**Mainstream Subgroup Meeting - 10am 11th October 2022**

**Attendance**

Wayne Hitchcock

Clive Searle

Tom Johnson

Lindsay Brindley

Karen Samples

Amy Nield

Anne-Marie Steadman

Michelle Perry

1. **Apologies**

Danielle Taylor

Nichola Doward

1. **DSG 2022/23 & 2023/24**

Amy Nield presented the DSG paper noting the following:

* The financial position for 2022/23
* The 2023/24 provisional DSG allocation
* National Funding Formula (NFF) update
* The funding factors to be used for the 2023/24 authority pro-forma tool (APT)
* Agree the central schools services block (CSSB)
* The 2023/24 HNB budget

1. **De-delegation 2023/24**

Amy Nield presented the de-delegation paper - the services listed below were de-delegated in 2022/23. Primary and/or secondary maintained schools can choose to de-delegate. The group were informed that the de-delegation provision is available in 2023/24 and the arrangements needed to be reviewed as the decisions on de-delegation were for 2022/23 only. Decisions for each service will be required for 2023/24 for each service listed below.

* Behaviour support services (primary only).
* Licences/subscriptions – (primary & secondary).
* Staff costs - supply cover e.g., maternity, trade union and public duties (primary only).
* Redundancy.

Anne-Marie Steadman made the group aware of the request made by a forum member to increase the maternity credit amount. The school finance team had assessed options to increase the rate of the maternity credit paid to maintained primary schools. The maternity credits are paid from the pot of money created from the de-delegation arrangement for maternity cover and explained if the credit rate increased then the de-delegated rate per pupil would also increase to cover the extra cost to the maternity credit rate being increased. The group considered various % increase options - it was agreed that the forum would vote on the level of increase to be applied to the maternity credit in 2023/24.

**Action – School funding forum primary and/or secondary members need to vote on which services should be de-delegated in2023/24. Primary members to vote on the % level of increase to be applied to the 2023/24 maternity credit amount.**

1. **School budgets 2023/24**

Michelle Perry presented the 2023/24 provisional school budget information which had been calculated using the schools national funding formula.

The key changes to the 2023/24 NFF are;

* Directing additional support towards disadvantaged pupils by increasing FSM6 and IDACI factors by 4.3%
* Other core factors will be increasing by 2.4%
* MFG allowable range is +0% and 0.5%
* The requirement to move all funding factors 10% closer to NFF
* Schools supplementary grant is to be added to the NFF in 3 different ways by increasing the following; baseline for 22/23, minimum per pupil funding level and the relevant factors that attracted funding through the SSG grant
* MFL rates increased – primary £4,405 (was £4,265 in 2022/23) and secondary £5,715 (was £5,525 in 2022/23)

1. **SEN protection pot 2022/23**

Michelle Perry presented the 2022/23 SEN protection paper showing the calculations to distribute the £426k SEN protection pot – all schools maintained and academies, primary and secondary are eligible for this funding. This pot is to address the issue where a school has an usually high level of pupils with EHC plans and higher level of pressure on their school budget. In terms of affordability, the number of pupils with EHC plans in January 2022 and the element 2 (£6k per pupil) requirement was measured against the 2022/23 SEN notional budget, resulting in protection being affordable at 49% of the notional SEN budget in 2022/23.

**Action** – **SEN protection detail to be taken to forum for information.**

1. **AOB**

MSG membership – vacancy for a secondary academy representative.

Lostock – request for growth funding, request to be considered and taken to January 2023 forum for a decision.

1. **Future meetings and agenda items**

9th January 2023 1pm – 3pm