

Terms of Reference

High Needs Block Group

Objectives:

To inform and ensure consistent and appropriate decisions within the statutory framework for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) meet the identified needs of children and young people.

To ensure financial probity transparent consultation and decision making in relation to additional resources to meet identified needs as funded by High Needs Block resources.

To fulfil the function of a Schools Forum HNB Task Group

Decision Making/Consultation

The group will inform decision making, consultation and allocation of High Needs Block Funding

Governance

This group will report to Schools Forum – as required with at least verbal feedback being provided at each Schools Forum Meeting

SBC Finance will provide financial acumen for the HNB budget

The group will report annually to the Slough SEND/Inclusion Partnership Board

Membership

- HOS SEND - Chair
- SBC Finance category manager for HNB
- Schools Forum members as advised by Schools Forum ensuring representation across phases and types of provision
- HOS Education Standards and Inclusive learning
- HOS Access and Inclusion
- Observers by invitation only, e.g. social workers, school SENCOs, other health staff

Frequency

The Panel will meet at least termly to align with Schools Forum annual plan