

DECISIONS OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2015

DECISIONS:

1 MATTERS RAISED BY SCHOOLS

No resolution was passed on this item.

2 STANDING ITEM – DSG GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS

No resolution was passed on this item.

3 STANDING ITEM – BRADFORD EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONING BOARD (BEICB)

Resolved –

- (1) That where Forum members have specific questions about the work of the BEICB, that these questions be submitted by email to andrew.redding@bradford.gov.uk. Written responses will be presented back to the Forum within the BEICB standing agenda item at the next available meeting. The next opportunity to report back will be on the 9 December 2015.
- (2) That further information be provided on the NQTs strategy as recorded in the minutes of the BEICB's 14 September 2015 meeting.
- (3) That an email be sent to all members to inform them that Dianne Rowbotham (Vice Chair) had put herself forward to be the School Forum's representative on the BEICB (following the retirement of the Forum's previous Chair) and to ask for any further nominations. If no further nominations are received, Dianne is to be the Forum's representative. If further nominations are received, the representative will be decided by election (by email).

Action: Business Advisor (Schools)

4 NEW TO ENGLISH SUPPORT STRATEGY (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

Resolved –

- (1) That the information provided be noted and that a further update be received on 9 December 2015.



- (2) That further consideration be given to how the new to English hubs will be self-sustaining and how education, health and social care services can be joined.

5 EDUCATION PERFORMANCE 2015

Resolved –

- (1) That the information provided be noted.
- (2) That the Authority develops a framework for the evaluation of the impact of financial decision making (as referred to in Ofsted's inspection report on the Council's school improvement function) and presents this for the School Forum's consideration at the earliest opportunity.

Action: Business Advisor (Schools)

6 THE LOCAL AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL POSITION AND BUDGET PROPOSALS

Resolved –

- (1) That the information provided be noted.
- (2) That further detailed information be provided to the 9 December 2015 meeting on the Council's budget proposals for Children's Services for 2016/17.

*Action: Director of Finance
Strategic Director, Children's Services
Business Advisor (Schools)*

7 CONSULTATION OUTCOMES – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY FORMULAE

Resolved –

- (1) That the Primary and Secondary Pro-forma (shown in Appendix 1) for the 2016/17 financial year be submitted to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) by 30 October 2015. Agreed by vote on a phase-specific basis.
- (2) That the continuation in the 2016/17 financial year of the criteria for the allocation of the DSG's Schools Block Primary and Secondary Growth and other contingency funds Primary, as proposed in the consultation document, be agreed. Agreed by vote on a phase-specific basis.
- (3) That the negative consultation feedback received from one school on the values of funding of additional educational needs in Bradford's formulae be considered by the Formula Funding Working Group at its next meeting.



- (4) That in the absence of a specific provision for this with the Finance Regulations, that a solution be developed to manage how the votes of academy members can be treated where voting must take place on a phase-specific basis.
- (5) That where the level of response in future consultation exercises is low, that an email reminder be sent to the Chairs of the Partnerships informing them of this and confirming the proposed action to be taken.
- (6) That referring also to other matters discussed during the meeting, that a paper be provided for the 9 December 2015 meeting, which outlines the measures by which communication and feedback between the Schools Forum and the partnerships and schools can be improved.

Action: *School Formula Funding Officer*

8 CONSULTATION OUTCOMES – EARLY YEARS SINGLE FUNDING FORMULA

Resolved –

- (1) That the structure of the Early Years Single Funding Formula for the 2016/17 financial year, as proposed in the consultation document, be agreed. Agreed unanimously by vote by Primary and Early Years members.
- (2) That clarification be provided on the ability of maintained schools to access the DSG's SEND budgets for children in their 2 year old provisions.

Action: *Principal Finance Officer (Schools)*

9 CONSULTATION – HIGH NEEDS BLOCK 2016/17

Resolved –

- (1) That the publication of the proposed consultation on the High Needs Block funding model for the 2016/17 financial year be agreed.
- (2) That a more detailed report be presented to the Schools Forum on 9 December 2015 on the high needs funding matters highlighted at this meeting.
- (3) That information be provided, which shows the extent to which children move up the ranges funding model as they progress through primary to secondary provision, including those that may progress to be funded through an independent or out of authority provision.



- (4) That the Authority resolves the issue of the gap between places funding and actual occupancy in Further Education settings as a priority, with a recommendation to be considered by the Schools Forum on 9 December 2015.

Action: *Business Advisor (Schools)*

10 DSG SCHOOLS AND EARLY YEARS CENTRAL ITEMS AND DE-DELEGATED FUNDS 2016/17

Resolved –

- (1) That the contents of Document FJ be noted.
- (2) That the members of the Forum's Working Group meet with the Bradford Education Improvement Commissioning Board (on 12 November 2015) to consider the position and the future direction of the DSG's centrally managed funds, for recommendations to be presented to the Schools Forum on 9 December 2015.

Action: *Business Advisor (Schools)*

11 FORMULA FUNDING WORKING GROUP REPORT

Resolved –

That the contents of Document FK be noted.

12 SCHOOLS FORUM ADMINISTRATION 2015/16 ACADEMIC YEAR

Resolved –

- (1) That the Schools Forum's Conduct of Meetings & Procedural Matters document be agreed.
- (2) That the proposal to transfer one secondary maintained Headteacher membership to an academy membership be agreed.

Action: *Business Advisor (Schools)*

13 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRES

The consideration of this item was deferred to the Schools Forum of 9 December 2015.



14 SCHOOLS FORUM STANDING ITEMS

No resolution was passed on this item.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB) / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No resolution was passed on this item.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Schools Forum is Wednesday 9 December 2015.

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