

**Schools Forum**  
**Wednesday, 21 September 2016 at 8.00 am**  
**VENUE: Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford**

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The City Solicitor will report apologies and the names of alternate Members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed Members.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

To receive disclosures of interests from Members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it only becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

**3. MINUTES OF 20 JULY 2016 AND MATTERS ARISING**

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**Recommended –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2016 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).**



**4. MATTERS RAISED BY SCHOOLS**

Members will be asked to consider any issues raised by schools.

**5. STANDING ITEM - DSG GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS (a)**

There are no new allocations for consideration at this meeting. The Forum is asked to consider, under agenda item 12, matters relating to the allocation of growth funding in the secondary sector.

(Sarah North – 01274 434173)

**6. STANDING ITEM - BRADFORD EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONING BOARD (i)**

As this is the first Schools Forum meeting of the new academic year, there is nothing further to report.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**7. SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERS - ELECTION OF A CHAIR (a)**

Members will be asked to approve the proposed approach to the election of the Chair of the Schools Forum for the 2016/17 academic year.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**8. SCHOOLS FORUM ADMINISTRATION 2016/17 ACADEMIC YEAR (a)** 31 - 42

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document GF**, which asks Members to review the Forum's administrative and membership arrangements for 2016/17.

**Recommended –**

**That the Schools Forum is asked to review the Forum's Conduct of Meetings and Procedural Matters document, to note the recalculation of membership according to pupil numbers, and to agree the proposal interim arrangements for the 2016/17 financial year.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)



**9. EARLY PROJECTION OF THE 2017/18 POSITION AND COST PRESSURES (i)** 43 - 48

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document GG**, which provides an early indicative view of the 2017/18 Dedicated Schools Grant position and identifies the cost pressures, which the Forum will have to consider in making final recommendations in January 2017.

**Recommended –**

**The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the overview provided.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**10. NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA SCHOOLS AND HIGH NEEDS BLOCKS (i)** 49 - 52

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document GH**, which provides an overview of the latest information from Government, on the introduction of a National Funding Formula for the Schools and High Needs Blocks, in announcements made since the Forum meeting in July.

**Recommended –**

**The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the overview provided.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**11. REPORT ON EARLY YEARS BLOCK FUNDING MATTERS AND DFE CONSULTATION (i)** 53 - 66

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document GI**, which provides an update on Early Years DSG funding matters, including the DfE's consultation on the proposals for a National Funding Formula. The report asks for the Forum's view about areas of consensus that should be included in the Authority's response to this consultation. Feedback from the Early Years Working Group (which met on 19 September) will be presented verbally to the meeting. This report is presented in advance of asking the Forum to agree its consultation on Bradford's Early Years Single Funding Formula for the 2017/18 financial year, which it is anticipated will be presented to the 19 October meeting.



**Recommended –**

**The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the matters raised in the report and also to recommend areas of consensus that should be included in the Authority's response to the DfE's consultation.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**12. HIGH NEEDS BLOCK - FUNDING ADDITIONAL SEND PROVISION (a) 67 - 70**

Using the reports presented under agenda items 9, 10 and 11, as well as the additional **Document GJ**, the Business Advisor (Schools) will explain the planned creation of additional SEND places (an additional 120 places in each of the next 3 academic years), how these are to be funded from the High Needs Block and the wider implications on the DSG. It is understood that the Schools Forum will wish to fully consider all implications of what has been presented and will make final recommendations on the allocation of the 2017/18 DSG in January 2017. The Schools Forum is asked to give its outline agreement now however, for the first set of 120 places to be funded from the High Needs Block, to enable these places to be established for January 2017.

**Recommended –**

**The Schools Forum is asked for its outline agreement for the first tranche of additional SEND places to be funded from the High Needs Block, from January 2017 and on an on-going basis.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**13. CONSULTATION ON THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMULAE 2017/18 (a) 71 - 106**

The Principal Finance Officer (schools) will present a report, **Document GK**, which asks the Forum to consider the consultation document, which outlines the proposals for the formulae to be used to calculate budgets for Primary and Secondary schools (and academies) for the 2017/18 financial year and the criteria that will form the basis of the allocation of additional funding to schools (and academies where appropriate) from DSG centrally managed funds. If agreed, the responses from the consultation will be presented for consideration to the 19 October meeting.

**Recommended –**

**The Schools Forum is asked to agree that the consultation (Document GK Appendix 1) is published.**

(Sarah North – 01274 434173)



**14. WORK PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2016/17  
ACADEMIC YEAR (i)**

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document GL**, which outlines the School Forum's 2016/17 Academic Year work programme.

**Recommended –**

**The Forum is asked to note the proposed programme and to consider whether any additional items should be added at this stage.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**15. SCHOOLS FORUM STANDING ITEMS (i)**

Updates on the following Forum standing items will be provided verbally where these have not been covered within other agenda items:

- Update on Single Status
- Update from the Schools Financial Performance Group (SFPG)
- Update from the Early Years Working Group (EYWG)
- Update from the Formula Funding Working Group (FFWG)
- Update on Primary School Places
- Update on Academies & Free Schools

**Recommended –**

**The Forum is asked to note the information provided.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**16. AOB / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Members will be asked for any additional items of business, for consideration at a future meeting.

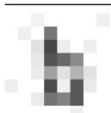
**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Please see the published schedule of meetings – the next Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19 October 2016.

**(a) Denotes an item for action**

**(i) Denotes an item for information**





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