

<b>Committee(s):</b> Education Board	<b>Date(s):</b> 5 March 2020
<b>Subject:</b> Action Taken Between Meetings	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
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### **Summary**

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the January 2020 meeting of the Board, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(a) and (b). It also provides a brief update on a matter regarding the Education Charity Sub Committee.

### **Recommendation(s)**

Members are asked to note the report.

### **Main Report**

Part way through the Education Board meeting held on 16 January 2020, the Board became inquorate. Accordingly, the following decisions scheduled on the agenda were considered under the Court of Common Council's urgency procedure.

#### **Urgent Authority – Proposed Itemised Education Board Budget for the 2020/2021 Financial Year**

1. Approval was granted for the itemised Education Board Budget for the 2020/21 Financial Year, for onward submission to Policy and Resources Committee. It was proposed that the Local Risk element of the Budget is apportioned across the three strategies overseen by the Education Board. It was further proposed that the Central Risk element of the Budget is unchanged from the 2019/21 Financial Year. The Budget is in line with the Education Board 2020/21 revenue budget of £2,782,000 as approved by the Education Board at their meeting on 14 November 2019 and submitted to the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee.

#### **Urgent Authority – City Premium Grant January 2020 Funding Round – Allocations to Academies**

2. At its meetings on 23 May and 18 July 2019, the Education Board approved the release of £1,666,110 in the City Premium Grant funding allocated to the City of London sponsored and co-sponsored academies. There was £63,890 remaining in the Central Risk Budget to allocate in grants to academies based on the school improvement needs identified through Standards Scrutiny meetings held in October 2019.
3. The Education Unit's Strategic Director and Lead Policy Officer consulted with the Chief Executive Officer of City of London Academies Trust (CoLAT) to apportion

the remaining funding to academies aligned specifically to school improvement needs. It was proposed that the proportional amount to be received by the academies and the related areas of school improvement total £63,000. The remaining £890 was to be retained for any additional support required over the early Spring Term but should be fully allocated by the end of the Financial Year.

4. In addition to the £63,890, the Education Unit will allocated £10K earmarked for middle leadership development in the Education Strategy strand of the Local Risk Budget to enable CoLAT to centrally commission a middle leadership development programme for all academies. This initiative responds to a systemic school improvement need to develop middle leaders across all academies.
5. The proposal to release of £63,000 from the Central Risk element of the Education Board budget to be received by City of London academies at the proportional rate proposed within the main report, and that the remaining £890 is being retained for any additional support required over the early Spring Term but will be fully allocated by the end of the Financial Year, was approved.

**Urgent Authority – Revised eligibility criteria for the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity and the City Educational Trust Fund**

6. At its meeting of 3 July 2019, the Education Charity Sub-Committee reviewed the eligibility criteria for the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity and the City Educational Trust Fund. The revised eligibility criteria for the Charities were presented for consideration by the Community and Children's Services Committee and were recommended to the Education Board without comment. Approval was sought from (and granted by) the Education Board, consistent with the City Corporation's charity trustee obligations to keep the relevant charity's governance under review to ensure that the charity continues to operate effectively and achieve the purposes for which it was established.
7. The amended eligibility criteria for the City of London Combined Education Charity under its grant-giving policy aims to maximise expenditure of funds to further the purposes for which the charity was established by widening the meaning of a qualifying connection to London for potential student beneficiaries, which is one of the existing eligibility criteria requirements under the charity's grant-giving policy and consistent with its charitable objects. The amended eligibility criteria for the City Educational Trust Fund extends the period a successful grant applicant must take before re-applying for any further funding from the charity (after a maximum of two years' consecutive funding) from one year to two years to manage the risk of dependency on this charity's grants.
8. Approval was also given to open a new grant round for both Charities under the Education and Employment programme, with a deadline of April 2020.

**Background Papers**

- Background papers for Members are available from the report author.

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