



Schools Funding Forum 21st September 2023

ITEM 10

Subject Heading:

Delivering Better Value in High Needs

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Eligibility to vote:

All forum members

SUMMARY

This report provide an update on the Delivering Better Value in High Needs programme

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum

- (i) agrees to re-establish the High Needs task and finish group and to delegate the review of the update of the DSG Management Plan to this group

REPORT DETAIL

Delivering Best Value (DBV) in High Needs Update

Trevor Cook provided an update on the DBV programme to all head teachers at the Education Strategic Briefing held on 14th September 2023. He will provide an oral summary to the Schools Forum if required.

The LA has submitted a grant application for £1m to the DfE, the maximum sum permitted. The outcome of the bid is currently awaited. The workstreams to be funded by the grant are:

- Building parental confidence
- Establishing a multi-agency Inclusion Peer Review Team

- Increase capacity of professionals on the ground.
- Co-produced training

As part of the DBV process the LA needs to ensure that the Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan is updated regularly and details provided to the relevant stakeholders. The LA is seeking to re-establish the High Needs task and finish group and feels that this would be the most appropriate group to review updates to the DSG Management Plan.