

Lancashire County Council

**Lancashire Schools Forum – High Needs Block Working Group**

**Tuesday, 24 September 2024, 10.00 am, in the Jordan Suite, The Exchange,  
County Hall, Preston**

**Agenda**

**Item**

- 1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence**  
To note any apologies for absence
- 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**  
To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 June 2024 as a correct record.
- 3. Matters Arising**  
To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2024 that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
- 4. High Needs Block Funding 2025/26**  
To note the funding update for 2025/26
- 5. High Needs Funding Presentation**  
Presentation by Matt Dexter, Senior Schools Finance Accountant.
- 6. High Needs Block Monitoring 2024/25 (Attached)**
- 7. SEND Programme**  
Paul Turner, Director of Education, Skills and Culture, to provide an update
- 8. Early Years Educational Health Care Plan Funding (Attached)**  
To consider the report
- 9. Clawback Exemption Request (Attached)**  
To consider the request received from a Lancashire Special School.
- 10. Core Schools Budget Grant 2024/25 (Attached)**  
To note the allocation of the grant for Special and Pru's
- 11. High Needs Block Central Expenditure 2025/26 (Attached)**  
To consider the MASH report and the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service reports.



**12. Lancashire Hospital Education Service: Annual Report: Academic Year 2023/24 (Attached)**

To note the Lancashire Hospital Education Service: Annual Report: Academic Year for 2023/24.

**13. Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire 2024/25 Consultation Responses (Attached)**

To review the consultation responses and consider the scheme for publication.

**14. Any Other Business**

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the High Needs Block Working Group is arranged for 10.00 am 28 November 2024.

