

# NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

## Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group

Education and Skills Service

Meeting: Additional Educational Needs Sub Committee of the Schools Forum  
Date: 4 January 2017  
Time: 9.30am  
Venue: Warkworth Meeting room.

<b>Present:</b> <b>Alan Carrick</b> ( <i>SEND Commissioner</i> ) <b>Andrew Day</b> , (HT NCEA) <b>Tom Dexter</b> (HT PRU) <b>Keith Faulkner</b> ( <i>Governor of Collingwood</i> )	<b>Katie Morrison</b> ( <i>Rascals</i> ) <b>Angela Whitehead</b> ( <i>School Funding and Business Relationship Manager</i> )
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Notes Lisa Headington

<b>Start time:</b>		<b>Action:</b>
1.	<b>Apologies:</b>  Mike Brown, Kevin Burdis, Judith Dodds, Colin Pearson, Barry Fenn and Ann Young.	
2/3	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting/Matters arising from Previous Minutes:</b>  Not discussed.	
4.	<b>Declaration of personal or pecuniary Interest in any agenda item.</b>  No declaration of pecuniary interest declared by members.	
5.	<b>High Needs Consultation.</b>  AC handed out a summary he prepared to members about the Department for Education reforms activities in SEND 17/18.  We need to set ourselves a programme of what we are going to do.  A discussion took place regarding the proposals of the consultation.  Proposals for Social Care/Work experience, gets paid from our pot.	

<p>Not sure if we have enough from our pot, may need more funding.</p> <p>KF queried if Northumberland is underfunded.</p> <p>AC confirmed that the DFE new website released before christmas regarding other LA's showed us as being average in some tables so quite lowly funded so expect to gain.</p> <p>Gains tempered due to increase in NIN.</p> <p>Money not extra, redistributed where need is.</p> <p>DFE published who gets more than others but doesn't detail need for maintained schools.</p> <p>We come out average but individual schools will be affected in different ways.</p> <p>A big change is the lump sum. Under the NFF proposals all schools irrespective of phase will receive £110k.</p> <p>AC confirmed that a SEN exercise for High needs places is done yearly. New for 2017/18 is that the DfE will pay for first 10k for places in non maintained special schools but will not deduct the funding from the High Needs Block Additional places treated the same? This still needs to be confirmed. AC to check.</p> <p>Local strategic planning for SEN and disability provision chapter 4, pg2 (Summary document)</p> <p>All LA's directive is to complete a strategic review or a new one in 2017 and formerly publish results, want to know a plan. Key things - all to be done and 2-3 terms to complete is given. Look at this for review.</p> <p>Free Schools for SEN - lots of terms and conditions. AC confirmed that a bid has been put in for the South East of the County for 120 place Primary Autism and Social and Mental Health free school.</p> <p>We require 4.</p> <p>DFE to look at proposal if they agree they will put the bid forward.</p> <p>SEND National Capital fund pg 3:-</p> <p>£200 million - not explained yet (Hope to find out in the Spring)</p> <p>Contracts, pg 4:-</p>	<p>AC</p>
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	<p>12 months of hard work for whoever gets the bid.</p> <p>Quality of work places to be available, regular and larger workplaces.</p> <p>Be bespoke for children with different needs.</p> <p>Training for teachers for Autism..</p> <p>Progression framework for autistic children.</p> <p>Government intent is to have larger SEN schools, more alternative provision and mainstream, advice training for staff and preparation work for high need places.</p> <p>Issue limited funding.</p> <p>Outcome of AEN meeting, need all to understand and read the consultation document, schools, colleges etc. May need a LA position on this for responses to be useful. Joint response initially suggested.</p> <p>AC proposes SEN lead on mainstream specialist units.</p> <p>Need to create 300-500 extra places. Have created 50% extra over the years.</p> <p>It was commented that this sounds reasonable, reform good intent but no money. Government initiative but need money to back it up is the issue.</p> <p>Take into consideration 17,18,19 year olds for workplaces currently have restrictions.</p> <p>It was agreed that different groups need to be involved in the consultation and response process as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School Governors</li> <li>● SEND Strategic Group</li> <li>● Parents Strategic Group</li> <li>● NASSH Meeting Group - AD to circulate document to Con Todd to be added to the agenda for the 27 January meeting.</li> <li>● SEN Meetings - AD circulate document to Sara Wild to pass onto Members of the SEN meetings.</li> <li>● Go on E-courier so all Schools including Early years can be involved (Whole document plus questions)</li> <li>● Colleges</li> </ul>	<p>AD</p> <p>AD</p> <p>AW</p>
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	<p>As a LA we need to respond to the consultation but can respond separately. Need to encourage all to respond individually. Questions with how we would answer may be helpful to do for next consultation.</p> <p>It was requested to have questions to be answered on a separate sheet to be sent out as an additional document.</p> <p>AW to send questions to AEN members also.</p> <p>AC to summarise requirement and timescale and strategy to be included in the summary.</p> <p>It was decided to organise an additional AEN meeting to discuss and formulate a response to the consultation on 8th March 2017 at 2.00pm. Lisa to book a room and confirm date to all the AEN members.</p> <p>The main schools consultation runs alongside the High needs national funding formula and other reforms consultation.</p> <p>Afterwards we will need to consult regarding the Schools Formula for 18/19.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>AW</p> <p>AC</p> <p>LH</p>
6.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Agenda Items:-</p> <p>AW mentioned that the previous chair of the AEN group sent an email around asking if anyone had any items for the AEN meetings prior to the meetings which is missing and will help stop it being lead by LA Officers only.</p> <p>If things need discussing it needs to relate to Educational funding issues.</p> <p>It was agreed items for future agendas to be sent to Lisa prior to the scheduled meetings.</p>	
<p><b>End: 11:15am</b></p> <p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8 March 2017 at 2.00pm</b></p>		