

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	16 th March 2011	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	M/16.03.11/E	Executive Member for Education (Councillor J. Holden)
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u> <u>Schools Funding Forum Recommendations February and March 2011</u> That approval be given to the following recommendations of Trafford Schools Funding Forum made at their meeting on 9 th February and 7 th March 2011: (a) That 33% of the 4 elements of the School Development Grant (SDG) (Excellence Cluster, Behaviour Improvement Programme Leadership Incentive Grant & Special Educational Needs) be redistributed to schools. Also that the remaining two thirds of the funding be reviewed during the next financial year. (b) That the redistribution of the 4 elements be excluded from the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) for 1 year only. (This requires the Secretary of State's approval) (c) That the 4 elements of the SDG be redistributed based on 25% Free School Meals (FSM) via the social deprivation targeted factor of the funding formula for 1 year only. (See Appendix 1 to the report for details.) (d) That Specialist School allocations remain at the same level as in 2010/11 for 2011/12. This will be reviewed in 2012/2013. (e) The remaining SDG allocation stays the same as in 2010/2011 for 2011/12 year only and is reviewed for 2012/13 funding. (f) The amounts allocated for School Standards Grant & School Standards Grant Personalisation, Ethnic Minority Achievement Grant, One to One Tuition/Making Good Progress & Diploma Funding in 2010/11 are allocated to schools in the same way in 2011/12 and not adjusted for pupil numbers for one year only. (g) The Universal element of the Primary Targeted grant be allocated on a per pupil basis and that the allocations within Appendix 2 to the report are used in the Minimum Funding Guarantee baseline. The Targeted element of the Primary Strategy grant be held centrally and used for those schools causing concern for 1 year. (h) That the targeted element of the Secondary Targeted Grant be distributed on FSM and that the universal element be distributed on pupil numbers. (See Appendix 3 to the report.) (i) That the Extended Schools Grant be distributed 75% free school meals and 25% pupil numbers and for the purposes of the MFG the allocations in Appendix 4 to the report be used. (j) The School Lunch Grant allocation will remain separate from the catering element of the schools funding formula. (k) The weightings used to allocated Personalised Learning & School Action Plus (SAP) be amended to Primary 2.33, Junior 1.32 and Infant 1. (l) That £130,000 is put through the lump sum Practical Learning element for secondary schools in 2011/12 increasing to £260,000 in 2012/13. (m) That the revised data is used for the 'pupils not achieving' element of Personalised Learning and SAP budgets for 2011/12. (n) That an amount be held in contingency (£25,000) for schools with Small Specialist Classes so that if a pupil joins the unit in September 2011, funding will be received for 5/12ths of these elements. (o) The hourly rate of £13.60 be used to fund Specialist Support Assistants in Special Schools for 32.5 hours a week and 39 weeks of the year for any new support appointed in the future. (p) That DSG funding is made available to support an additional post of Therapeutic Worker to be based at the Vulnerable PRU. (q) That any headroom be allocated on a per pupil basis. (r) That the subscription be paid and membership to F40 be continued. (s) That £160,000 be held in contingency in 2011/12.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u> To secure approval on how funding shall be distributed for the coming financial year 2011/12. The recommendations have been brought forward in discussions at School Funding Forum.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u> The Schools Funding Forum has considered a number of other options.		

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY DISPENSATION

None.

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30th March 2011 (Sixth working day after publication, unless called in).

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Director of Legal and Democratic Services

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