

## 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 – 14 NOVEMBER 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
<b>Budget Monitoring Report – Month 7</b>  The Committee noted the £4.5m deficit in the High Needs Block element of the Schools Budget and sought more information on how would this be financed and any anticipated effect from this on the funds to mainstream schools.	As part of the 2020/21 DSG Budget setting process, schools are being consulted on a proposed transfer of funds from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block. The outcome of this consultation will be discussed at the Schools Forum meeting on 12 December 2019. Therefore, a more up-to-date response can be provided to the Committee following the School Forum meeting.
<b>Budget Monitoring Report – Month 7</b>  The Committee requested an update on where the Council was with the sign-off of the Deficit Recovery Plan by the Department of Education.	The Council received feedback on its Deficit Recovery Plan on 30 October 2019, which sets out some actions that the Council needs to take and provide an update to the DfE on. A meeting has been arranged for the 27 January 2020, the DfE could not meet the Council any earlier.
<b>Budget Monitoring Report – Month 7</b>  The Committee sought clarification on how the SEN Transport budget expected drawdown (overspend) is forecasted, i.e. is it based on current demand projections or other forecasts like those for high needs?	The forecast for SEN Transport budget is based on current expenditure to date, plus an estimated amount for the remainder of the financial year, which takes into account the latest month's actual expenditure and extrapolates this to the end of the financial year.

<p><b>Budget Monitoring Report – Month 7</b></p> <p>The Committee welcomed that Cabinet had accepted a £290k grant from the London Crime Prevention Fund. Members sought more information on how this would be used in schools, as the grant referred to work to minimising exclusions in schools.</p>	<p>Like other London boroughs, Hillingdon Council has been awarded additional community safety grant funding for 2019/20 and 2020/21 to help prevent young people from becoming involved in serious crimes.</p> <p>The funding has been targeted to support a number of initiatives in Hillingdon including additional resources to work with schools and parents / carers to prevent exclusions, to work with young people to maintain education, employment or training opportunities, and education programmes delivered in schools about the personal consequences of involvement in crime.</p>
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