

London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Record of Cabinet Member Decision

The call-in has expired and the decision below can be implemented.

- ❖ Draft Decision List published on: 12 November 2021
- ❖ Confirmed Decision List published on: 17 November 2021

1. **TITLE: High Needs Academies Placement Strategy and Commissioning Process**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Member for Children and Education

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet Member for Children and Education:

1. Approves the Academies place commissioning numbers for 2022/23 academic year at a total cost of £4,970,000.
2. Delegates authority to the Director of Education to finalise Service Level Agreements with Academies to give effect to point 1.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION:**

1. As detailed in the High Needs Funding Operational Guidance: 2021 to 2022: “High needs funding is provided to local authorities through the high needs block of the dedicated schools grant (DSG). Local authorities must spend that funding in line with the associated conditions of grant, and School and Early Years Finance Regulations.”
2. The high needs funding block provides local authorities with resources to support provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) from their early years to age 25, enabling both local authorities and institutions to meet their statutory duties under the Children and Families Act 2014.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

As described in the report.

6. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:**

None

Date of Decision
11 November 2021