

DRAFT MINUTES- SUB GROUP MEETING OF THE SCHOOLS' FUNDING FORUM (SFF)

8:00 – 11:00, 10 February 2017

Hilton Maidstone, Bearsted Suite, Bearsted Road, Maidstone ME14 5AA

Present: John Dennis (Chairperson), Richard Powell, Mikala Jeffrey, Robert Masters, David Whitehead, Mike Powis, Linda Downes, Tracey McCartney, Alison Coppiters, David Stanley, Janice Brook, Louise Burgess, Alison Hook, Mike Smith, Ceranne Litton, John Bird, Roger Gough (Member), Simon Pleace, Ian Hamilton (Clerk to the SFF), Charlotte Landon, Alex Gamby (item 2 only).

1.	<p>Schools and High Needs, National Funding Formula Response</p> <p>The purpose of this item was to discuss and agree consultation responses on behalf of the SFF which represents the views Schools and Academies in Kent.</p> <p>To access the agreed consultation responses on behalf of the SFF, click on this link: Schools and High Needs, National Funding Formula Response.</p>	
2.	<p>Early Years Funding Formula</p> <p>Normally any changes to the Early Years Funding Formula affecting the forthcoming financial year (April to March) would be agreed in advance at the SFF meeting in the preceding December.</p> <p>This has not been possible due to the timetable set by the Department for Education as they placed a requirement on Local Authorities to consult with all Early Years providers. The earliest we could hold that consultation was in January 2017.</p> <p>In acknowledgement of the change to the annual timetable, members of the SFF agreed that a sub group from the SFF would meet on the 10 February. This group would be given the full delegated powers of the SFF to make recommendations on the Early Years Funding Formula</p> <p>Members agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The 3 & 4 years base rate will increase by £0.05 per hour from 1 September 2017, from £3.91 per hour to £3.96 per hour.- To remove the 3 & 4 years flexibility supplement from 1 April 2017	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To introduce a new supplement for System Leadership from 1 April 2017. An amount of £250k will be allocated for this supplement. - To retain a small contingency budget (currently representing 1.2% of the total 3 & 4 years olds free entitlement) to fund in year growth - To allocate £533k of the additional 2 year old funding towards the central LA costs for two year olds, thereby saving £533k of 3 and 4 year old funding to help fund the base increase from 1 September 2017. - To increase the 2 year old Free Entitlement base rate from £4.95 to £5.02 from 1 April 2017 	
	<p>AOB</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	