



Bishopton Primary School Governing Board FGB Extraordinary Meeting Minutes 28 th April 2022			
		ACTION	
1	Present: TP; Ask; AS; OT; SS; HH In attendance: SL (clerk) VC Apologies: ES		
2	The purpose of this meeting was to approve the budget for submission on 3rd May 2022. <i>Papers sent out prior to the meeting:</i> <i>Draft budget – 2022/23; 2023/24;2024/25</i> Governors noted that there is a potential issue looming with negative balances for 2023/24 & 2024/25. The main reason for this is that the Local Authority have not provided figures for growth funding in the forecast any further than the budget for 2022/23. The Local Authority made the decision to increase Bishopton from one-form entry to two-form entry and growth funding was awarded for under-sized classes during this transition period. This enables the school to fund a second teacher when year group sizes go above 30. The principal is that this funding should follow the cohorts through the school but the Schools Forum has to rubber-stamp this funding annually. This issue was previously discussed at a SAG meeting and growth funding for that year was set in place. Attempts have been made to determine the situation regarding growth funding for future years but emails have been left unanswered. Challenges to the budget include: • Transition to 2-form entry • Expensive teaching staff • Small catchment area – with the surrounding housing catering largely for older families and couples on their own • Variation in cohort sizes – no consistency across the school 17 offers have been made for Sept 2022 with 15 accepted. 3 late applications have been received with a possible further 2. 22 in total -with 32 Yr6 leavers. In-year transfers are still happening but any after October have to be funded from the current year's budget, putting further pressure on the finances. The need for supply teacher insurance was queried. It was explained that the insurance covers supply needs from the 11th day of any absence. Agency staff are used for planned absences such as courses and the school is very fortunate in having support staff who can provide cover. Governors were concerned about approving the projected figures without any guarantee of the growth funding and the proposal was made to approve the budget		

	as given but add a note to the submission that subsequent years will need to be supported through growth funding. It was agreed that the lack of communication regarding this situation was unacceptable and TP/AS will compose a letter to be sent to the department line manager outlining the situation and requiring a response. This will be signed by all governors in attendance at this meeting. Meeting closed 17.45pm	Sign and submit budget Compose letter	TP/AS TP/AS
	Minutes agreed Signed: CHAIR OF GOVERNORS Date: T Pearson		