

## **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 7 October 2024 at Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Councillor Field spoke on item 4 (see minute 26)

Councillor Shuttleworth spoke on item 5 (see minute 27)

### 22. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

22.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2024.

### 23. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

23.1 There were none.

### 24. URGENT ITEMS

24.1 There were none.

### 25. REPORTS

25.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

26. ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR EAST SUSSEX SCHOOLS 2026-27 (PERMISSION TO CONSULT)

26.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services.

DECISIONS

26.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

- 1) agree to consult on the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools for the 2026-27 academic year as set out in Appendix 1 of the report;
- 2) note that there are no proposed changes to the admission arrangements;
- 3) agree to consult on the proposed published admission numbers (PANs) for Community and VC schools for 2026-27, specifically the proposed PAN reductions at Motcombe and Pashley Down Infant schools, Wadhurst CE Primary School and Nursery and possibly others; and
- 4) agree to consult on the proposed co-ordinated schemes of admissions as set out in Appendices 3-6 of the report.

REASONS

26.3 The Council is required by law to consult on its admission arrangements every 7 years, or sooner if any changes to those arrangements are proposed for schools for which it is the admission authority.

26.4 The results of the consultation will be reported back to the Lead Member after the consultation period closes in January 2024 with recommendations for amendments as necessary resulting from comments received. Final admission arrangements must be determined by 28 February 2025 and published by 15 March 2025 in line with statutory deadlines.

27. HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND 2024

27.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services.

DECISIONS

27.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the proposed plan for the use of funding from the Household Support 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 the plan, in collaboration with the Director of Adult Social Care and Health.

## REASONS

27.3 The announcement of an extension to the Household Support Fund 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.