

Extract of Executive Board Minutes relevant to the Children, Young Peoples and Families Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2020

EXB52	THE FUNDING FORMULA FOR MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS & ACADEMIES FOR 2021-22
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The Board received a report from the Strategic Director – People, which outlined the proposal for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Schools Block Funding Formula for Halton’s mainstream schools and academies for 2021-22.

The National Funding Formula (NFF) was used by the Department for Education to calculate the Schools Block element of the DSG allocated to Halton. It was reported that further to earlier consultation with schools and the Schools Forum, it was decided to move Halton’s mainstream schools and academies to the NFF, with transitional protection for 2018-19 and 2019-20.

The Board was requested to make a decision on the funding formula to be adopted for 2021-22; the changes to the NFF for 2021-22 were outlined in the report. The consultation paper sent to schools was attached at Appendix A which also presented each factor of the NFF and the Council’s recommendation to continue to use this for 2021-22. The consultation process and responses were provided in the report.

RESOLVED: The Board approves the continuation of the National Funding Formula for 2021-22.

EXB53	PARENT TO PARENT VOLUNTEER FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMME: REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF STANDING ORDERS
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The Board received a request for a waiver of Standing Orders in relation to ‘The Venus Project’ who delivered the Parent to Parent Volunteer Family Support Programme.

The Programme recruited, trained, supervised and developed skills of local volunteers who were parents themselves, so that they could provide support and practical assistance to families under stress. Additionally it also delivered the Intensive Cleaning Experience (ICE) Programme, which supported parents and carers to put in place and maintain household cleaning and decluttering routines.

It was reported that the contract was due to end in January 2021. The reasons for a waiver request rather than implementing a tender process were outlined in the report. The request was for a period of one year from 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2022, with the option of a further one-year extension.

RESOLVED: That the Executive Board approves the waiver in compliance with Procurement Standing Order 1.14.1 iv of Part 3, to allow the continuation of a contract with The Venus Project to deliver, on behalf of the Council, the Parent to Parent Volunteer Family Support Programme, for a period of one year with the option to extend for a further year.