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Good morning Paul,

Following our discussion at pre-meet last week, I wanted to update you on matters arising in advance of Forum tomorrow.

Ian Morgan noted that the item 'maximum amount to providers after providers reserves' of £187K listed in Table B used to be referred as the contingencies fund in previous reports. He stated that the contingencies last year was £229K, and that he could not see the difference passed back to providers, he wished to see a breakdown of that item.

The £229k for 2017/18 will be factored into the full end of year Early Years reconciliation which will identify any balance to be passed back to providers. This has not yet been finalised as we only received notification from the DfE of the final 2017/18 adjustment yesterday. This will now be worked through and a full report will be brought to Forum in October.

Members asked for clarification on the Services – Specialist listed in Table C and also on how many posts there were in the Early Years Team and whether there was a vacancy. Patricia Davies agreed to report back;

The majority of the Services – Specialist line relates to the costs of SEN Early Years provision – Dingleys Promise.

Emma's report to Forum provides clarity over the number of posts etc within the team, and we have recognised that the Finance information provided previously did not clearly align to that position as it was based on how the budget was previously constructed in the Council's Finance system. Work has therefore been done with Emma and her team to restate the budget held for 2018/19 correctly, and I attach that for information.

Ian Morgan stated that Wokingham had recently been granted a £17K allocation fund, he would like to know where this was listed in the report. Lynne Samuel agreed to investigate and report back;

A grant of £16,900 was received in 2017/18, directly by the Council and not through DSG, for supporting delivery of the roll out of the 30 hours provision, including IT and

other costs incurred by the Council as part of the implementation.

This was not referenced in the report considered by Forum in March as that report was setting the 2018/19 Early Years DSG budget.

I met with Jackie Whitney this morning to look at how best we pull out costs of defending admissions as you requested. I've a little bit more work to do on this, but hope to have something to share with Forum tomorrow.

Please let me know if you feel the above does not satisfactorily respond to Forum's questions, or if you need anything further in the meantime.

Kind regards,

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