

SCHOOLS FORUM
Wednesday, 20 July 2016 at 0800
VENUE: Ernest Saville Room - 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 18 MAY 2016 AND MATTERS ARISING** 1 - 20

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2016 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

4. **MATTERS RAISED BY SCHOOLS** 21 - 22

Members will be asked to consider any issues raised by schools.

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

No further allocations from the Growth Fund are proposed to this meeting.

6. **STANDING ITEM - BRADFORD EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONING BOARD (i)** 23 - 68

A report (Appendix 1) on the activities of the Bradford Education Improvement Commissioning Board 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, **Document GB**. The Forum will also be presented with a detailed update on the progress of the establishment and development of the New to English Centres of Excellence (Appendix 2 and PowerPoint presentations to the meeting).

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to note and consider the information presented.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

7. **SOCIAL IMPACT BOND BUSINESS CASE AND PROPOSAL (a)**

A presentation will be delivered to the Forum on the business case / proposal for the Council to enter into a Social Impact Bond agreement to finance a new service to help young people with learning disabilities and behaviours that are at high risk of residential education and / or care entry to achieve better outcomes, but also to reduce / control increasing costs of residential placements, by supporting these young people to remain at home. The education element of this Bond would be financed from the High Needs Block, with savings achieved also benefiting this Block.



Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to consider the presented business case and to support the Social Impact Bond proposal.

(Mark Anslow – 01274 439352)

8. UPDATE ON 2016/17 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MATTERS (i)

An update will be presented to the Forum verbally on Dedicated Schools Grant matters, including the reconciliation of the 2015/16 DSG spending position (and available one off monies) and the forecasted spending position of the High Needs Block in 2016/17. This update will incorporate discussions that have taken place at the SEN Reference Group on 29 June, which followed from the presentation made to the Schools Forum on 18 May about the requirement to increase SEND places provision from September 2016 and to fund these from the 2016/17 DSG.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to note the information provided and to consider further the prioritisation of existing one off monies.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

9. NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA CONSULTATION (i)

An update will be presented to the Forum verbally on the position of proposals for a National Funding Formula. The Department for Education's 2nd stage consultation has not yet been published. If this is published before the Forum meeting, officers will work to provide a more detailed briefing note on the content of this, which will be tabled at the meeting. Forum members will be asked to consider how to discuss and respond to these proposals (e.g. in an additional Forum meeting).

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to note and consider the information presented.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)



10. 2016/17 SCHOOL BUDGET POSITIONS AND ACADEMY CONVERSIONS - UPDATE (i)

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present an update verbally on the forecasted position of the budgets of maintained schools in 2016/17 and of conversions of maintained schools to academy status. This update follows from the discussions at the last Forum meeting about the financial implications of academy conversions, where the Forum also agreed for a sub-group to be established to consider the principles and framework for the prevention and management of any financial liabilities (including deficit budgets) that may crystallise at conversion.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to note and consider the information presented.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

11. SCHOOLS' FINANCIAL VALUE STANDARD (i) 69 - 70

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document GC**, which provides the Forum with an update on the compliance of maintained schools with the Schools' Financial Value Standard (the SFVS) at 31 March 2016.

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to consider & to note the information provided.

(Julie Cousins – 01274 432791)

12. FINANCIAL CLASSIFICATION OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS 2016/17 (i) 71 - 72

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document GD**, which provides the Forum with a summary of the categorisation of maintained schools within the Local Authority's Financial Classification of Schools for the 2016/17 academic year.

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to consider & to note the information provided.

(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 –

The Forum is asked to note the information provided.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

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

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 21 September 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.

(a) Denotes an item for action

(i) Denotes an item for information





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