

**SCHOOLS FORUM**  
**Wednesday, 18 May 2016 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 16 MARCH 2016 & MATTERS ARISING (Minutes)**

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**Recommended –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 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.

Members will be asked to consider a specific matter under agenda item 12, which is put forward as closed agenda item, where the public and non-officially recognised observers will be asked to leave the meeting.

#### 5. **STANDING ITEM - DSG GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS (a)** 15 - 16

Members will be asked to consider, in **Document FX**, newly proposed allocations to schools and academies from the established DSG Growth Fund in 2016/17.

**Recommended –**

**That the Schools Forum is asked to agree the proposed Growth Fund allocations shown in Document FX.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

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

The minutes of the most recent Bradford Education Improvement Commissioning Board meetings 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. **SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERS - VICE CHAIR (a)**

Members will be asked to approve the proposed approach to the election of the Vice Chair of the Schools Forum for 2016.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

#### 8. **UPDATE ON THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRES (i)** 17 - 20

A report will be presented, **Document FY**, which provides an update on the re-development of the Outdoor Education Centres.

**Recommended –**

**That as a key stakeholder, the Schools Forum is asked for its views concerning the options in this paper in order to inform the Council's considerations and decision making.**

(Terry Davies – 01274 437170)



**9. REVIEW OF SEND & BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROVISIONS (i)** 21 - 30

A report will be presented, **Document FZ**, which provides a detailed update on SEND provision and Behaviour strategy matters, responding to the action points and requests for information that have made by the Schools Forum and that are recorded in the minutes of previous meetings. The written report summarises the key discussion items in Schools Forum meeting since September 2014. A presentation will be delivered to the meeting, which provides an update on the current position of reviews and other activities.

**Recommended –**

**That Members are asked to consider and respond to the report and the presentation.**

(Judith Kirk – 01274 439238)

**10. SCHOOLS' OUTTURN (REVENUE BALANCES) 2015/16 (i)** 31 - 40

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document GA**, which shows the position of revenue balances held by maintained schools at 31 March 2016. The report also provides initial information on schools' reporting of surplus balances and a response to request made by Members for information on the anticipated volume of conversions of maintained schools to academy status in Bradford and the likelihood of liabilities resulting from the conversion of schools holding deficit budgets.

**Recommended –**

**That the Schools Forum is asked to note the information provided on school balances. Members are asked then to consider further the issues raised in the report concerning the financial implications of the academisation of maintained schools. Members are to form a view in response to the questions posed about possible financial liabilities created by the conversion process.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (a)**

The Schools Forum will be asked to consider if the item relating to a contract settlement should be considered in the absence of the public and, if so, to approve the following recommendation:

**Recommended –**

**That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item (item \*12) on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if they were present exempt information within Paragraph 3 (Financial or Business Affairs) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) would be disclosed and it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in allowing the public to remain is outweighed by the public interest in excluding public access to the relevant part of the proceedings for the following reason: "commercial confidentiality".**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)



## 12. **CONTRACT SETTLEMENT (a)**

The Schools Forum will be asked to consider and take a decision on a specific contract settlement matter, details of which will be presented to the meeting.

*\*Note: The Schools Forum will have previously considered excluding the public from consideration of this matter under item 11 above.*

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

## 13. **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

**Recommended –**

**That the Schools Forum be asked to note the information provided.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

## 14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)**

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

## 15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

Please be aware that the dates of meetings for the 2016/17 academic year have been established as follows:

- Wednesday 21 September 2016
- Wednesday 19 October 2016
- Wednesday 7 December 2016
- Wednesday 11 January 2017
- *Wednesday 18 January 2017 - PROVISIONAL MEETING*
- Wednesday 15 March 2017
- Wednesday 17 May 2017
- Wednesday 5 July 2017

Please note all meetings will commence at 0800 in Committee Room 1 at the City Hall, Bradford.

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(a) Denotes an item for action  
(i) Denotes an item for information

