

DECISIONS OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 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)

No resolution was passed on this item.

4. THE AUTUMN SPENDING REVIEW

Resolved –

That the information provided on Autumn Spending Review be noted.

5. THE LOCAL AUTHORITY'S BUDGET CONSULTATION

Resolved –

- (1) That the feedback of Forum Members (recorded in the minutes of this meeting) on the budget proposals be considered by the Council.
- (2) That further specific detail is provided to the Schools Forum on the proposal to re-commission SEND specialist teaching support services; to include further impact assessment, the important milestones for the transfer of responsibility for services to schools and what liabilities, including for Council infrastructure (re-charge) costs, may also transfer.

*LEADS: Strategic Director, Children's Services
Interim Assistant Director, Access and Inclusion*



6. 2015/16 SPENDING POSITION AND ONE OFF MONIES

Resolved –

- (1) That the information provided in Document FM be noted at this stage.**
- (2) That further information is provided to on who is providing oversight (and how this is provided) to ensure that the raising of standards at Beckfoot Upper Heaton Academy is not impeded by the financial imperative to increase pupil numbers as quickly as possible.**

LEAD: Business Advisor, Schools

7. 2016/17 DSG UPDATE

Resolved –

That the contents of Document FN be noted.

8. FUNDING HIGH NEEDS 2016/17

Resolved –

- (1) That the Forum is presented with further details on the review (and implications) of the SEND and Behaviour Strategies, as a priority as soon as possible, so that the Forum can consider and assess how these reviews should influence DSG spending decisions.**
- (2) That further information is provided on how the Authority is investigating the free school option to increase the number of available specialist places in the District.**

LEAD: Interim Assistant Director, Access and Inclusion

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

Resolved –

- (1) That the information provided on the current position of the review of the centrally managed and de-delegated funds be noted at this stage.**
- (2) That, in making final recommendations on the 2016/17 DSG on 6 January, Forum Members remain aware that financial pressures on schools and academies are “becoming acute”.**

10. REPORT FROM THE FORMULA FUNDING WORKING GROUP

Resolved –

- (1) That the information provided on the Primary and Secondary formulae modelling be noted at this stage.**
- (2) That the final modelling for the 6 January meeting is presented incorporating the FFWG's steer on how a contribution from delegated budgets to the DSG affordability gap in 2016/17 should be taken (flat contribution from all factors). That the modelling shows clearly the contributions taken from each setting so that Members can assess impact.**

LEAD: Principal Finance Officer (Schools)

11. OTHER SCHOOLS FORUM STANDING ITEMS

No resolution was passed on this item.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB) / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No resolution was passed on this item.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Schools Forum is Wednesday 6 January 2015.

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