

Minutes of Schools Forum Meeting 28th February 2023 at 2.30 pm

<i>Members</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Voting</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Vacancy	Primary Maintained Headteacher	Voting	In process
Karen Joy	Special Maintained Headteacher	Voting	Absent
Victoria Richmond	Primary Academy Headteacher	Voting	Absent
Paul Jackson	Secondary Academy Headteacher	Voting	Apologies
Fiona May	Special/PRU Academy Headteacher	Voting	Present
Kyle Taylor	CFO Multi Academy Trust	Voting	Present
Richard Warnham	Governor Primary Maintained	Voting	Present
Barbara Fincham	Governor Primary Academy	Voting	Present
Clive Mailing (Vice-Chair)	Governor Secondary Maintained	Voting	Present
Peter Martin (Chair)	Governor Secondary Academy	Voting	Present
Justin Stuart	Governor Special and PRU	Voting	Apologies
Hannah Cartwright	Early Years Representative	Non-voting	Absent
Simon Cook	16-19 Provider Representative	Non-voting	Absent
Hillary Sanders	C of E Diocese Representative	Voting	Present
Clare Redmond	RC Diocese Representative	Voting	Absent
Vacancy	Teaching Unions Representative	Non-voting	n/a
Stuart Gardner	CEO Multi Academy Trust	Voting	Absent
Vacancy	SPI over 19 Provisions	Non-voting	n/a
<i>In Attendance</i>			
Maria Beaney	Finance Business Partner LA		
Sarah Phillipson	Governance Professional		
Deborah Allcorn	DA-Programme Manager for Early Years Sufficiency and the Family Information Service.		
Clare Hassell	Pupil Funding Officer		

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DISCUSSION:

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies:

As noted above.

Apologies from Paul Jackson & Justin Stuart.

The meeting was not quorate.

2. Declarations of Interest:

No changes to the previously disclosed Declaration of Interests and any matters relevant to the agenda.

3. Early Years - Funding Consultation - Deborah Allcorn and Clare Hassell:

DA advised the Schools forum that the Early Years Funding Formula used to calculate what the hourly funded rate providers receive is being changed due to the introduction of a new supplement.

Any changes to the Early Years Funding Formula must go to consultation with Early Years providers.

The introduction of a Teacher's Pay and Pension Grants supplement known as TPPG to the local Early Years Funding Formula for qualified teachers who are employed in maintained schools and academies.

Background information for funding:

The Early Years provider's funding is made up of a basic hourly rate and a number of supplements. Currently, the supplements consist of:

- A payment for a Leadership Qualification
- A quality payment if the setting has achieved an Ofsted Inspection grading of Good or Outstanding.
- An additional supplement for the deprivation score for the setting, which is calculated by using the income deprivation affecting children index or the IDACI score of where the children are from that are attending the setting.

Schools have historically received a Teachers Pay Grant from 2018 and Teachers Pension Employer Grant from 2019 to help meet increased costs arising from the Teacher's pay awards and higher employer's pension contributions.

It was stated that from 2023-24, the Government will cease these separate grants and pass the funding on through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and then through the Early Years Funding Formula (EYFF), which Medway Council will passport to providers. Therefore, it is proposed that this will be introduced into Medway Council's local Early Years Funding Formula as an additional supplement, alongside the existing supplements of Additional needs, Leadership and Quality.

The consultation asked providers for comments on the following:

The introduction of a Teacher's Pay and Pension Grants supplement known as TPPG to the local Early Years Funding Formula for qualified teachers who are employed in maintained schools and academies.

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Financial Calculations:

It was stated 2022-23 existing local Early Years Funding Formula is used to calculate this year's hourly rate; the average provider hourly rate will increase by 14p per hour from £4.42 to £4.56 per hour. (This is based on the 2022 Census data).

Introducing the TPPG supplement for staff employed under Teacher's Pay Terms and Conditions will result in an increase of a further 8p per hour per child as the new supplement.

Consultation response:

The consultation closed on the 09th of February 2023 and asked for comments via an electronic survey form that went out to all providers.

Very few comments were made, in fact, only 17 settings responded. It was evident that some had not read the document, as some of the answers to some of the comments made were within the actual consultation document.

Examples of the comment received were shared with the School's forum members as follows:

Q - Will providers receive the supplement, or will the Local Authority keep any of the increase?

A - 100% of the TPPG increase of EYFS funding will go through to the providers. You are not any worse off, only being paid in a different manner.

Q - Was the 8p increase a Government decision?

A - Yes, it was set by the Government.

Q - This is a reduction from the TPPG from last year, are we asking why there is now a shortfall?

A - We do not get the London weighting money added to the grant, but I raise the differences with EFSA, but it is unlikely to be altered.

A member noted that the Government has introduced this and given a direction to consult, however, it is silent on the outcome of the consultation.

Decision - The School's forum members voted and approved the recommendations as outlined above.

The meeting closed at 3.30 pm

Signed by (Chair) Date: