

FOLLOW-UP: MATTERS FOR CLARIFICATION FROM THE LAST MEETING

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REASON FOR REPORT

To follow-up any clarifications and information requests agreed by the Committee undertaking their role scrutinising the decisions and reports from the last Cabinet meeting. These matters are for noting only and not for call-in. If a particular Member wishes for further clarification on the information provided below, this will be for the Committee to determine.

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

That the Committee note the information provided.

CABINET – 20 JUNE 2019

The Committee gave consideration to the reports and the decisions made by Cabinet at this meeting and sought further information or clarifications in the reports as set out below. The information is provided below by Council officers.

Committee clarification	Officer response
The Committee sought clarification on the existing charge for Meals on Wheels and whether the new, slightly increased charge agreed by Cabinet for new customers, would still require the operation to be subsidised in the meantime.	The charge prior was £2.80 with the Council paying a subsidy of £2.45 towards it. The new full charge of £5.25 is for new customers only. It is expected that the service will transition to become cost neutral (no subsidy) in approximately a year.
The Committee sought more information, if possible at this time, on how the additional Special Provision Fund capital grant of £1,356k from the Department of Education would be spent locally.	<p>The SEND capital grant is for providing additional special educational need school places and education facilities.</p> <p>Hillingdon's provision allocation was originally £3,594,000, made available in three annual instalments from autumn 2018. In December 2018, the Department for Education (DfE) announced that it would provide an additional £100m top up to the Special Provision Capital Fund for local authorities, £1,356k for Hillingdon. This brought the overall total allocation for Hillingdon to £4,950k.</p> <p>As part of the Council's submission to the</p>

	<p>DfE, these funds will go towards creating additional SEND places and capacity at the following schools:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hedgewood Primary School - Special 2. Uxbridge College - Mainstream 3. Moorcroft School - Special 4. Ruislip High School - Mainstream 5. Creation of a Secondary hub and satellite model - Special and mainstream
<p>Members had a query on the zero value of approved funds for this month against an Educational Psychologist post.</p>	<p>The zero value is likely to indicate that not all funds were spent that had been previously approved and allocated, i.e. the agency staff may have been on holiday or had a change of hours. The effect of the monitoring of this is essentially to continue the time period of the agency assignment.</p>
<p>Members requested a discussion with the Head of Planning regarding the future monitoring of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies, in addition to s106.</p>	<p>This matter has been raised directly with the Head of Planning, Transportation & Regeneration and Members and following any consultation required with the Cabinet Member, the Committee will be updated.</p>
<p>It was requested that the quarterly planning obligations monitoring appendix be printed in A3 going forward due to the size of the text.</p>	<p>Democratic Services will action this, similarly for the Planning Committees that receive the same reports.</p>