

Schools Forum
Wednesday, 6 March 2024 at 08.00 am

Venue – Remote Meeting

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Business Advisor (Schools) will report 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 10 JANUARY 2024 & MATTERS ARISING (minutes) 1 - 30

That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 January 2024 be signed as a correct record.

(Asad Shah – 01274 432280)

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 2023/24 presented to this meeting.

6. SCHOOLS BLOCK FALLING ROLLS FUND ALLOCATIONS 2023/24 (a) 31 - 36

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document RD**, which provides an update for the Schools Forum on the application, in the 2023/24 financial year, of the Schools Block Falling Rolls Fund for mainstream primary phase-maintained schools and mainstream primary phase academies.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to note that, as set out in Document RD, and following the agreed established criteria, there are no allocations to be made from the Schools Block Falling Rolls Fund in 2023/24.

The Forum is asked to note that the sum of £500,000 is confirmed as unspent within the Schools Block and is carried forward into 2024/25 as a ring-fenced sum.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

7. MATTERS CONCERNING THE DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (i) 37 - 42

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document RE**, which provides an update on a number of matters relating to the Dedicated Schools Grant.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided in the report.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

8. MATTERS CONCERNING SCHOOL AND ACADEMY BUDGETS (i) 43 - 50

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document RF**, which provides an update on matters concerning school and academy

budgets. This includes an update on the position of the conversion of maintained schools to academy status and on the general forecasted position of school and academy budgets over the 2024-2027 3-year period.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided in the report.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

9. 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:

Schools Forum membership

- Update from the High Needs Block Steering Group
- Update from the Schools Financial Performance Group (SFPG)
- Update on School / Academy Budgets
- 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)

10. AOB / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Forum meeting is planned for Wednesday 22 May 2024.

(a) Denotes an item for action (including where a formal view or recommendation is required).

(i) Denotes an item for information.

Signposting of High Needs Information

- As per the schedule presented on 14 October 2020, "Forum members

are expected to access 'outside of the Forum meetings' wider SEND information that is presented to other groups and that is already published, including information presented to the SEND Partnership. The Authority will signpost this information (webpage links) for Forum members at the bottom of agendas."

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