

Minutes

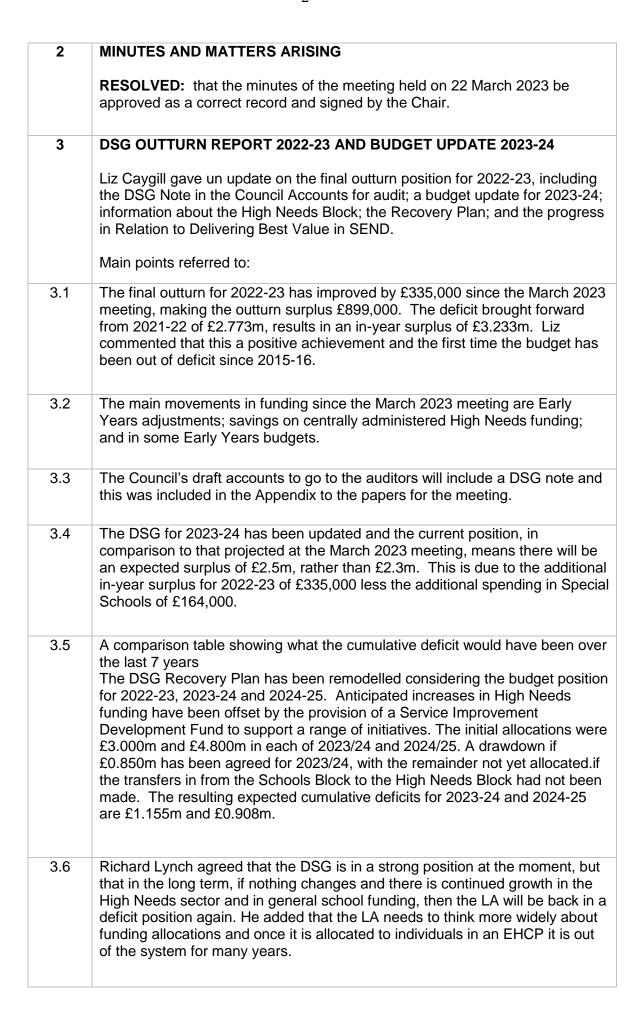
Meeting of Schools Forum

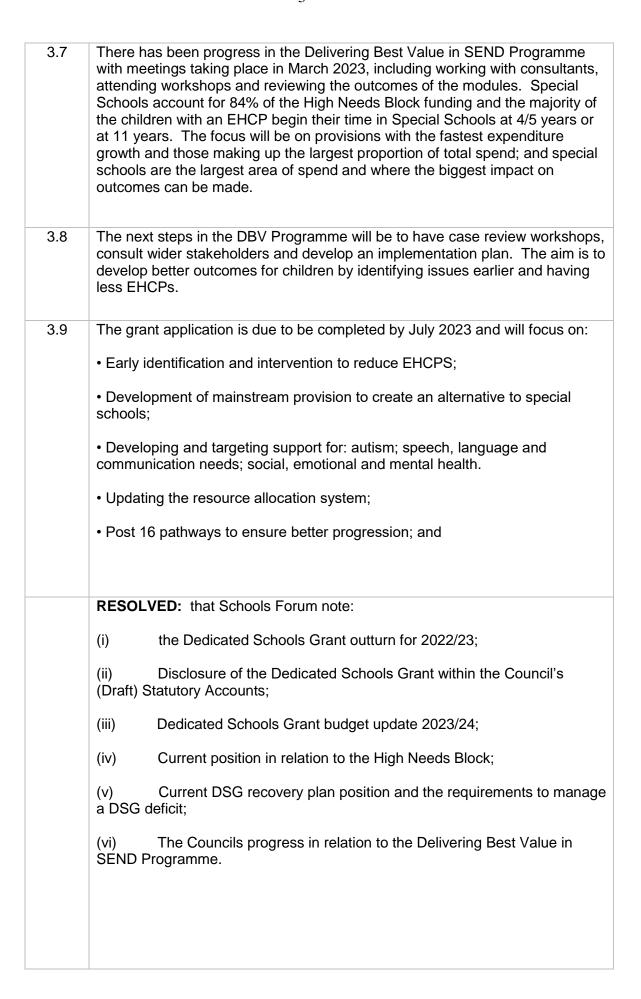
Wednesday 14 June 2023

via Microsoft Teams at 4.00pm

Liz Travis	Holy Trinity CE Primary (In the Chair)
Joe Brownridge	Oldham Academy North
Iain Windeatt	Trade Union Representative
Tracy Cavanagh	Holy Rosary RC Primary School
Stuart Ash	Oldham Sixth Form College
Rob Higgins	The Cranmer Trust
Anthony Leighton	The Cranmer Trust
Paul McGrath	St Thomas Werneth Primary School
Nigel Woodworth	New Bridge Academy
Andrea Skelly	Kingsland School
Richard Lynch	Director of Education
Tony Shepherd	Head of Schools and Learning
Liz Caygill	Finance Manager
Vicky Gibbons	Senior Accountant
Anne Ryans	Director of Finance
Andy Cooper	Senior Finance Manager
Jean Coombs	Clerk
	Iain Windeatt Tracy Cavanagh Stuart Ash Rob Higgins Anthony Leighton Paul McGrath Nigel Woodworth Andrea Skelly Richard Lynch Tony Shepherd Liz Caygill Vicky Gibbons Anne Ryans Andy Cooper

1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
1.1	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
1.2	Apologies for absence were received from Tracy Cavangh, Karl Newell and Gerard Jones. Liz Caygill reported that Brian Lord had resigned from the Schools' Forum and members sent their regards and their thanks for all his work.
1.3	Members were requested to declare any business, pecuniary and personal interests. No declarations were made.





4 **SCHOOL BALANCES 2022-23** Liz Caygill presented a paper setting out the maintained school balances for 2022-23. The final position is that there has been a reduction in these balances from £10m to £8m. This reduction equates to 18%. There are 8 schools with surplus balances and all have submitted plans for the use of these balances. Liz proposed that there will be no removal of these surplus balances in 2022-23, and that the LA will continue to work with schools to use the balances for the pupils that are in the school. **RESOLVED:** that Schools Forum note the contents of the report and the Council's decision that surplus balances for 2022/23 are not removed from maintained schools as all schools have submitted an official plan. 5 **FORWARD PLAN** The proposed meeting dates are set out below: 27th September 2023 22nd November 2023 17th January 2024 The main agenda items for these meetings were set out in the meeting papers. Members were asked to let the LA officers know if there are any additional items to be added to the agendas. **RESOLVED:** that the information be received and noted. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** 6 The Chair thanked Liz Caygill for her work and dedication in supporting schools and for administering the Schools' Forum, as this was to be her last meeting prior to retirement. Members wished Liz a very happy retirement. Liz replied that she has appreciated the support from members in moving the DSG to a better position. (There being no further business, members were thanked for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 16.40pm). Signed: Date: