

LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

Date of meeting: 17 March 2022

Item No 11

Title: Forum Correspondence

Appendix A refers

Executive Summary

This report provides an update on Forum related correspondence since the last meeting.

Recommendations

The Forum is asked to:

- a) Note the report;
- b) Express any views on the correspondence received.

Background

This report provides an update on Forum related correspondence received since the last meeting.

a) Correspondence from a Lancashire Special School

At the last Forum meeting in January 2022, correspondence from the Chair of Governors at a Lancashire special school was reported. The letter related to the implementation of a 'damage policy' in connection to 'children looked after' that attend the school.

Following discussions with the Forum Chair and officers, it was judged that decisions about the application of the policy were a matter for the county council, as corporate parent for the 'children looked after' and a response was sent to the Chair of Governors (CoG) to confirm that the correspondence had been forwarded on to county council relevant officers to consider a response.

Officers subsequently looked into the matter and held a meeting with the Headteacher and CoG of the school. Correspondence from Edwina Grant OBE was then sent to the school.

A letter from Edwina was also sent to the Forum Chair setting out the outcome of the discussions.

b) Correspondence from the Cabinet Member for Education & Skills

After the Forum meeting on 19 January 2022, the Forum Chair wrote to the Cabinet Member for Education & Skills and the Leader of the County Council, setting out the Forum's decisions and recommendations regarding the Schools Budget 2022/23. This correspondence formed part of the County Council Cabinet's consideration of the Schools Budget on 20 January 2022.

A letter, dated 21 January 2022, was received by the Forum Chair from County Councillor Jayne Rear, Cabinet Member for Education & Skills. A copy of the letter is provided at **Appendix A**, which thanked Shaun for his correspondence and asked that the thanks of the Cabinet Member and the Leader be passed on to all members of the Forum for their hard work to help set the budget this year.

The letter confirmed that the Cabinet had accepted the Forum's recommendations when setting the Schools Budget for 2022/23.

The Forum is asked to note this correspondence and express any views.



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Dear Shaun

Schools Budget Proposals 2022/2023

Thank you very much for your letter providing information about Schools Budget proposals for 2022/23.

Phillippa and I would be very grateful if you could thank all members of the forum for their hard work to help set the budget this year.

We can see that careful thought has gone into the decisions that have been made and we are happy to accept your recommendations for the budget.

Yours sincerely

County Councillor Jayne Rear
Cabinet Member for Education & Skills