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EXTRA-ORDINARY FINANCE/RESOURCES COMMITTEE

HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER, 2020 BY ZOOM

Present: Mr. P Owen (Chair) Mr. P. Glover Mrs. C. Ormesher
Mrs. J. Rourke Mrs. F. Tiernan
Mrs. J. Ryan (minutes)

Apologies None

PART 1

Register of Interest – Agenda Items

There were no individual interests of Governors in the Part 1 agenda items.

Covid-Related Expenditure

Governors had received details of additional expenditure related to goods, services and salaries and lost income incurred. FT explained that the school had not applied for additional funding as the directive stated schools that did not have a deficit budget could not apply. However, other schools in the authority with a surplus budget have successfully applied. An application will be submitted in mid-October. It is likely that only the first year's subscription of Satchel One will be included and, if successful, the claim is unlikely to include lost income.

The school has subscribed to the online learning platform Satchel One in preparation for the law requiring all schools to provide remote learning from 22nd October. Funding was available from the DfE but schools must use Microsoft Teams. Satchel One was chosen because it is used by the local high schools so many parents are already familiar with the system. The school has received 40 laptops and 6 MiFi routers from the DfE to enable disadvantaged pupils to access online learning.

The catch-up premium will be used to support children catching up on missed learning. Children are being identified and prioritised. The appointment of an additional teacher will support this.

FT advised that the school is as covid-secure as possible. She confirmed the additional cleaning costs will be ongoing and a deep clean will be undertaken during the half term break. HBC have reduced the cost of the cleaning SLA however, schools must purchase their own cleaning products. This gives the school greater purchasing flexibility and ensures best value is obtained

Agreed: A contingency for additional cleaning to be discussed at the MYR meeting.

Lettings (Village Care Club)

FT advised that whilst the VCC has a KS1 and KS2 bubble it would have to close if a child or member of staff tested positive. Numbers attending have not returned to the pre-Covid levels. If the business is no longer viable and closed school would have to look at providing wrap-around care.

Governors discussed different options including Miss Allen drafting a proposal for a pro-rata payment and a payment holiday. They asked FT to meet with Miss Allen

Q: Is there a cost for cleaning?

A: No, the areas used are used during the school day and would be cleaned as part of the daily cleaning routine.

Q: Is the business profitable?

A: Its not a limited company and we can't ask to see financial records.

Q: Can the debt be drawn back over a period of time?

A: That's another option but the business isn't massively profitable.

PO asked that a payment holiday be discussed as the first option followed by a pro-rata reduction based on the numbers attending.