

HISTORIC COMMITMENTS

1.

Commitment: Contribution towards Darlington LSCB

Agreement first made by Forum: February 2011

Latest Agreement: Budget setting 16/17, January 2016

Expected End Date: Ongoing

Amount of funding in 2016/17: £10,000

Amount of Funding in 2017/18: £10,000

Description: Darlington Schools Forum agreed on 1st February 2011 to make a contribution of £10,000 towards the Darlington LSCB. This was agreed as the LSCB had changed its policy to introduce a charge for training for any group/agency that did not contribute towards its core funding. In agreeing this contribution all schools in Darlington are able to receive any training delivered by the LSCB free of charge. The offer of individual schools receiving free training was also seen as an incentive to send staff on training courses. If this central funding ceases all schools will be charged for each session they attend. Schools in Darlington use the training provided by the LSCB.

This contribution has been agreed every year since by Forum within their annual budget setting.

2.

Commitment: Contribution towards Music Tuition & instrument Hire for children that qualify for free school meals

Agreement first made by Forum: November 2012

Latest Agreement: Budget setting 16/17, January 2016

Expected End Date: Ongoing

Amount of funding in 2016/17: £18,000

Amount of Funding in 2017/18: £18,000

Description: Darlington Schools Forum agreed at their November 2012 meeting to allocate funding to provide music tuition and musical instrument hire to pupils in Darlington that are entitled to free school meals. This was agreed to prevent individual schools having to make payments. This decision was made following the creation of music hubs as these hubs received no funding for this purpose.

This contribution has been agreed every year since by Forum within their annual budget setting.

3.

Commitment: Contribution towards the Virtual School

Agreement first made by Forum: Pre 2010/11 financial year

Latest Agreement: Budget setting 16/17, January 2016

Expected End Date: Ongoing

Amount of funding in 2016/17: £20,000

Amount of Funding in 2017/18: £20,000

Description: Darlington Schools Forum agreed pre 2010/11 to allocate £20,000 as a contribution towards the cost of the virtual school. This funding enables the virtual school to provide additional support to Looked After Children over and above the statutory minimum.

This contribution has been agreed every year since by Forum within their annual budget setting.

4.

Commitment: Contribution towards the Education Department

Agreement first made by Forum: November 2011

Latest Agreement: Budget setting 16/17, January 2016

Expected End Date: Ongoing

Amount of funding in 2016/17: £210,340

Amount of Funding in 2017/18: £210,340

Description: Darlington Schools Forum agreed at their November 2011 (updated February 2012) meeting to allocate £240,340 (including a contribution towards the School Forum costs) towards costs picked up centrally/services provided by the Education Department. This replaced a number of individual agreed contributions to services and was formalised following a restructure of services within the Council. (Funding agreed 11/12 was £292k).

This contribution covers a number services and individual employees in part. The contribution is made in line with the local strategy of "Schools@ One Darlington" facilitating all schools across the borough to work together for common aims to promote the succession of all pupils.

The funding also includes (but not exhaustive);

- Contributions to historic costs incurred when allowing teachers to leave prematurely (approximately half the funding).
- The commissioning of experts/consultants/use of staff to provide monitoring and engagement tasks/visits.
- The promoting of access to all schools through information points at the Council (e.g. customer services, website). The provision of a central hub as a first point of access for parents, people coming into Darlington, seeking information on education or schools.
- Provision of information request that cannot be answered by individual schools and freedom of information requests.

This contribution has been agreed every year since by Forum within their annual budget setting.

4.

Commitment: Contribution towards asset management

Agreement first made by Forum: November 2011

Latest Agreement: Budget setting 16/17, January 2016

Expected End Date: Ongoing

Amount of funding in 2016/17: £63,000

Amount of Funding in 2017/18: £63,000

Description: Darlington Schools Forum agreed at their November 2011 meeting to allocate funding towards school placements and asset management. This funding was agreed as part of the "Schools@One Darlington" arrangements to facilitate the working together of all schools and the Local Authority to achieve the best outcomes for children. This particular funding contributes towards the management of the policy and provides assistance with LAMPA, school planning and asset requirements.

This contribution has been agreed every year since by Forum within their annual budget setting.

5.

Commitment: Contribution towards Union cover

Agreement first made by Forum: Pre 2010/11

Latest Agreement: Budget setting 16/17, January 2016

Expected End Date: Ongoing

Amount of funding in 2016/17: £10,000

Amount of Funding in 2017/18: £10,000

Description: Darlington Schools Forum agreed pre 2010/11 to allocate £10,000 towards to provide all schools with the opportunity to access funding to pay for back fill arrangements if their school employed union representatives/officials. With the implementation of the of the new funding regulations, this funding is delegated for academy schools however pre the introduction of the new arrangements academy schools agreed through School Forum to continue to hold £7,000 centrally in order that those academy schools with union reps could still access a central fund and hence not lose out in funding.

This contribution has been agreed every year since by Forum within their annual budget setting.

6.

Commitment: Contribution towards Newly Qualified Teachers

Agreement first made by Forum: Pre 2009/10

Latest Agreement: Budget setting 16/17, January 2016

Expected End Date: Ongoing

Amount of funding in 2016/17: £140,000

Amount of Funding in 2017/18: £140,000

Description: Darlington Schools Forum agreed pre 2009/10 to hold £150,000 funding centrally for the development of newly qualified teachers. The majority of funding is devolved down to schools, but holding the fund centrally allows the funding to be targeted at those schools with NQT's. The budget requirement was reduced to £140,000 following efficiencies.

This contribution has been agreed every year since by Forum within their annual budget setting.