

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 on 22 January 2020 in CC1, County Hall, Lewes.

Councillor Sylvia Tidy spoke on item 5 and item 7 (see minutes 29 and 31)

Councillor Alan Shuttleworth spoke on item 5 and item 7 (see minutes 29 and 31)

Councillor Angharad Davies spoke on item 7 (see minute 31)

26 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 23 DECEMBER 2019

26.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 December 2019.

27 REPORTS

27.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book.

28 TO APPROVE THE DSG BUDGET FOR 2020/21

28.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval of the Dedicated Schools Grant Allocation for 2020/21.

28.2 RESOLVED – to approve the Dedicated Schools Grant budget for 2020/21.

Reasons

28.3 The report provided the Lead Member with information related to the use of the four blocks which the Dedicated Schools Grant budget is divided into for 2020/21.

29 TO APPROVE THE ESCC FUNDING FORMULA FOR 2020/21

29.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services seeking approval of the East Sussex County Council School Funding Formula for 2020/21.

29.2 RESOLVED – to approve the proposals in related to the ESCC School Funding Formula for 2020/21:

- 1) Primary Phase Proposal: decrease the lump sum by £5,000 to £115,000 and set the Minimum Funding Guarantee rate at 101.84%
- 2) Secondary Phase Proposals: Set the Minimum Funding Guarantee rate at 101.84%

Reasons

29.3 Give the outcomes of the consultation the Lead Member approved the proposals set out in option 2 for both primary and secondary phases with regard to the funding formula for 2020/21.

30 FINAL DECISION ON ESTABLISHING SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) FACILITIES AT PRIORY SCHOOL

30.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services together with written representations from the local member Councillor Ruth O'Keeffe regarding the establishment of a Special Educational Needs (SEN) facility at Priory School.

30.2 RESOLVED – to authorise the establishment of a Special Educational Needs (SEN) specialist facility for up to 12 pupils at Priory School with effect from 1 September 2020, conditional upon planning permission for the enlargement of the premises being granted under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Reasons

30.3 The local authority has identified a gap in specialist provision in mainstream primary schools for pupils with a principal need of specific learning difficulties, with associated Special Educational Needs (SEN) (for example, anxiety and high functioning autism) in the west of the county. The majority of respondents to the consultation supported the proposals to establish this facility at the school. The Lead Member also considered a number of factors which are set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

31 FINAL DECISION ON ESTABLISHING SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) FACILITIES AT ROBERTSBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

30.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services regarding the establishment of a Special Educational Needs (SEN) facility at Robertsbridge Community College.

30.2 RESOLVED – to authorise the establishment of a Special Educational Needs (SEN) specialist facility for up to 12 pupils at Robertsbridge Community College with effect from 1 September 2020, conditional upon planning permission for the enlargement of the premises being granted under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Reasons

30.3 The local authority has identified a gap in specialist provision in mainstream primary schools for pupils with a principal need of specific learning difficulties, with associated Special Educational Needs (SEN) (for example, anxiety and high functioning autism) in the east of the county. The majority of respondents to the consultation supported the proposals to establish this facility at the school. The Lead Member also considered a number of factors which are set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

32 LOWERING OF AGE RANGE AT STONEGATE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

32.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services along with written representations from the local member Councillor John Barnes regarding the lowering of the age range at Stonegate Church of England Primary School.

32.2 RESOLVED – the Lead Member approved a change of age range at Stonegate Church of England Primary School from 4 to 11 to 2 to 11 with effect from 1 September 2020.

Reasons

32.3 The local authority believes that the proposal to lower the age range at Stonegate Church of England Primary School would help build on work already done by the school, ensuring a fully integrated Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) to help secure good outcomes for all children. The proposal is in line with the local authority's strategy for integration of nursery and school provision.

The meeting ended at 12.42 pm