Council has had to apply for disapplication, in order to secure this funding.

3.2 For the financial year 2021/22 the local authority proposed a rate of £60 per pupil. The rate is unchanged from 2018/19, which means the rate will have remained unchanged for four years.

3.3 Schools' Forum considered this proposal and did not agree to transfer the funding to the local authority. Schools were clear that it was **not** because of concerns about the quality of services provided by the local authority, but they

considered that funding statutory duties from school budgets is a budget cut and this funding should be provided by the government. Regulations state that if agreement cannot be reached with maintained schools the matter would need referring to the Secretary of State for a decision.

- 3.4 This has been the consistent view of Schools' Forum for the past four financial years – from 2017/18 to 2020/21 inclusive. In each of these financial years, the local authority has successfully applied to the Secretary of State for disapplication of the Regulations. This means that the local authority is able to remove the required element of funding to ensure that statutory responsibilities are discharged.

4. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 In relation to the 2021/22 rate, should the Secretary of State not agree to the request of £60 per pupil/place, the local authority would not have enough funding to discharge essential statutory services to schools. This is considered low risk as applications by the Council have been approved for the previous four financial years.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 If the Secretary of State does not agree to the request of £60 per pupil/place, the local authority would not have enough funding to discharge essential statutory services to schools.

6. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The Schools Revenue Funding 2021 to 2022 Operational Guide states that local authorities should set a single rate for the Education Services General Duties for 5 to 16 year olds. Local authorities may choose to establish differential rates for Special Schools and Pupil Referral Units.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 At its meeting of the 22 October 2020, the maintained schools members of Schools' Forum were consulted on the rate of £60 per pupil/place.

8. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 There are no specific child and family poverty considerations.

9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 There are no specific equality and diversity considerations.

10. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 There are no staff considerations.

11. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

11.1 There are no asset management considerations.

12. CONCLUSIONS

12.1 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. Regulations state that if agreement could not be reached with maintained schools, the matter would need referring to the Secretary of State for a decision.

12.2 Based on the decision made by the Secretary of State in relation to the 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 ESG rates, the Council has demonstrated the case for the funding required to discharge statutory responsibilities. Therefore, this provides a good basis for seeking approval for the 2021/22 rates, which it is proposed is maintained at £60 for the fifth year.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 It is recommended that Members:

- a) Agree the 2021/22 funding rate at £60 per pupil/place.
- b) Agree to submit the disapplication request to the Secretary of State to set the Education Services General Duties rate at £60 per pupil/place for 2021/22.
- c) Note this will be the fifth year the local authority has applied for disapplication and that the previous four applications have been successful.

14. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

14.1 Without this element of funding the local authority would not be able to discharge some of its statutory responsibilities in respect of schools.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

19th November 2020



Report of: Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services

Subject: TO NOMINATE A LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF HIGH TUNSTALL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE.

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 This is a Non Key decision.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To consider a nomination for the role of Local Authority Governor at High Tunstall College of Science.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 the process for appointing Local Authority Governors to school governing bodies requires the local authority to consider nominations to vacancies before they are presented to the relevant governing body for formal approval.

An application has been received for the position (**Appendix A**). **This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government), (Access to Information), (Variations Order 2006) namely, information relating to any individual (Para 1).**

4. PROPOSAL

4.1 The report seeks the committee's decision on the application form for nomination as Local Authority Governor at High Tunstall College of Science.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no risk implications

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 There are no financial considerations

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 There are no legal considerations

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 Discussions have taken place between the applicant, Chair of Governors and Head teacher regarding the skills the applicant can contribute to the Governing Body. The application received in respect of the vacancy is from a serving Local Authority Governor on the Governing Body, whose term of office will expire in February 2021.

9. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 There are no child and family considerations

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 There are no equality and diversity considerations.

11. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

11.1 There are no staff considerations

12. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

12.1 There are no asset management considerations

13. RECOMMENDATION

13.1 The committee gives consideration to applicant as set out in **Appendix B** in respect of local authority nomination to High Tunstall College of Science.

14. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14.1 To ensure that the nomination of a local authority governor will contribute to the effectiveness of the governing body to which they are appointed.

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 15.1 There are no background papers

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VACANCIES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

SCHOOL	VACANCY	APPLICATION RECEIVED	NOMINEE RECOMMENDED FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT BY GOVERNING BODY
<p>HIGH TUNSTALL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE</p> <p>The applicant is currently a serving member of the governing body after having served as a parent governor and currently as a Local Authority governor. The applicants and term of office as a local authority governor will expire in February 2021</p> <p>The applicant is a valued member of the governing body and brings a range of skills to the governing body including, knowledge of the college and the community and is committed to their role as a governor of the college. Both the Head teacher and Chair of Governors would like to endorse this application.</p>	<p>One vacancy</p>	<p>One application has been received</p>	<p>The applicant is recommended for appointment</p>

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