

Schools Forum
Wednesday, 19 October 2016 at 8.00 am
VENUE: Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The City Solicitor will report apologies and 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 SEPTEMBER 2016 AND MATTERS ARISING
(Minutes)

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Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2016 be signed as a correct record.



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.

(Sarah North – 01274 434173)

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

The minutes of the Bradford Education Improvement Commissioning Board (BEICB) meeting, held on 22 September 2016, will be approved by the BEICB on 24 November 2016 and will be presented for information and consideration at the December meeting.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

7. EDUCATION PERFORMANCE 2016 (i)

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A report will be presented, Document GM which outlines the key education results from summer 2016.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to consider how the position presented should inform the Forum's financial decision making for 2017/18.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

8. THE LOCAL AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL POSITION AND BUDGET PROPOSALS (i)

An outline of the key aspects of the Local Authority's financial position for 2017/18 will be presented.

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to consider the presentation and to give feedback.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)



9. **NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONSULTATION (i)**

The Business Advisor (Schools) will give an update verbally on any further announcements on National Funding Formula proposals. At the time of setting the agenda for this meeting the DfE's awaited response to the 1st stage of its consultation, and its 2nd stage consultation document, have not been published.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided. As the 2nd stage consultation is expected (before the December Schools Forum meeting), Members are also asked consider how the Schools Forum's response is best pulled together and how the implications of the proposals are best analysed and communicated e.g. in an additional single item agenda Schools Forum meeting.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

10. **CONSULTATION OUTCOMES - PRIMARY AND SECONDARY FORMULAE (a)**

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The Principal Finance Officer (Schools) will present a report, **Document GO**, which asks Members to consider the outcomes of the consultation, which was agreed at the last meeting. The Forum is asked to make final recommendations on the structure of the Primary and Secondary funding formulae, and the criteria for the allocation of Schools Block funds, for the 2017/18 financial year. Please note that an appendix to Document GO will be tabled at the meeting as it contains the outcome of a consultation period, which concludes on 14 October. This report also provides an update on further modelling related to the values of formula factors and the contribution from the Schools Block to High Needs Block pressures in 2017/18.

Recommended –

- (1) The Forum is asked to consider the outcomes of the consultation. Members are then asked to consider whether the proposals should be changed in the light of responses.**
- (2) Schools Members are asked to make final recommendations on the structure of the formulae in the indicative pro-forma (Appendix 1) a) Primary and b) Secondary. Appendix 1 has been completed on the basis of the proposals outlined in the consultation document and as agreed by the Forum in the last meeting held on 21 September.**



- (3) **Schools Members are asked to consider the responses and to make recommendations on the criteria for the allocation of Schools Block funds a) Primary and b) Secondary for the 2017/18 financial year.**

(Sarah North – 01274 434173)

11. CONSULTATION ON EARLY YEARS BLOCK FUNDING MATTERS 2017/18 (a) 29 - 60

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document GP**, which provides a further update on Early Years DSG funding matters and the consultation document to be published, which sets out proposals for Bradford's Early Years Single Funding Formula for the 2017/18 financial year.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to consider the matters raised in the report and agree for the consultation document to be published.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

12. CONSULTATION ON HIGH NEEDS BLOCK FUNDING MATTERS 2017/18 (a) 61 - 86

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document GQ**, which asks Members to agree the publication of the proposed consultation document on the High Needs Block funding model for 2017/18. This includes first sight of the estimated minimum number of places the Authority expects to commission and the arrangements for paying top up (Plus Element) funding.

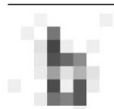
Recommended –

The Forum is asked to agree to the publication of the proposed consultation on the High Needs Block funding model for 2017/18.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

13. DSG CENTRAL ITEMS AND DE-DELEGATED FUNDS 2017/18 (i) 87 - 94

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document GR**, which asks the Forum to consider the position of the funding of Schools and Early Years Block central items and de-delegated items from the DSG in 2017/18.



Recommended –

The Forum is asked to consider the position of the funding of central and de-delegated items, including what further consideration should be given / review work should take place, in advance of making final recommendations for 2017/17 at the January 2017 meeting.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

14. 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

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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 – the next Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 7 December 2016.

17. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (a)

The Schools Forum will be asked to consider if the item relating to “Not For Publication Minutes of 18 May 2016 (Contract Settlement, Agenda Item *18)” 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 *18) 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)

18. NOT FOR PUBLICATION MINUTES OF 18 MAY 2016 "CONTRACT SETTLEMENT" (NFP minutes)

Recommended –

That the NOT FOR PUBLICATION minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2016 be signed as a correct record.

(a) Denotes an item for action

(i) Denotes an item for information

