

## **LEAD MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND INCLUSION, SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY**

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability, Councillor Bob Standley, on 30 April 2024 at Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Councillors Paul Redstone and Alan Shuttleworth spoke on item 4 (see minute 54)

### 50. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 25 MARCH 2024

50.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March.

### 51. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

51.1 Councillor Paul Redstone declared a personal non prejudicial interest under item 4 as the Co-Opted Governor for The Genesis Federation (Beckley and Peasmarsch primary schools).

### 52. URGENT ITEMS

52.2 There were none.

### 53. REPORTS

53.1 A copy of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book.

### 54. SMALL SCHOOLS POLICY

54.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services regarding the draft Small Schools Policy ("the draft policy").

#### DECISIONS

54.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to approve the draft policy.

#### REASONS

54.3 The draft policy sets out the benefits of partnership working, objectives and measures of success alongside the guiding principles of partnership working.

54.4 There has been in-depth consultation with a working party of school leaders, the joint board which represents schools across the county and the diocese.

54.5 The Church of England diocese is a key partner in this work.

#### 55. HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND 2024

55.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services regarding the Household Support Fund 2024.

#### DECISIONS

55.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the proposed plan for the use of the latest allocation of grant monies from the Fund to provide support to households with children in East Sussex as set out in the report; and
- 2) Delegate to the Director of Children's Services authority to implement this part of the scheme.

#### REASONS

55.3 The announcement of an extension to the scheme provides an opportunity to support households with children, households with pensioners, households with a disabled person and other vulnerable households within East Sussex who are experiencing financial challenges and will be welcomed by partners.