

Decisions of the Schools Forum of Wednesday, 20 July 2016

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Decisions

1 MATTERS RAISED BY SCHOOLS

Resolved –

That the letter to the Schools Forum from the Chair of Governors of Oastler School be considered under agenda item 10 (2016/17 School Budget Positions and Academy Conversions – Update)

2 STANDING ITEM - DSG GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS

No resolution was passed on this item.

**3 STANDING ITEM - BRADFORD EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT
COMMISSIONING BOARD**

Resolved –

That the information in Document GB be noted.

4 SOCIAL IMPACT BOND BUSINESS CASE AND PROPOSAL

Resolved –

(1) That the Schools Forum gives its support, in principle, to the Council's application to enter into a Social Impact Bond, where a proportion of the contribution to the successful outcomes payments for the proposed service will be met from the High Needs Block as indicatively set out in the PowerPoint presentation.

(2) That the School Forum's final agreement on the detail of the Social Impact Bond (and funding from the High Needs Block) is subject to consideration of the confirmed Social Impact Bond contract.



5 **UPDATE ON 2016/17 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MATTERS**

Resolved –

- (1) That the information provided be noted.
- (2) That the position of the £1.2m unallocated sum within the DSG allocation, previously earmarked for the development of the 2 year old free entitlement offer, be referred to the Early Years Working Group for consideration.

ACTION: Business Advisor (Schools)

6 **NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA CONSULTATION**

Resolved –

- (1) That the information provided be noted.
- (2) That Members are kept informed (by email) over the summer break should further announcements be made on the National Funding Formula.

ACTION: Business Advisor (Schools)

7 **2016/17 SCHOOL BUDGET POSITIONS AND ACADEMY CONVERSIONS - UPDATE**

Resolved –

- (1) That the information provided be noted.
- (2) That guidance be provided, for the Forum's consideration, on the options that are available to schools and academies for collective purchase of services and buy-back from the Council.
- (3) That the Schools Forum agrees with the principles proposed by the Working Group for the assessment and management of the financial implications of the conversion of maintained schools to academy status, including the assessment of requests for financial support from the DSG, subject to seeing a written recorded version of these principles in the minutes.
- (4) That a formal 'Panel' of Forum Members be established with the remit to discuss in detail the financial implications of academy conversions and requests for financial support from the DSG that may be made. That this Panel includes Members representing governors. That this Panel makes recommendations back to the full Schools Forum.

- (5) That the letter to the Schools Forum from the Chair of Governors at Oastler School be referred to this Panel. That the Chair of Governors be invited to the address the Panel to discuss the request. That the Panel's recommendation on financial support for the school's deficit budget be presented back to the Schools Forum.

ACTION: Business Advisor (Schools)

8 **SCHOOLS' FINANCIAL VALUE STANDARD**

Resolved –

That the information presented be noted.

9 **FINANCIAL CLASSIFICATION OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS 2016/17**

Resolved –

That the information presented be noted.

10 **OTHER SCHOOLS FORUM STANDING ITEMS**

No resolution was passed on this item.

11 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB) / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No resolution was passed on this item.

12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Schools Forum is Wednesday 21 September 2016.

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