

**SCHOOLS FORUM MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2015 AT 0800**  
**VENUE: Committee Room 1, City Hall, Bradford**

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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 21 OCTOBER 2015 & MATTERS ARISING**

*Minutes*

**Recommended –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2015 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.

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

The minutes of the most recent Bradford Education Improvement Commissioning Board meeting will be presented for information and consideration along with written responses to questions submitted by members by email since the last report on BEICB activities.

*(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)*

7. **THE AUTUMN SPENDING REVIEW** (i)

A report will be given verbally on the key aspects of the Autumn Spending Review, announced on 25 November.

*(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)*

8. **THE LOCAL AUTHORITY'S BUDGET CONSULTATION** (i)

The Director of Children's Services will present to Members the Council's (Children's Services) budget position and the proposals for 2016/17 that are currently out for consultation across the District.

**Recommended –**

**The Forum is asked to consider the budget proposals and to give feedback.**

*(Michael Jameson – 01274 431266)*

9. **2015/16 SPENDING POSITION AND ONE OFF MONIES** (i)

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document FM**, which updates members on the forecasted spending positions of centrally managed and de-delegated funds held within the DSG in 2015/16. This document gives members a view of the estimated value of one off monies that will be available to add to the 2016/17 DSG Headroom and a view of the uses of this funding.



**Recommended –**

**Members are asked to consider whether sufficient information has been provided to enable final recommendations to be made on 6 January 2016 on the use of one off monies.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**10. 2016/17 DSG UPDATE**

*(i)*

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document FN**, which provides a forecast of the anticipated DSG funding position and cost pressures in the 2016/17 financial year. Please note that any further information on the DSG for 2016/17 that may be announced by Government before 9 December will be presented verbally at the meeting.

**Recommended –**

**Members are asked to consider the information presented in the report, in advance of making final recommendations on 6 January 2016.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**11. FUNDING HIGH NEEDS 2016/17**

*(a)*

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document FO**, which asks Members to consider the outcomes of the consultation on the 2016/17 High Needs Funding Model and the planned number of high needs places to be commissioned by the Authority. Document FP also gives an update on the position of other strategic high needs funding matters. These updates are provided in advance of asking Members to make final recommendations on 6 January 2016.

**Recommended –**

**The Forum is asked to agree the structure of the High Needs Funding Model for the 2016/17 financial year.**

**Members are asked to consider whether sufficient information has been provided to enable final recommendations on the 2016/17 High Needs Block to be taken on 6 January 2016.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**12. CENTRAL AND DE-DELEGATED EARLY YEARS & SCHOOLS BLOCK FUNDS 2016/17**

*(i)*

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present verbally an update on the review of Central and De-Delegated Early Years & Schools Block Funds for 2016/17, including the discussion at the Bradford Education Improvement Commissioning Board. Members are asked to note that the Forum's Working Group meets on the afternoon of 9 December to progress final recommendations, which will be presented in full to the Schools Forum meeting on 6 January.



## **Recommended –**

**Members are asked to note the information provided verbally and to consider what additional information should be provided to enable final recommendations to be taken on 6 January 2016 on the funding of centrally managed and de-delegated Early Years and Schools Block items in 2016/17.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

### **13. REPORT FROM THE FORMULA FUNDING WORKING GROUP (i)**

The Principal Finance Officer (Schools) will present a report, **Document FP**, which provides members with updated indicative modelling of Primary & Secondary delegated budget shares in 2016/17, using the pupil numbers taken from the October 2015 Census. This modelling is tabled only for information at this stage, prior to asking Members to make final recommendations on 6 January 2016.

This report also further considers the implications of a national funding formula.

## **Recommended –**

**The Forum is asked to note the Primary and Secondary modelling information. A further update will be provided on 6 January, when Forum Members will be asked to make final recommendations on the values of funding allocated via each formula factor. It is likely that Forum Members will need to consider the reduction of formula funding variables to meet overall DSG affordability pressures.**

**Members are asked to consider whether sufficient information has been provided to enable final recommendations to be taken on 6 January 2016 on the matters presented in this report.**

(Sarah North – 01274 434173)

### **14. OTHER 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

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

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)



15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)**

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

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Please see the published schedule of meetings – Wednesday 6 January 2016.

*(a) Denotes an item for action*

*(i) Denotes an item for information*

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